



# ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

Your Parish Church exists to be the people of God through faith  
in Jesus Christ in the power of the  
Holy Spirit, worshipping Him,  
making disciples and serving others.

## CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 6th	5th Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
Monday 7th	PCC meeting in school,	7.30pm	
Sunday 13th	4th Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	3rd Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 27th	2nd Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion

## mothers union

Our February meeting is on Tuesday 22 when we shall be going to Blackburn Cathedral to see the Quaker Tapestry which is on view there.

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## Parish NEWS

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# Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

## Barley with Wheatley Booth [www.barleyvillagehall.org](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org)

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: February 9 & March 9

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## Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: February 8 & March 8

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 [cambilodia@hotmail.com](mailto:cambilodia@hotmail.com)

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## Roughlee Booth [www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on 1st Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: February 7 & March 7

Parish Council Chairman: Brian Nelson Tel. 697220 [brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com](mailto:brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com)

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## Dear Friends



I was able to spend a few days away after Christmas in Strasbourg, not out of any deference to European institutions but a personal sense of connection with the city through the reformation. Of all the city states which embraced humanist and reforming ideals, Strasbourg managed to embody them in a spirit of tolerance. Not only that, one Strasbourg reformer in particular is important for England. After serving as a pastor of one of the city churches, Martin Bucer spent his remaining years in Cambridge advising Thomas Cranmer, the Archbishop of Canterbury, on the second version of the Book of Common Prayer.

One hundred years earlier another Strasbourg inhabitant was working on movable type as a means of printing. Johannes Gutenberg is usually credited with being the instigator of the printing revolution, and it happened at a fortuitous time because it enabled the wide dissemination of tracts which fired up reforming zeal. It also enabled people who were not clergy to have access to the Bible in large numbers.

In this country up until 1537 bibles in English were banned. It was considered too dangerous a book to let lay people have access to. The truth was that it enabled them to see that much of what the official Church held to was not grounded in scripture. Movements to reform the church usually had Bible translators in the vanguard.

But it was more than just reforming the structures. It was also about a personal connection with God. Right through Europe there were sincere people, both reformers and traditionalists, wanting to grow as Christians in their personal prayer life, and through living renewed lives. Reading the bible was an important part of this.

It is amazing that in just the space of seventy five years we went from no bibles in English to the King James Version authorised in 1611. The nearest we can get to knowing what this must have felt like is by seeing the excitement when the Bible Society publishes a bible in an Asian or African language for the first time.

In this country we have grown too accustomed to ease of access to the Bible. We take it for granted. And yet my personal experience is that reading the Bible is not only a powerful literary experience, it helps me understand and express my faith.

So make this 400th anniversary year of the Authorised version a time to refresh yourself in the Bible.

God bless you,  
*John*

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## Valentines Ball

### Saturday Feb 12

3 course Dinner

7.30pm Barley Village Hall

Tickets £27.50. All proceeds to Newchurch School

Bev (604634) Angie (605090)



Many people are complaining that the dog fouling is getting worse in several areas of our villages. Dogs have been seen unattended in these places. Steps are being taken to identify the culprits and the Pendle Council Enforcement Team will be making unannounced visits. Offenders will be prosecuted. Please do what all the responsible dog owners do – go out with your dog, clear up after it using the designated dog bins (or any rubbish/grey bin), of which there are plenty around. Offenders can be reported, anonymously, by phoning 661743



### Safe Lanes in Pendleside

has so far received donations totalling £165 towards the cost of replacing the traffic mirrors on Noggarth Road, at the top of Harpers Lane, in Fence. We need a further £100 to enable us to purchase new mirrors. If in the past you have found the mirrors useful to exit Harpers Lane safely, please consider donating towards replacement mirrors. If 10 people donated £10 each or 5 people donated £20 each we would be able to reach our target.

Safe Lanes In Pendleside need your support so that we may help to make exiting Harpers Lane safer.

Cheques or cash made payable to Safe Lanes In Pendleside to Sheila Clegg at Cravenlea, Noggarth

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council  
will be showing the plans & drawings of the

### Proposed Development of Spen Brook Mill

at their meeting on Tuesday February 8  
at 7.30pm at Newchurch School.

Residents from the area are welcome to attend

### Local History Group

Barley Village Hall 7.30pm  
Wed 16th Feb

Annual General Meeting  
and updates.

New members welcome

# BARLEY

The Parish Council received many grateful thanks from the more elderly residents who received chocolates or biscuits at Christmas. New Year's Eve was celebrated by many Barley residents who attended a Mediaeval Theme Night in the Pendle Inn. Lots of people had dressed up in costume creating a very festive atmosphere!

At the first Parish Council meeting of the new year it was discussed that the play area swings required maintenance. The Parish Council will discuss this at the next meeting. Also the car park requires maintenance and that work is planned for the spring.

The contractors responsible for the development of the Water Treatment plant have contacted the Parish Council to inform us that they are requesting amendments to the original planning application to increase some of the houses to four bedroomed properties. Also the applicant who applied for a new development on the Bullion which was refused by Pendle Council, has now lodged an appeal.

As you all know there is a Royal wedding planned for the 29th April. If any resident has any ideas how the village should celebrate will you please contact a member of the Parish Council.

In May the whole of the Parish Council will be up for re-election. If anyone wishes to be considered they should contact any member.

John Connor

## Village Hall

On Saturday 22nd January we were able to organise a very successful Burns Night supported by our Scottish friends, a great Traditional Evening with piper & haggis etc.

These events run by the hall committee helped by volunteers make almost half the income of the hall. Ever-increasing costs of oil, electricity & insurance mean that regular user groups are only paying about 70% of the actual cost of running the hall.

The extra 30% which is required to cover maintenance & improvements to the hall is down to the efforts of the committee & others from the community who help at all events. We are very proud of our hall, many visitors are amazed that we can support such a facility, but it is thanks to the hard work put in by the committee & volunteers. CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 3rd Monday, check with Valarie for these very popular classes Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday contact Charlotte Tel. 603682 or Bev. 604634

KEEPFIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training, Contact John Tel. 611517.

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday. 1 to 5 pm. Call in and see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780

WHIST: Every Tuesday at 7.30pm and the last Sunday in the month. Jean 615089

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 9th at 10am to 12 noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10-12 noon. COME & JOIN THIS GROUP there seems to be a shortage of young children in the district. Our numbers have reduced with the new school this term. Contact Tracy tel. 07811114865

PILATES Thursday.. Tracy 07773785904. 10 – 11am.

No Pumpkins or Pilates on 24th Feb.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

LINE DANCERS: Wednesday afternoon 2pm Tel.867438

ST.GEORGE'S DINNER: Saturday 16th April, NOTE 1 week early because of Easter.

Audrey Weatherill

# Goldshaw Booth

There cannot have been a better way to finish of the year than the magical "Santa comes to Newchurch" which the Goldshaw Events Committee put on in the evening on the 18th of December. The weather was perfect: a clear crisp -5c with Jupiter blazing and the sword of Orion bright over the village, and not a breath of wind. A roaring brazier provided welcome warmth and light for the serving of mulled wine and turkey butties and mince pies and it was a delight to see the children's faces when Santa arrived on his sleigh, suddenly appearing, bright and colourful, with sacks of presents, mysteriously in the black night. Santa's grotto was in John and Hilary Healey's garage, a warm haven of light into which the children entered, enchanted, to be given their presents. For a piece of theatre it could not be surpassed and I am sure that the memory will be treasured for ever by all who were there. Who, incidentally, included too few parish councillors. The EC deserve great praise for their efforts. And they also made a profit from which they have promised to donate £250 to the Parish Council during the next financial year which will help the PC make up the shortfall arising from the government's reduction in support to the borough.

The budget reduction for our parish for next year is a little under £300 and the Council debated how to deal with this at the January meeting. In view of the help from the EC, the council chose not to seek an increase in the precept and there will therefore be no increase in the Community charge.

Notice of our intention to increase the number of councillors in Goldshaw Booth to seven has been posted on our notice boards; this brings us into line with our neighbouring parishes and should ensure better balance and greater accountability in the parish. . If you feel that you can contribute; that

things could be run better and you can bring fresh ideas to the job, then why not come forward to fill this new vacancy? If you are interested, talk to John Parsons, our Clerk. The year ahead will bring other problems and some solutions; an interesting idea has been put to us in the context of the horrible rise in oil prices. It has been suggested that the buying power of the whole parish be organised to obtain discounts on oil prices. The scheme works well elsewhere in the country and has recently been recommended by Prince Charles. We have over 100 houses in the parish warmed by oil boilers; at say, two fills a year that's over £150,000 annually – not a bad contract for an enterprising supplier. Any thoughts? Would you be interested?

An application for planning consent for twenty nine houses at Spen Brook mill has been made and the developers' plans are available on Pendle's website. A development of this size will have an immense impact on Spen Brook and its inhabitants and the proposal will be considered at the next PC meeting. The Council want as many people as possible to air their views; we want to make sure that both the developer and Pendle Planning are totally aware of how the parish regards the plans and to take note of our wishes and preferences. Most agree that the mill is an eyesore in its present condition and that a potential developer has to make a profit, but we would like, as far as possible, to ensure that the development is to our liking. It's going to be an interesting year; best of luck!

Bill Mayor

# ROUGHLEE

It is the time of year for the Parish Council to set the financial budget for the coming financial year starting April 2011. We were aware that with the current economic climate that our grant for Roughlee from Pendle Borough Council would be scrutinised and undoubtedly reduced so we were reasonably pleased when we lost only 9% of the grant - approximately £250. The Parish Council decided with some cost cutting to take this into consideration we could once again propose no increase in the precept so for the second year running we will see no rise in our precept charges for residents. Vice Chairman Richard did ask through a previous issue of this Parish Magazine for a volunteer to take over the Best Kept Village preparations, unfortunately no one has come forward so we have decided it may be easier to attract volunteers if we split the areas requiring some TLC within the village. With that in mind the area we foresaw were (1) the flower tubs on the railings through the village (2) North Farm area (3) the area across from the Bay Horse (4) the area adjacent and across from the school (5) Happy Valley (6) area around Thorneyholme Square. We already have a volunteer for areas 4 & 5. Could you help and take one or more of the areas?? We would be grateful for any help we can get and the PC would be prepared to make a sum (albeit small!!) available for plants etc. Please help if you can.

The Seniors Luncheon was again well attended. Vice Chairman Richard organised a wonderful event when we were pleased to have as our guests the Mayor & Mayoress of Pendle. I would like to make a special mention to Staff & Children of Roughlee School who once again entertained us all with some seasonal songs. They were truly excellent and their performance

much appreciated.

Whilst writing, I would like to congratulate the Village Centre Committee. The money that they raise from events such as the Ball, Duck race & Village Fayre ensure that the Parish Council do not need to use any of their income for upkeep etc of the Village Centre, which remains an integral part of our village life.

Brian Nelson

The Village Centre Committee has started planning this year's Village Events. Our first knees up, literally, will be an Irish Night which will be held early in April. Tickets will be on a first come first served basis as this is an incredibly popular event and the numbers are limited. Posters will appear on the notice board shortly.

The Village Fayre on Sunday June 19 will be the next, and biggest challenge. After many years of producing a fantastic array of flowers for the Plant Stall, Neil and Helen Grahame have decided to step down, leaving an opportunity for new green fingered gardening enthusiasts. If you fancy the challenge or would just like to help by donating plants or producing a hanging basket or two, please contact me or any committee member to discuss further. In fact, anybody wishing to get involved or if you have any new ideas for stalls or activities, we would love to hear from you.

Michelle Harvey

Finally, viewers of BBC TV Look North West may have seen a feature on generating power at Higherford Mill. Also included in the review of suitable sites across the whole of the Forest of Bowland is the waterfall at Roughlee. It will be assessed in the spring.

James Starkie