



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 MARCH

Sunday 6th	Sunday before Lent	9.30am	Holy Communion
Monday 7th	PCC meeting in the school	7.30pm	
Wednesday 9th	7.30pm Ash Wednesday	Communion	
Sunday 13th	Lent 1	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 20th	Lent 2	9.30am	Morning Service followed by the Annual Parish Meeting
Sunday 27th	Lent 3	9.30am	Holy Communion

mothers union

Our trip to see the Quaker Tapestry on display at the Cathedral was the most informative and beautiful exhibition we had ever seen.

Friday March 4 Womens World Day Of Prayer the service is at St.Thomas Church at 2 pm. Service has been written by the Christian Women of Chile.

Wednesday 23 March 10 30 am Holy Communion at St. Thomas followed by coffee and chat.

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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

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: March 9 & April 13

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: March 8 & April 12

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on 1st Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: March 7 & April 4

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Dear Friends



Human rights and freedom are generating turbulence through the Arab world. Throwing off decades of totalitarian government is not easy. There is a stand-off in Libya, political uncertainty in Tunisia. Even a mature society like Egypt's is facing the challenge of finding leaders who are both experienced, with a wide appeal and under 70! We may be cynical about the political life of our own country, but the freedom to elect representatives on a fairly frequent basis is a freedom worth defending.

So much of political life is about the interests of defined groups. Western policy makers have exploited tribal loyalties in the past, and now find that tribal loyalties often stand in the way of encouraging democratic values in Asia. Even in a 'mature' democracy like ours, groups vie with each other in pursuing their own interests. Our tribes have evolved into social and economic entities with exotic names like 'fat cats', 'spongers', and now 'bankers'.

How do we step outside our group and see the Common Good. It requires wisdom, humility, and empathy. It also requires revisiting ideas like human rights and asking about responsibilities. It requires asking hard questions about what people actually need for a good life. From the comfort of the vicarage, I find it hard to imagine what people with six-figure salaries actually find to spend their money on.

It also requires being prepared to say 'no' to oneself. That may seem strange in a society which runs on getting what we want as quickly as possible. And yet it is not. We all know the benefits of saying 'no' to that fourth glass of wine, or the second helping of pudding, because it is good for us. Saying 'no' to what we might think is our entitlement may benefit us through enriching other people, materially and spiritually.

Christians begin a period of saying 'no' to themselves next Wednesday. Admittedly most of us do Lent-lite - giving up little luxuries. But it may be a time for us to cultivate the wisdom, humility and empathy that sees the good of others as of at least equal importance to our own. We might even discover what Jesus meant when he said, "Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands - all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you."

God bless you,
John

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NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

Our children took part in the Education Sunday service on Sunday 13th February. The service was all about building strong foundations and they supported the power point presentation, joining in with the hymns and readings.

In celebration of the Chinese New Year our cook, Mrs Barnes, made us all a lovely Chinese meal. Friends of Newchurch once again organised a very well attended Valentines Ball, which was held in Barley Village Hall. We are very grateful for all the hard work that they put in to raising much needed funds, helping us to provide the children with many extra curricular events.

We are taking part in Sainsbury's Active Kids 2011. We hope to collect as many vouchers as possible which we can use for some great new equipment.

Vouchers are available for collection up to 31st May. So please help by donating your vouchers to us, and let everyone know that we're taking part in Active Kids! Your efforts will be much appreciated and make a huge difference.

First day back after the Half Term holiday the children will enjoy a visit from Rhythmweave – drumming up confidence, health and creativity. Steve Hignett will work with the children to develop music and story telling.

The 3rd March is World Book day and we shall be asking the children to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. A book token will be presented to the winner.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

noticeboard

Saturday March 12th Coffee Morning and Quiz
Answers 10am-12 noon. 5
Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook. Tickets £2

Safe Lanes in Pendleside
7.30pm Wednesday
March 23 at

MESSY CHURCH
BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
Tuesday, 15th March at 3.30pm
FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP
& FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday 6th April at 7.30pm
"From Muck & Music to Stones
& Roses" with Raymond Smith
Competition:
Small floral craft
Visitors most welcome
Barley Village Hall

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Local History Group
Barley Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 16th March
A talk and slides by Roger Frost
on the wealth of the Lancashire
Monasteries during the middle ages.

BARLEY

The work scheduled to improve the play area has now been completed. The swing seats and chains have been replaced and are now safe and colourful and many children have already enjoyed using the area especially on the pleasant spring days we have had recently.

Many villagers will have observed that the car park has once again developed pot holes. The stone to repair them has now been delivered but we are looking for volunteers to help do the work. Any one with a couple of hours to spare should contact a parish council member.

Once again Barley has entered the Best Kept Village competition. We have won the Hamlet Class of this competition three times on the run, the village is still looking good but if we want to win for the fourth time we will have to maintain a high standard. The Parish Council will lead on this but if anyone would like to get involved please contact any member of the PC.

The villages of Roughlee, Newchurch and Barley have formed a committee to plan the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee which will take place next year. Any ideas on how to celebrate this event would be welcome. The Parish Council itself will be up for re-election in May. We are constantly looking for new ideas. Any resident over the age of eighteen can stand for election and the wider the age range the more representative the council would be. Therefore we encourage anyone who is interested and wants to get involved to put their name forward. Please contact me on 611517. John Connor

Village Hall

18TH MODEL EXHIBITION – WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT WE WOULD BE STILL ORGANISING THIS EXHIBITION!!
Put these dates in your diary Saturday 30th April 12 noon to 5pm, Sunday 1st May 10am to 5pm & Monday 2nd May 10am to 4pm.

Preparations are already under way, we have attracted quite a number of new exhibitors to add to the regular attractions. Cars, trains, boats, planes, dolls houses, working models and the ever popular Scalelectric track, something to interest all from 5 to 95 years, not forgetting the home made hot food & cakes.

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 3rd Monday, check with Valarie for these very popular classes Tel. 691850

YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday contact Bev. 604634

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

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2ND & 4TH Tuesday 1 to 5 pm. Call in to see what we do.

Tel Audrey 613280 or Dorothy 709780

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 8th at 10am to 12 noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10-12 noon. Contact Tracy tel. 07811114865

PILATES Thursday Tracy 07773785904. 10 – 11am.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

LINE DANCERS: Wednesday afternoon 2pm Tel.867438

WHIST: Last Sunday in the month contact Jean 615089

Saturday 16th April 7.30pm
St. George's 3 Course Dinner &
Entertainment Tickets £16.
To book tel. 613280, 691850, 604301
Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

Over sixty people attended the last Parish Council meeting to view and discuss the proposals for the development of Spen Brook mill which are soon to be considered by Pendle Borough Council. The plans, which will very nearly double the size of Spen Brook, include the building of 29 houses in three designs, the conversion of the original mill building into a restaurant and shop units, and a crèche. Those who attended were able to address questions to the PC & to the developer and ranged from comment on the number of dwellings to the provision of broadband and parking, to ideas on the design and layout of the site, and the PC hopes that all had a chance to air their views. The PC and local residents have made submissions to the Borough Council which are available on the PBC website and the matter will be considered further at a forthcoming Barrowford & Western Parishes meeting at which, by prior arrangement, residents will be able to speak. Most people feel that the mill site is an eyesore and needs attention and the greatest concern expressed at the meeting was about the number of houses. The PC, in particular, was concerned with the style and layout of the area, preferring random, reclaimed stone to coursed stone for the buildings and broken lines for the roads, against the linear and bland design of the proposals.

The PC have involved themselves closely in this matter and have tried to make the whole process as accessible as possible to their parishioners; too often in the past have planning matters been conducted obscurely and without apparent reference to those most immediately involved. Had the Localism Bill come into force we might have had greater influence on the SBM proposals but, driven by the increase in rates payable on empty properties from April 1st, this proposal is likely to be rushed through to the detriment of both the parish and democracy. The PC is

determined not to let this happen and will make sure that the final result is as near to what the parish wants for this site as possible. There is certainly a need to answer the assumption that large contractors can steamroller councils and that the latter are ineffectual when faced with an obdurate developer who pointedly refuses to accept conditions. These two concerns are not (always) accurate, but it is the perception which counts and which must be addressed.

If you feel that your PC could do better then you must tell us. Or, better still, join us; there is still a vacancy for a councillor from May 5 after which there will be a new Council and a Chairman will be elected.

I know that the concept of Big Society has taken a bit of a knocking of late but surely it's a lot better than being pushed around by unaccountable officials whose creed is "do as I say". Just look at the rules on recycling. Over 90% of waste comes from non-domestic sources like Big Government and its agencies and what do they do with their rubbish? It goes straight into landfill! Big Government tells you to switch off little LEDs on TVs and then leaves town-ful of street lights blazing! Pendle streets are festooned with lights like it's Christmas and you can see the new Marsden Heights College from the moon at night! Why can't Big Brother switch off his lights? Sort his rubbish like we have to do? And why can't we control what is built in our own backyard? Become a Parish Councillor and help us to exert our independence over the masked dragons of Bureaucrats and Planners and control what happens at Spen Brook Mill! Bill

Mayor

ROUGHLEE

At the February meeting of the Parish Council we were pleased to co-opt a new Parish Councillor in Colin Williams. Colin had expressed an interest in joining the Council in response to an earlier article in this magazine. He will be Parish Councillor through to May when all the Parish Council seats become up for election. Hopefully then more villagers will want to take an active part in village life and will stand for election. If you are interested and want more detail please do not hesitate in contacting me or any Parish Councillor. March saw the inaugural meeting of a committee set up to plan Roughlee, Newchurch and Barley celebrations for the Queens Diamond Jubilee in June 2012. Although this is still some time away planning needs to be started to co-ordinate finance, venues etc etc. Have you any ideas what you would

like to see within our villages? Bill Mayor from Newchurch kindly agreed to organise this meeting. Hopefully the villages can build on the experience gained from previous similar events for Silver and Golden Jubilee celebrations. I will update villagers through this magazine as the preparations proceed but as I said any suggestions would be welcome

Sadly it would appear the village, if stories circulating are to be believed, is about to lose its pub. The Bay Horse looks destined to close. At the time of writing this cannot be confirmed but I think we all see this is inevitable. The Parish Council will closely monitor the situation as I am sure we need to ensure the building does not fall into disrepair

Brian Nelson

ITALIAN NIGHT

Sat. April 9 7.30pm

ROUGHLEE
VILLAGE
CENTRE

Enjoy an Italian style evening with an easy listening live Guitarist, themed food & music

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Tickets £15 from
Pam 614755

