



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 APRIL

Sunday 3rd Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

9.30am Mothering Sunday service

Sunday 10th Lent 5

9.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 17th Palm Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 21st

7.00pm Seder Supper

St.Thomas' Church

Good Friday 22nd 10am Reading of the Passion around Newchurch

Easter Sunday 23rd

9.30am Easter Communion

Sunday 30th Easter 2

9.30am Holy Communion

mothers union

Our next meeting is on 26 April at Newchurch 7.30pm as it is the Royal
Wedding that week.

Please bring any memorabilia relating to any past Royal Weddings.

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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: April 13 & May 11

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: April 12 & May 10

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Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: April 4 & May 9

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Dear Friends



Winners and losers. I've been thinking a lot about winners and losers recently. It's hard being a loser. The English cricket team lost ignominiously to Sri Lanka last week. To hear the press reports you wouldn't think that not so long ago our heroes had thrashed the Aussies in the Ashes Series down under. Everyone likes a winner, but we come down hard on losers.

There are the winners and losers in the economy. Bob Diamond is a winner, and there's nothing the Government can do about it. In fact there are lots of winners - people with lots of assets, no debts, no children. But then there are the losers - middle income families with children, pensioners. In the current climate it's hard to feel any empathy with losers. Just relief that you're a winner.

But there's one loser I'm devoted to. He had working class origins. He made himself unemployed and homeless. He was a poor judge of character. He was seen as an agitator, arrested at dead of night, betrayed by one of his friends. After a sham trial he was executed. He didn't write anything or build anything. He should have disappeared like the billions of political prisoners that slip through the thin veneer of human rights.

In a couple of weeks a crowd of us will walk around Newchurch in Pendle acting out the last twenty four hours of this loser's life. You've probably worked out by now who I'm talking about.

Why do we celebrate this loser? Well, there's his teaching - standards of the highest ethical quality. There's his iconic value. But I think most importantly he challenges us to look at what we value and why. At face value he was a failure. Even the example of compassion and justice he set was made into a pretext for doing away with him. But in laying his life on the line, he rediscovered it in a new and powerful way that transformed the lives of his friends (who were also failures) and his enemies alike.

And he challenges us to look again at our attitudes about winners and losers. 'Do people gain anything if they win the whole world but lose the very essence of their being?' Those are his words. And he invites us to care about the losers. 'Whenever you do anything for the least important, you do it for me!'

If we can discover what he was on about, it will really be Easter.

So have a joyous one!

God bless you,
John

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ELECTION DAY, MAY 5

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Residents are reminded that there is to be a national referendum taking place on whether we want to introduce 'Alternative Voting' or retain the existing 'First past the post' system. The pros & cons of this will doubtlessly be explored in the media in the coming weeks.

On the same date, polling will take place to elect your representative for Pendle Borough Council. At the last election, James Starkie was voted in and he is standing again.

Parish Councillors serve for four years and are also up for election this year. However the system is slightly different. There will only be an election if there are more candidates than places. Nominations for existing & new members close at 12 noon on Monday April 4, so those interested in standing should get their skates on and their papers in!!

Fuller details on exactly who is standing will appear in next month's 'News'.

Voting will take place in Barley Village Hall, Newchurch School & Roughlee Village Centre on Thursday May 5, from 7am to 10pm.

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



Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Weds. April 27 at
Roughlee Village Centre.

The Group is grateful to the local Parish Councils and to several residents who have contributed towards the replacement of the safety mirrors at

MESSY CHURCH

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
Tuesday, 19th April at 3.30pm
FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP
& FELLOWSHIP

Local History Group

Barley Village Hall 7.30pm
Wednesday 20th April 2011
Report on visit to Sabden Old Hall
and project discussion

NEWCHURCH SCHOOL

What a fantastic effort everybody made with costumes and props for World Book day. A child from each year group received a prize for their efforts.

Mr Steve Hignett from Rhythmweave Drumming came into school, with his cacophony of drums, to instruct us in activities all connected with rhythm.

Our year 5 and 6 girls took part in a football tournament at Park High and came second! Well done to Zoe Collins, Zoe Smith, Katy Hargreaves, Katie & Anna Barnes and Kizzy Lee.

We raised £100 for the Red Nose Day appeal. The children and staff dressed in something red and wore their red noses!

More details on all the above events and lots more can be seen on our website:

www.st-marys-ce23.lancsngfl.ac.uk

Revd Ed Saville came into school on behalf of the Rotary Club of Nelson, Brierfield and Reedley to speak to the children about how we can support the Polio Charity. The school council will consider this when they next decide upon which charities to support next year.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BARLEY

Every month there are requests to erect more benches in the village in memory of loved ones. However Barley PC has taken the decision not to erect any new ones but to ask relatives to sponsor the repair and refurbishment of existing unadopted benches. The relatives can then add their own plaque.

As in previous years Barley has decided to enter the Best Kept Village competition. Villagers are asked to care for their own frontage and help neighbours where necessary. The PC will be planting some wild flowers on the embankment on the green. It is hoped that this area then will be protected to allow the plants to become established.

As the better weather is now here residents will have noticed that visitor numbers are increasing and more and more bring their dogs with them.

Barley PC already provides free poop scoop bags (at a substantial cost to the village) but are becoming increasingly concerned about the amount of dog fouling still happening within the village. We have asked Pendle Council's dog warden to attend the car park on busy days to advise visitors with dogs to clean up after them. The village has been approached by a local supplier of domestic oil who has offered to supply residents with a supply of oil at competitive prices. A meeting has been arranged with the supplier and any interested residents to meet to discuss the issue. The meeting is planned for Thursday April 21 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

John Connor

Village Hall

It's our busy time of the year, the next event is on the 16th April - our St. George's Dinner with roast beef and some good Lancashire entertainment. Tickets are still available tel. 613280.

Preparations for our Model Exhibition are well under way. Some of our exhibitors have taken part since we began 18 years ago. Peter Coughlin of Darwen who produces Museum quality model ships has recently supplied a model of Admiral Nelsons "Victory" for display in Nelson Town Council's new office.

We will have an influx of large steam locos and traction engines this year as the new committee at the Clitheroe Park Steam Railway has decided to fully support our Exhibition.

We have not specified a theme for children's exhibits this year but children of all ages (up to 16 not for those men who still enjoy children's toys) are very welcome to bring models and display them. If anyone would like to help in the kitchen during the model Exhibition please tel. 613280.

The various groups will continue to meet during April but check with the organisers as Pumpkins are closed 14th & 21st, Pilates closed 21st. The Line Dancers are back to Thursday evenings & the Whist Group meet on the last Sunday in the month.

Pumpkins contact Tracy tel.690884
Craft Group 1st & 3rd Monday 1pm to 3pm tel.691850

Pendle Patchers 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm to 5pm
Coffee morning Wednesday 13th.

Young Farmers tel. Bev 604634.
Keep Fit & Badminton tel. John 611517

Barley Village Hall Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 17th May come & see how you can support the Hall
Audrey Weatherill

Goldshaw Booth

One of the interesting aspects of this job is that snippets of information trickle in over the months and I end up with bits of gossip which would fascinate you if only I could remember them. One of the bits I do recall was being told the "a squirrel is eating my nuts" on the assumption that the PC should do something to prevent this intrusion. Now I know that the PC can do lots of things but keeping squirrels and nuts apart is beyond the capabilities of even that august and talented body, so in that respect we must, regrettably, fail. In fact, with all the rubbish that flows our way from PBC and LCC, it's not difficult to fail these days: it takes a week to read some of the bumph we get and you end up no wiser. We seem to be inundated with govspeak, cliché-ridden language full of phrases like "mission statement", "facilitate", "empower" which must take ages to write and print and is as meaningless as Swahili to all except those who use it, and probably them as well. For once can't we have a simple statement "this is what we have done and it works!"

Govspeak is an excuse for not thinking, not doing; it would save us all a lot of time and money if it was banned, then we'd have time to actually do things; I've just spent an hour completing a questionnaire for the "Parish and Town Council Charter" which is destined for dusty archives when I should have been doing useful things like writing this; well, maybe not... But all this rubbish is what I call "big council" stuff; I am increasingly aware that small parishes are irrelevant to LCC. I would like to see an amalgamation of the six Pendleside parishes into one coherent body capable of competing in clout with the likes of Barrowford and Nelson.

We will be discussing the Spen Brook Mill development at our PC meeting on 12th April and we hope to have a good attendance; we are told that it will be on the

May agenda for the Barrowford and Western committee.

A number of gully covers have been stolen lately; beware of the treacherous holes they leave at the roadside. What a lot of work for a few puffs!

A committee has started work on arrangements for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, to be celebrated on 4th June 2012 by processions and bands, games and disco down at Whitehough; sponsorships from local companies would be appreciated. I'm sure that the event will be as successful as those held in 2002 and 1977 and will be a welcome antidote to those who overdose on the Olympics.

The PC has published a list of jobs for volunteers in the run up to the BKV competition and we hope that lots of people will come out and help; both Spen Brook and NiP have been entered and we hope that one of these can interrupt Barley's run of successes.

The Goldshaw Events committee held a very enjoyable dinner at the Barley Mow on 23rd March which was attended by over 50 people and raised over £250. This they have donated to the PC to enable them to avoid an increase of precept this year. The PC and, I hope, the whole parish, appreciate this valuable contribution and will give their support to the ECs future events. The first of these is an Easter Fayre to be held on the playing fields of NiP, starting around 3pm on Saturday 23rd April. There will be games, BBQ & tombola, and an "egg throwing competition". (Politicians look out!). Should be a really good do; please come.

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

I am pleased to report that we have now got a select band of volunteers to look after the public "garden" areas within the village. In view of this keen response the Parish Council has once again decided to participate in the Best Kept Village Competition.

In the past we have relied quite heavily on Alistair McGeorge for the monitoring of the various areas but now with our group of 4 or 5 volunteers covering various areas the load should be spread.

Already I am sure that most villagers will

have noticed that the public areas look quite splendid and I would like to publicly thank on behalf of the Parish Council the volunteers involved

Whilst covering village amenities I would also like to thank Andre Smale for the repair of the rather dilapidated public bench at North Farm at his own expense. It is again safe and comfortable to use!

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



Irish Night

Saturday May 21 - 7 for 7.30pm

ROUGHLEE
VILLAGE
CENTRE

A Fantastic Night out!! 1Curragh Sons Ceilidh Band

1Hot Supper & Dessert 1BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS 1Tickets £16.50