



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 MAY

Sunday 1st	Easter 2	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8th	Easter 3	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15th	Easter 4	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22nd	Easter 5	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 29th	Easter 6	9.30am	Morning Prayer

Saturday 14th Lambing Service
2.30pm Sabden Old Hall Farm

mothers union

Deanery Festival is at Holy Trinity Colne on Tuesday 10 May at 7 30pm.
Our monthly meeting is on May 24 at St Thomas.
7 30pm for game of Holy

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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 Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: May 18 & June 8

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: May 10 & June 14

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Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: May 9 & June 6

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Dear Friends

What a Spring we've had! I've been going round the farms and the message is that it's hard to remember such a good Spring. With the warmth and the green grass lambs are being turned out quickly and quite a few more than usual are being born in the fields. Everything feels so alive.

So what is the difference between being alive and just living?

At the level of organisms we are all living. But sometimes in our lives there are experiences or relationships which make us come truly alive. Maybe it's a question of how we look at things.

William Blake who wrote the words to Jerusalem also wrote these words:

To see a world in a grain of sand

And a heaven in a wild flower,

Hold infinity in the palm of your hand

And eternity in an hour.

He seems to be saying that if you look at things in black and white or reduced to the most basic level, you miss a little of the mystery and wonder of being alive.

We've recently celebrated Easter which for Christians is about Jesus being alive. It's easy to miss the wonder of such an event. Some people think that Jesus started living again. That would be amazing given what Jesus suffered up to and including his death. But if it is just a case coming back to life, then death hasn't really been dealt with. Or we may think that Jesus' spirit survived in some vague ghostly way. But the forensic evidence centres on a body that is missing.

When Jesus' friends said they had met him and he really was alive, I think they had moved into a new dimension. They were seeing 'being alive' in a new way. Here was someone they knew but didn't always recognise. Here was someone they could eat and drink with and even touch but didn't seem to obey the laws of physics. Most people didn't see this Risen Jesus. It may be that their mind-set was fixed, that their expectations were a bit like cataracts that meant they could see what was in front of them. But for those who encountered the Risen Jesus, their whole take on life had been changed. They had seen a world in a grain of sand. More importantly, they knew what it meant to be alive.

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, as detailed last month.

Polling will also take place to elect your representative to serve for four years on Pendle Borough Council. There are only two candidates standing for the Higham & Pendleside Ward this year, both of whom stood last time. There is no candidate representing the Liberal Democrat party. The Labour candidate is Barrowford resident Mr Robert Oliver.

At the last election, the Conservative candidate and Roughlee resident Mr. James Keith Starkie was voted in and he is standing again.

Parish Councillors also serve for four years and were also up for election this year. However the system is slightly different. There is only an election if there are more candidates than places. In both Barley & Roughlee, there are vacancies for one councillor each and these positions will be filled by co-option in due course. In Goldshaw Booth there are ten candidates for seven positions so there will be an election.

To recap, voters at the polling stations in Barley and in Roughlee will be given two ballot papers. At Newchurch school, voters will be given three ballot papers.

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

Annual Parish / Village Meetings

'Under the Local Government Act 1972, every English parish must hold an annual meeting between the 1st of March and the 1st of June. Where there is a Parish Council, it is normally arranged by the Parish Council, and if the Chairman of the Parish Council is present, he or she must chair the meeting.

It is not a Parish Council meeting, and its purpose is to allow electors and local community groups to express views and concerns that the Parish Council should consider at its future meetings.' Please support your own village by attending.

Each deals with theirs in their own way, here are the dates for our three parishes:-

Barley (Village Hall)	Wednesday May 11, 7.15pm
Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch School)	Tuesday May 17, 7pm
Roughlee (Village Centre)	Friday May 20, 7pm

W2W IN NEWCHURCH

Saturday 28th May. 2-5pm then
'We'll Meet Again' 6.30-9.30pm.

Street party and swing band events scheduled for the evening. A Nostalgic look back at the war years 1939-45 in St. Mary's School and St. Mary's Church, Newchurch-in-Pendle. Supported by Goldshaw Booth Events Committee. Displays, stalls, Anderson Shelter, WW2 themed treasure hunt, war records, artefacts, siren, swing band playing music from the war years, Victory in Europe Street Party (bring a hamper), country dancing and lots, lots more. Come and join in! Plenty for all the family! Your community needs you!



BARLEY

Barley Parish Council has received notification from Marlene Ashworth that she has decided to retire as a Parish Councillor. Marlene has been a valuable member of the PC for some years and we wish to send our heartfelt thanks to her for her contribution.

This means there is a vacancy for a councillor and many of you will have seen the notices asking for volunteers. To date three people have expressed an interest in the position.

Our Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Wednesday May 11th in the Village Hall. All villagers are cordially invited to attend. The meeting starts at 7.15pm and will end about 8pm with a glass of wine & nibbles. On the 18th is the Council AGM and normal parish meeting.

The recent fine weather combined with school holidays and Easter have resulted in a huge amount of visitors to the village. Due to the support of Pendle Council and Councillor James Starkie we were able to keep the picnic area looking fresh and virtually unspoilt for the whole holiday. This is/was followed by another Bank Holiday we hope that the council, visitors and residents continue to work together to keep the village litter free.

John Connor

Village Hall

VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Tuesday 17th MAY 8pm.

We invite all users of the hall and particularly our regular users to attend and comment on the running of the hall and facilities. The committee we hope will stand for re-election but we would welcome additional members. However don't worry you can just come and make your comments we will not automatically sign you up.

The St. George's Dinner was a great success, fantastic food and some "home grown" entertainment to follow comedienne "Elsie & Doris".

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850
YOUNG FARMERS: every Monday contact Bev. 604634

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

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 1-5 pm. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280

WHIST: last Sunday in the month. Jean 615089

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 11th at 10-12.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10-12 noon. No meetings during school holidays. Tracy tel. 07811114865

LINE DANCING: contact Ruth 867438 Thursday 7.45pm

PILATES every Thursday morning. Tracy 07773785904. 10-11am.

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

PENDLE PATCHERS NATIONAL PATCHWORK & QUILTING DAYS.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 4TH & 5th JUNE 10.30am to 4pm Audrey Weatherill

"Deafway, Home and Abroad" with David Hynes. Plant Stall & Resolutions. Wednesday 4th May 7.30pm at Barley Village Hall Visitors most welcome



Local History Group

Barley Village Hall 7pm Wednesday 18th May. John Hartley will give a talk on 1st World War Trench Art.

Goldshaw Booth

"Democracy is election by the incompetent of the corrupt few"; George Bernard Shaw portrays the cynicism shown to politics and politicians in the late 19th century.

"He knows nothing and he thinks he knows everything. That clearly points to a political career."

I don't think that things have changed very much; politicians are still regarded in much the same light in the early 21st century and you will get your chance to show what you think of them, in a local context anyway, at the elections for Borough Councillor and Parish Councillors on Thursday 5th May. I hope that you will vote; I think that failure to do so denies one of basic rights of freedom: the ability to choose how your views should be represented. Even if you scrawl "a plague on both your houses" across the ballot paper it is at least an expression of involvement and interest and opinion. To refuse to vote is to reject your membership of a community.

The election in Goldshaw Booth is the first for many years and shows that some, at least, are prepared to stand up and be counted. You may judge them "the corrupt few", but these are the people who will try to run your villages during the next four years, for better or for worse, and will get shouted at and criticised for their efforts. It has happened before and it will happen again but if you look at the list of the achievements of the council over the last few years you surely cannot fail to be impressed. A lot has been done: you may not like it all, you may feel that the distribution has been faulty, and the ideas limited, but it has been done with good intention and a lot of hard work. And it deserves acknowledgement if not approval.

Another interesting aspect of the election is that there are ten candidates for the seven places and this has produced some very

involved calculations of voting tactics; in fact it makes the calculations involved in AV seem simple, but in this small constituency a few votes can make all the difference. Candidates have already been seen stumping our hills in search of elusive support and bribing passing dogs with offers of juicy bones and talking to neighbours for the first time in years.

One of those councillors who will not be with us next year is Dr Ruth White who is not seeking re-election. Ruth has served as councillor and latterly as vice-chairman for around twelve years and the parish is grateful to her for her efforts and involvement.

This epistle might be my last; the new council may not wish me to continue to bore and irritate you with these monthly meanderings and prejudices and the editor would certainly be glad that he did not have to correct facts and to make savage cuts in my word count. I have enjoyed the exercise and the freedom to express my irrational thoughts and I sincerely hope that some of you have read them and even enjoyed them. A certain seriousness seems to have crept in over the last few months which I regret and, if re-appointed, will do my best to eliminate. It would be a big mistake to take life too seriously.

The AGM of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on 10th May and will be followed immediately by the first meeting of the new Parish Council.

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 17th May at 7pm. when the achievements of the last council and the projects for the new one will be reviewed; as well as representations from other groups. It will be interesting to see who's there. Thanks for reading this, if you have. Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

Richard Stansfield 1951 - 2011

Family, friends, parish councillors and the wider community are devastated that Richard has lost his fight against the cancer in his liver. He had lived with his illness with a great deal of dignity and he died the day before Easter, peacefully at home with Wendy and their two grown-up children at his side.

The family have lived on Crowtrees Grove for over 25 years and for the last four years, Richard had been Vice Chairman of the Parish Council - one of his tasks was to organise the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch and attendees will have known him for his charm, humour and wit. Richard had also immersed himself into the Local History Group as Secretary and was also an active member of Colne Noyna Rotary Club. One of the last projects he undertook for the parish was to co-ordinate and collate the information for the new tourist information boards that are shortly to be erected in the village. I had worked with him on that, yet our friendship goes back over 20 years and we shared many moments of light-hearted banter.

The Council will meet to decide how to commemorate his memory.

Richard was a big man in many ways and he will be sorely missed.

James Starkie

Open Night

Annual Parish Meeting

An Invitation to ALL Roughlee Residents to celebrate Village Life
FRIDAY MAY 20

at 7pm the Village Centre

Find out our plans for 2011/12

Question & Answer Session on any aspect of Village Life.

Future events ~ Past events ~ Dog fouling ~ How to join in ~ How to help etc.

FREE Cheese & Wine / Refreshments

Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Weds. May 25 at

Irish Night

Saturday May 21 -
7 for 7.30pm

A Fantastic Night out!!

Curragh Sons Ceilidh Band

Hot Supper & Dessert

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Tickets £16.50

from Pam 614755

