

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

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.



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CHURCH SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

Saturday 10th March. Coffee Morning and Quiz answers.
10am-12noon. 5 Osborne Terrace, Spen Brook. All welcome. £2/ea.

Sunday 25th March Morning Prayer followed by the
Annual Parish Meeting

PARISH NEWS ON THE INTERNET

In order to reach a wider audience, issues of 'News' are now also available on the church website. WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK
Paper copies will continue to be delivered but residents who prefer, can receive their issue online. To take your address off the delivery round, and place your name on the email list please contact the Church Secretary, John Parsons. john@spenbrook.co.uk

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by **Friday March 23.**
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Dear Friends



If you visit Rouen Cathedral you'll find the Butter Tower. Not a medieval version of the 'butter mountain', but a part of the cathedral whose construction was paid for by donations from people who wanted to buy an exemption from the Lenten fast. In those days, meat and dairy products were generally not eaten in Lent, but you could do so if you paid the cathedral for the privilege.

I won't comment on the ways people try to get out of observing the demands of religion except to say that austerity doesn't come easy to our human nature.

The Greek budget crisis is a case in point. The enforced austerity measures linked to the EU rescue package mean a sharp drop in standards of living and a loss of hope for many in that vulnerable section of the population. No wonder people are protesting. People expect a certain level of comfort. Cutbacks in income are leading some Greeks to hand over their children to charities, or to return to parents' homes to save money. Austerity is hitting some people harder than others. 'We're all in it together' is at best a pious sentiment and at worst a cruel joke.

And yet there is something to be said for austerity freely embraced. In Lent many Christians still forgo luxuries or practise disciplines such as increased alms-giving. It can benefit them in a number of ways: physically as high-sugar, high-fat, high-carb foods aren't really that good for our waistlines or our health; ethically as it is an opportunity to reflect on issues to do with the overconsumption of the world's produce in wealthy countries; and spiritually as it reminds us to check those values we live by. It is easy to get sucked into compromises, but Jesus said, Lay up treasure that will really last, not the stuff that can be stolen or destroyed. We need, from time to time, to look at what we really strive for, and to ask, Do I need this? Is it really good for me and for my community?

Better once a year than never, and Lent can be just the time to do it.

God bless you, *John*

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The QUEEN'S DIAMOND
JUBILEE 2012



Saturday Mar 24

Race Night at Roughlee Village Centre

7.30pm start 🌸Pie and peas supper 🌸Bring your own drinks 🌸Tickets £10 from
Phil Sanderson 0797 344 3436, John Connor 611517, Brian Nelson 0797 627 8641, Bill Mayor 0773 917 4987

Sunday April 8

Tea & Cakes, Soup & Roll at Barley Village Hall

10.30 to 3.30pm 🌸Tombola 🌸Offers of help, cakes & tombola prizes, please phone 697822

Monday June 4

On the Jubilee Meadow at Whitehough

Free admission for all! 🌸Procession of floats from Happy Valley lead by Nelson Brass Band
🌸Grand opening at 3 o'clock 🌸Bar, tea shop, sideshows
🌸Army climbing wall and paintball competition 🌸Land Rover rally, Mountain bike display
🌸Tug o' war between villagers 🌸Disco and barbeque

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistrorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday 21st March 2012

7.30pm at Barley Village Hall

Geoff Crambie

Nelson Leader Columnist

"Colne's Magnificent Seven"

Wednesday 7th March at 7.30pm

"Role of the Coroner"
with Michael Singleton

Barley Village Hall

Stall: Videos & DVDs

Visitors welcome

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INSPIRING WOMEN

mothers union


Monthly meeting

TUESDAY MARCH 20th 2pm

at St. Michaels, Foulridge

'Dogs for the Deaf'

ADVANCED NOTICE
SHEKINAH CHRISTIAN CENTRE
OPEN DAY
SUNDAY 15TH APRIL
2PM TO 5PM



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 14 & April 11

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 david.weatherill@cibluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: March 13 & April 10

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Sheila Grindrod Tel. 693857 sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: March 5 & April 2

Parish Council Chairman: Brian Nelson Tel. 697220 brian.t.nelson@btinternet.com

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Village Centre Chairman: Michelle Harvey Tel. 619602 m.harvey@cobra-at.com

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BARLEY

February is now behind us and we can start moving in to Spring. We should be getting a breath of fresh air and the pressure of the New Year's resolutions has either incorporated itself into healthy habits or dropped by the wayside. If it is the latter then this is a good time to try again.

There was not too much fresh air in the Village Hall last week. The drains outside the Hall became blocked with silt and gravel causing water to flow out of the manholes inside the Hall and flood most of the downstairs. The drains have now been cleared and extensive repairs are underway, meaning that the downstairs area will be closed for several weeks.

Now that United Utilities have cleaned out their drains they are about to start a more ambitious project at the Black Moss end of the village. Apparently it has been brought to their attention that the reservoir spillway would not cope with a 1 in 100 year deluge so the spillway has to be increased in size at a cost of about £700k. Construction activity will start in March and when finished we can stop waiting for that 1 in 100 Year wave and sell our surf boards on e-bay.

Construction activity has started again down at Boothman Wood where six wooden tents or "pods" have appeared. This is the latest development at the woodland fishery and they can be easily seen, almost touched, from Heys Lane. There are now quite a number of timber sheds and chalets of various sorts but the pods are easily distinguishable by their triangular shape. During a recent visit by Pendle Leisure Trust, which was covered by the Nelson Leader, the developer said "They can provide accommodation for six people - even children. You will be able to hire them for £30 a night, so it would only be £5 per person. So we are now applying for planning permission. We are also looking to build a cookhouse."

Those who have followed the developments in this wood will have concluded that special planning arrangements must apply to this site since at every stage construction work precedes a planning application. Clearly the developer's plans are now to open a campsite and I think we are moving further away from "the quiet woodland fishing facility" pledge that the developer has previously given to the Council.

Into Spring we go and the masses of daffodils, planted by Rod and others, will soon be brightening up the village.

Derek Heap

Village Hall

The Committee is very sorry that for the next month or so, we are only able to use the Upstairs Hall due to flooding downstairs. Certain groups have been able to transfer, courtesy of our friends there, to Roughlee Village Centre, mainly Young Farmers & Line Dancers. Pendle Pumpkins, the only ones not accommodated are thinking of starting at 11am after Pilates.

We will be up and running for;

ST GEORGE'S DINNER

Saturday 21st April

3 course meal Roast Beef of Old England

Entertainment by Joanne Halliwell
"Saucy Gertie Bucket"

Tickets £16

contact Chris 691850 David 613280

19TH MODEL EXHIBITION

Put these dates in your diary

Saturday 5th May Noon to 5pm.

Sunday 6th May 10am to 5pm.

Monday 7th May 10am to 4pm.

New Exhibitors welcome:

Chris 691850 or David 613280

Goldshaw Booth

The Parish Council met on Tuesday 14th February when nearly all councillors forsook the attractions of Valentine's Day for the fascination of our parish administration; I'm sure it was worthwhile sacrifice. A number of things were resolved and some, in the best traditions of local democracy, were deferred until our next meeting. We considered the possible replacement of the Newchurch tree, sadly removed by Pendle in the freezing rain last week; we resolved to wait until the subject of our next topic – the future of the toilets in NiP – was clarified.

The attack on our cheerful postman near Bull Hole shocked the parish. The assailant, who was described as aged 60 or 70 and possibly with learning difficulties, made a very speedy exit from the scene, evading the police helicopter which was seeking him. We are glad that no lasting harm was done but would alert all Pendleside to keep an eye open.

Both Spen Brook and Newchurch will enter the "Best Kept Village" competition in the "hamlet" class this summer. The judges consider private as well as public areas and property; the PC can help with the roads and the gardens, but householders as well can do their bit to brighten the place up.

Bill Mayor

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Here's a resumé of recent events in school:

● We welcomed visitors to talk to both classes about road safety and fire safety.

Children learned about the need to be clearly visible on these dark winter's mornings and evenings around traffic and roads. With Lancashire Fire & Rescue they learned about the need for care and

attention in the home when dealing with things like chip pans, electric appliances and candles. The children were really interested with the issues discussed and very aware of the need to be sensible and vigilant. We were grateful to the LFRS and NHS for taking time to talk to us.

● A performer called Esther from the Rhema Theatre Company came to school and presented two shows to KS1 & KS2, featuring some very lively puppet characters and these were followed by workshop sessions. We thoroughly enjoyed her visit and she certainly made us think about how we all relate to each other, showing respect, care & tolerance.

● Miss Rachel Street from 'Groundworks' attended school to talk about modern day issues surrounding our planet, namely — climate change, global warming and the greenhouse effect.

The whole morning provoked plenty of serious debate about the future of our planet and how as an Eco School we can help.

● Following our visit to the archaeological site of the mystery cottage at Overhouses KS2 children completed reports and research on the topic. Representatives from United Utilities came to school to present certificates and prizes to the pieces of work in each year group, judged the most informative. The winners were: William Dakers; Matthew Curry; Harry Wilkinson & Zoe Collins.

We thanked UU for their enthusiasm and support in this venture and we hope to continue links with them in the future.

We are always looking for new ways and opportunities to raise important funds for vital resources and equipment within the school.

Mrs S Hasler-Clegg

ROUGHLEE

Former Parish Councillor Denis Todd is, on behalf of the Parish Council, currently repainting and generally repairing the public benches that are within our village. These do from time to time need some TLC, so several of them have been uplifted whilst this work is done.

These benches have in general been donated to the village by relatives of villagers who have passed away, so are an important addition to our village. Several families do in fact ensure their benches are clean and tidy and we are grateful for that. The Parish Council would like to thank Denis for the excellent work he is doing and I am sure villagers will be aware of the refit when all benches are returned to their positions. One bench that has proved somewhat of a mystery is the one in memory of Raymond Spencer. Does any villager know any family members of Raymond??

The Parish Council has been asked by one of the villagers to consider placing a plaque within the garden area opposite the bus shelter that is adjacent to the Bay Horse to honour the villagers that have gone to fight in wars gone by for our country. What do

you think? If anyone has any strong feelings either way please contact me.

Preparations are going well now for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. A leaflet with all currently available details will be sent to all houses within the next week.

But I would like to once again mention the procession that will take place prior to the events on the field.

It is proposed to hold a procession from each of the three villages and joining together at Happy Valley to proceed to the show field. Please consider how you can participate whether it be in areas or groups and make this a truly splendid event to mark this very special occasion.

Brian Nelson

Thanks to all villagers who gave input into the consultation for the Alice statue. Unfortunately, it wasn't possible to agree a final design so we are now seeking another artist / sculptor.

May Bullock

With sadness we report the death of May who had lived in Thorneyholme Square for many years.

Our sympathies go out to the family.

A Welcome Return of **'BEER FOR BREAKFAST'**

PLUS, 'Michael' the Caller

Saturday 14 April



at 7 pm A Fantastic Night out!!

♣Irish DANCERS ♣Hot Supper ♣BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

♣**Tickets £1 7.50 FROM PAM ON 614755**