# St. Mary's Church

#### Newchurch-in-Pendle BB129JR

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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# SERVICES ARE HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

Sunday 1st April Palm Sunday.

We will be starting our service at 9.25am in order to process from the centre of Newchurch down to the church whilst singing the first hymn.

Thursday 5th April 7pm

Seder Passover meal at St. Thomas' Church. (See sheet at the back of the church for details)

Good Friday 6th April 10am Reading of the Passion around Newchurch Village.

Sunday 8th April Easter Day Communion 9.30am

Friday 11th May 6.30pm

Sunday June 3rd

Saturday August 11th 2.30pm

Sat/Sunday 8/9th September

Saturday 22nd September Saturday October 13th Thanksgiving for Lambing Service. Diamond Jubilee special service

Rushbearing

St.Mary's Patronal Festival and Art Exhibition

"In Pendle's Shadow" Walks

Friends of St.Mary's "Lancashire Night".

#### CHURCH WARDENS

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# Local bus service

Last autumn the contract for the Nelson-Clitheroe service changed from Tyrer to Holmeswood. Since then, I have received several complaints about the buses - poor driving, loss of service, speeding etc. We used to have a rapport with Tyrers and need to build one up with the new company. However, to do this we will need specific evidence with dates, times, direction of bus etc. If you have a complaint would you please contact me at james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk or in writing to Laund Head Barn, Noggarth Rd, Roughlee BB12 9PR

Next issue Please have your articles for the next 'News' by Friday April 20.

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# Dear Friends

Right on cue, at the Spring equinox, the rain and the winds of winter have given way to balmy days, new lambs, daffodils in profusion. Of course I am taking nothing for granted. I haven't changed my winter tyres because in this part of the world it may snow at Easter. But I still can rejoice at the change in weather and the signs of new life all around.



I rejoice also because all around me I see hints of Easter. The hope and regeneration in the natural world resonates with the hope and regeneration that springs from Jesus' rising from the tomb. But Easter is not about the cycle of the natural world. It cuts right across it with a different sort of promise. We know every autumn and winter that within months spring and summer will come. But death is something final. We are used to the fact that when someone dies, their life is over.

But here's something strange. Jesus' followers knew that when Jesus died on the cross it was final. In their grief, some of them might have found comfort from believing in the resurrection on the Last Day. But contrary to their expectations, whatever happened on that Sunday morning, it is historical fact that Jesus' followers claimed that Jesus was alive in some amazing way. Not just the women and St John who stayed faithful to the end, but also the disciples who lost their nerve in the final showdown, and incredibly one of the most fundamentalist opponents of what Jesus stood for. It's not enough to dismiss it as hysteria or a con-trick. These were sane articulate people who were prepared to put their life on the line for their claims. They found the experience life-changing, and I can identify with that.

The resurrection of Jesus lifts what we can hope for out of the natural cycle of death and new life, ultimately death. Organised systems become increasingly disorganised — so each spring I know I'm one spring closer to my last. But the resurrection of Jesus tells me that God has a plan for creation beyond the second law of thermodynamics. So I rejoice in the beauty all around me and in the power of life over death.

Happy Easter and God bless you,

John

# The QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE 2012

# **Sunday April 8**



# Tea & Cakes, Soup & Roll at Barley Village Hall

10.30 to 3.30pm & Tombola Tombola Tea, coffee, home made soup & cakes Video displays and memorabilia from previous Jubilee Celebrations & Book & craft stalls & Bottle tombola, Help & items welcome, contact Kathy 697822 or Audrey 613280.

# Monday June 4 On the Jubilee Meadow at Whitehough

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

### LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk Wednesday 18th April 7.30pm Barley Village Hall Walk Report & DVD of

Barley/Newchurch

mothers union

**April 24 7pm Newchurch school** Carol Graham will speak to us on 'A Nurse in a Third World Country'

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

Guided tours of the building work for the bedrooms Learn about the purpose and history of Shekinah Find out about events held at the centre Prayer room open Join in worship Displays by Christian Organisations working in Pendle Refreshments served ALL WELCOME

Wednesday 4th April "Group Meeting" 70th Anniversary Party at 7.30pm at Fence Scout Hall

Please note venue change Admission by ticket only

# MESSY CHURCH

**BARLEY VILLAGE HALL** 

Takes place on the third Tuesday of **EVERY** month at 3.30pm

FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

#### Safe Lanes in Pendleside

7.30pm Weds. April 25 at Roughlee Village Centre. New members and new ideas to promote safety

on our country lanes always welcome.



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 11& May 9

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: April 10 & May 8

Parish Council Chairman:	William Mayor	Tel. 691369	chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk
Parish Council Clerk:	Sheila Grindrod	Tel. 693857	sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com
Church News Co-ordinator	: Chris Widdas	Tel. 691850	chriswiddas@gmail.com

### 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: April 2 & May 14

Parish Council Chairman:	Brian Nelson	Tel. 697220 bria	n.t.nelson@btinternet.com
Parish Council Clerk:	Carol Donohoe	Tel. 07769 857595	caroldonohoe@msn.com
Village Centre Chairman:	Michelle Harvey	Tel. 619602	m.harvey@cobra-at.com

#### Councillors

Lancs. County Councillor:	Shelagh Derwent	Tel. 616064	shelagh.derwent@lancashire.gov.uk
Pendle Borough Councillor:	: James Starkie	Tel. 699262	james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk

# BARLEY

The block paving of the footways on Pendle Row and outside the Barley Mow has now been completed and looks most attractive in the spring sunshine we have had recently. Barley Parish Council is very pleased to have been able to have this projected completed in these difficult economic times and it is hoped residents and visitors alike appreciate our more 'unified' appearance.

As in previous years, Barley has decided to enter the Lancashire Best Kept Village competition. We would ask all residents to do what they can to keep the village as attractive and tidy as possible.

Many of you were aware that United Utilities had re-submitted a planning application to build 1 detached house and a pair of semi-detached houses - apart from some minor architectural details there appeared little change in this application from the previous one. 26 objections to the proposal were submitted, most seeking to preserve the special character of this oldest part of Barley. Villagers attended and presented their objections at the Barrowford and Western Parishes meeting where the Borough Councillors unanimously REJECTED the plans. This might not be the end of it though as the the applicant may well mount an appeal.

A planning application has also been submitted to cover the construction of the camping 'pods' that have already been built in Boothman Wood, plus a field kitchen and a shower unit. As mentioned in the March News, these proposals will take us further away from the 'quiet woodland fishing facility' the developer has previously assured us is his aim. All this development is taking place in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the Parish Council continues to strive to protect this special area.

## Village Hall

The clean up after the flood is progressing but will take some time. It is our busiest time of the year and we do not want to postpone events. The upstairs room is still fully usable so the Fell Race for seniors & juniors at Easter will not be affected.

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

CRAFT GROUP 1st & 3rd Monday 1-3pm PENDLE PATCHERS 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1-5pm COFFEE MORNING Weds 11th at 10am YOUNG FARMERS tel. 0788 9891622 every Monday 7.00pm

KEEP FIT & BADMINTON tel. John 611517 PENDLE PUMPKINS will be back at the hall as soon as possible

WHIST SUNDAY 29th April 7.30pm
LINE DANCERS are still meeting at Roughlee
Audrey Weatherill

# Goldshaw Booth

What a glorious week of weather to herald the arrival of spring; beautiful hot days, and clear nights when the triangle of Venus, Jupiter and moon has made a dramatic spectacle. Down here on earth there hasn't been much drama and there is not much to report. The Council met in the hall at school for the first time and all agreed that the format was much improved. The main topics were the Newchurch tree - we formed a sub-committee to decide how to replace it – and the toilet block which will continue to be funded by Pendle Borough, at least for the coming year. We understand that new plans for Spen Brook mill are being discussed with Pendle Planning and hope to be able to bring you more detail in next month's News.

Arrangements for the Diamond Jubilee celebration are well in hand and will be aided by the massive contribution to its finances which will come from the proceeds of a very successful Race night last Saturday. Now we have sorted out the closure of Barley New road for the afternoon we hope that parishioners will start to think about the procession and its floats. I believe that Newchurch has some secret plans; when Phil, Bob and John get together after a little drink, anything is possible and it would be good to have contributions from other more rational sources, like Spen Brook, as well. And, lastly, please don't forget the BKV competition, and keep the villages tidy. Bill Mayor

#### Maureen Lee

The parish has suffered a sad loss following the death of Maureen.
Her work for the Donkey Association and in the countryside around Sabden Fold will be greatly missed.

#### ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the beginning of March we had a visit from the 'Life Education Bus'. Life Education Centres is a charity providing a unique health education programme. Our children had the opportunity to take part in this programme, which is specifically designed for their age group. The aim is to encourage the children to think about all aspects of health and make positive decisions about themselves.

Our external schools co-ordinator, Donna Lancaster, is currently running an after school Camera Club, which is being enjoyed by our budding photographers.

Years 5 & 6 enjoyed a residential trip to Halton Gill, accompanied by Mrs Hasler-Cregg, they took part in a walk to Cosh & return via Foxup & Heselden Berg. They were also involved in drama workshops and helped with the cooking.

The 26th saw the beginning of 'Science Week' in school. We invited children from local primary schools to come and join us in the 'May the Force be with you, Out of This World' event. There are experiments to enjoy and much much more.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

Party in the Paddock.
Saturday 28 April 2012 at 7.30pm. Live local band Shyster, DJ and licenced bar all inside a Marquee with full wooden floor

Plus mobile fish and chip van. Tickets £10 available from Witches Galore and Fence Village Shop or Contact Phil/Bob 0797 344 3436 / 0788 259 2898

# ROUGHLEE

Work on the Jubilee celebrations goes on and we now need to concentrate on the contribution each of us can make to add to the spectacle of the day and obviously make it all the more enjoyable. We hope we can get villagers to participate in the procession, which despite rumours to the contrary, will take place. The Roughlee contingent will gather within the Village Centre grounds and then sometime around 2pm make its way to Happy Valley to meet up with the contingents from Newchurch and Barley, then proceed together to the Jubilee Field. Villagers can join the procession as floats, cars, agricultural vehicles etc etc. We would anticipate vehicles to be "decorated" accordingly!!!!! So please let's all try and get involved. It is our intention to perhaps have a short meeting within the Village Centre in the next few weeks to discuss any questions regarding the Jubilee people may have. It is also planned to have an inter village Tug-of-War at around 6pm on the day and Craig Thornton has agreed to put together the Roughlee team so anyone interested in participating please contact A Race Night, organised by the Jubilee Committee, was held on Saturday 24th March to raise funds for the event and some £1800 was contributed to the fund. Thanks to all who made this a successful fund raising AND enjoyable evening. 

Inish Night Sat. 14 Apr. - 7 for 7.30pm

Beer for Breakfast plus Michael the Caller Inish Dancers Hot Supper Bring Your Own Drinks ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENCRE

\*Tickets £18 FROM PAM ON 614755

New Date: Village Fayre June 24

ROUGHLEE SCHOOL After the half term holiday in February we welcomed two new families to our school. The children have already settled in well and have taken full advantage of the activities being offered at present. Mrs Lancaster has been holding a camera club each Wednesday over the past few weeks. The children have had the opportunity to learn how to use a variety of digital cameras and how to choose the subjects for their snaps. Sadly, we said goodbye to two very valued members of staff at the end of March. Mrs. Knowles, who has provided supply cover for the teachers over quite a number of years, has taken a well-earned retirement and Mrs. Cocker, who has worked as a teaching assistant in the infant class has also left us. We wish them both well in their new ventures!

The children have enjoyed drama presentations from The PAIS group and from the Capenwray Bible students. Each presentation was based on a message from the gospels and was followed by discussion and prayer. And last, but by no means least...Key Stage 1 children acted out Little Red Riding Hood with Manchester's Camerata Orchestra, using actions for the music. We can boast wonderful wolves and woodcutters!

work has gone into designing the statue and several of the comments received have been taken on board. A new artist has been found and details like the face and hands are being worked on. A model will be produced that will be shown to people before it is commissioned. The location is around the site of the 'kink' in the footpath where the old tree was. More details next month.

James Starkie