

# Parish NEWS



BARLEY~NEWCHURCH~ROUGHLEE~SABDEN FOLD~SPEN BROOK

## October 2016



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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.

**WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM**

1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Communion from the 1662 Prayer Book, with hymns and sermon.

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2nd Sunday: All Age Worship – a service with more modern hymns and sermon for young and not so young.

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4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book, with hymns and sermon.

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5th Sunday (when applicable): Prayer Book Mattins

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Sunday October 9 Harvest Festival

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October 30/31 Church open for Halloween

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Sunday November 6 All Souls Service. 2.30 pm.

During this service the names of those who have died will be read out. If anyone would like to have anyone remembered please add their name to the list at the back of the church. Alternatively names may be sent to Chris Widdas. [chriswiddas@gmail.com](mailto:chriswiddas@gmail.com) by Saturday 5th November.

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Please have your articles for the November issue by Friday October 21.

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## Dear Friends

Psalm 24 begins, "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof" Powerful words which are particularly relevant at this time of year as farmers gather in their harvests and the September sales are well underway. We can easily congratulate ourselves on how well we have done, and take all the credit and forget that we are trustees of what we possess.

Those words are also inscribed on the pediment of the Royal Exchange building in the City of London, the heart of financial transactions. I'm not sure how much attention is paid to sentiment and yet it is important for keeping wealth creators' feet on the ground. Wealth often becomes an end in itself, but it is simply a means to an end, and the end is the common good. The Bible reading for the last Sunday in September is the parable of the Rich Man (aka Dives) and Lazarus. The point that Jesus makes is that the rich man had a lifetime to bring relief to the poor man at his gate and yet failed. In the life to come he is held to account.

On October 9th, we shall be celebrating Harvest at St Mary's. As usual we shall be praising God for the good earth he places us on. We shall also be collecting foodstuffs and baby items for the Women's Refuge and for foodbanks. Do come along and share in our thanksgiving, and help us share our blessings with others.

God bless you.

*John*

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## St Mary's Vicar

As many of you will already know, John Hallows, our Vicar is to retire at the end of January 2017. His last service as Vicar of St. Mary's will be on Sunday 29th January, which is Education Sunday, when we hope to see both our Primary Schools represented at the service for that day. We will, of course, be celebrating John's sixteen years ministry in our parish and further details of this will be published in due course.



## Barley Chapel

welcomes everyone. Sunday services are family friendly and are held at 10.30am. Refreshments are provided after the service and there is a Sunday school for younger members.

### Regular activities at Barley Chapel.

**Monday** (fortnightly). Housegroup and Bible study. Sally Wilshaw ☎617978

**Tuesday** (weekly) Table Tennis. Juniors 6.30 to 7.30pm.

Seniors 7.30 to 9pm. Ian Bennett ☎543616

**Tuesday** (2nd of each month) Ladies fellowship. Lorraine Goldsbrough ☎694127

**Thursday** (weekly) FOG club 6.30 to 7.45pm  
Christian youth club for ages 7 to 16.

Angie Hargreaves ☎605090

### 2nd October FOG Anniversary service

Followed by Jacobs join lunch and the famous Dads v Lads football match on the field.

**A big thank you to everyone who donated items to the jumble sale. We raised £1010**

Minister Revd. David Edmondson ☎ 843064

## Barley Parish Council

This is a shorter than normal piece as I was attending my Son's wedding in Spain. The biggest news is that Barley has once again won the Hamlet class of the Best Kept competition and we thank everyone for achieving this fabulous result! More next time. Derek Heap

## VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

**BADMINTON & KEEP FIT:** John ☎611517

**COFFEE & CHAT** 2nd Wednesdays 10am-12.

**CRAFT GROUP:** Valerie ☎691850

**LINE DANCING:** Thursday 7.30pm

**MESSY CHURCH** 3rd Tuesday 3.30pm

**PENDLE PATCHERS:** Audrey ☎613280

**PILATES:** Tracy ☎07773 785904

**\*NEW\* YOGA** to be arranged

**YOUNG FARMERS:** ☎ 07811 666790

## CRAFT BOX PARTY & WILLOW WORKSHOP

October 18 @ 31

Sally-Anne ☎07595 493289

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

[www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk](http://www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk)

**Wednesday 19th Oct. 7.30pm**

Presentation by Anthony Pilling  
Mills & Engines in East Lancs. BVH

## GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

Our congratulations go to Barley for their excellent success in the BKV. As far as Goldshaw Booth is concerned, Spen Brook improved its position over last year to 4th place in its class but alas Newchurch was unplaced. This is a disappointing result as the PC had put in a great deal of time and money to present Newchurch in its best possible light. The Millenium Garden was completed, the exterior of the toilet block was painted and wall baskets fixed to it, as well as planting the bed in front of the block. Extra barrier baskets were fitted and the old water trough planted up, and, the amount of mowing in the Parish was increased. The Parish Council is naturally disappointed, as I'm sure Newchurch residents will be too, but we await the detailed 'judges' report before the Council can comment further.

The Council employed Latham Brothers to cut the verges on Spenbrook Road and they have completed this recently. They have cut the hedges as well and the area looks much tidier as a result. Following on from the last magazine article the Council will employ them to cut the verges on Spenbrook Road in May and September next year and not rely on LCC. We will also have both sides of the public footpath between Spen Brook and Newchurch mown at about the same time.

Christian Wakeford has worked very hard in bringing the project of a speed indicator device to reality and has secured agreement to share the cost with four local parish councils as well as grant aid accessed by Cllr. Wakeford. This will be an agenda item at the next Council meeting in October where we will vote on the matter. Residents are of course welcome to hear further details about this very important subject. Himalayan balsam is a widespread and serious problem countrywide. This invasive species spreads quickly and prevents other plants growing. It is important that, if this plant is found growing within your property boundary, it is destroyed as soon as possible before it spreads to neighbouring properties. Christopher Burt

# ROUGHLEE

Following an appeal for helpers at this year's Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch I am pleased to report that we have received a positive response but a couple more would help to spread the load. The date is now confirmed as **Thursday** 15th December. The Mayor and Mayoress have agreed to attend and the children from Roughlee School will bring a joyful presence. Other entertainment is being arranged.

September saw the marriage of Glen Watson and Lynda Lewis and celebrations were held at the Village Centre. Congratulations to the happy couple from the Parish Council.

Footpath and river bank issues have again been to the forefront. The riverside path from Roughlee to Whitehough was badly damaged late last year when very high river levels were experienced. More recently a section of the path adjacent to Thorneyholme Cottage has become badly cracked possibly because the high river retaining wall at this point has been undermined. There is no doubt that this section of the path is potentially very dangerous and thanks must go to the land owner who quickly implemented a diversion away from the danger. This riverside path is heavily used throughout the year by both local people and visitors and its poor condition is a cause for real concern. Having spent some time contacting various agencies and going round in the inevitable circles it is clear that any meaningful repair work will be difficult to arrange and will not happen swiftly. This is a case where persistence and determination are called for.

New planning issues have surfaced since our last report. We have learnt that a proposal for a new house on the corner Ridge Lane and Blacko Bar Road, opposite Yate House, has been approved on appeal. It had been refused locally but the Planning Inspector considered that it would not cause harm to the AONB and would help to meet a local housing need.

Another planning matter relates to a proposal to convert the barn at Thorneyholme Farm into three cottages. The application has just been put out for consultation but comments must be made by 4th October. The Parish Council will consider the application at its meeting on 3rd October, so if residents have comments they wish us to consider that is the deadline.

**Clarice Holmes** passed away peacefully at the Royal Blackburn Hospital on Sunday September 18. Whilst she hadn't enjoyed the best of health in recent years, she was still enjoying life, but took a turn for the worse the previous week. Her Daughter Jennifer was able to fly over from America to be with her; sadly Jennifer's elder sister Janet died just a few months ago.

Clarice married Bert in 1946 and the family moved to Happy Valley Tea Rooms in 1964. Following the floods in 1967 they moved to the family home in Judson Fold.

She worked for a time as dinner lady at Roughlee School. She launched herself into Roughlee life, with the Village Centre Committee, as a volunteer for Age Concern and 30 years ago started the weekly Luncheon Club which still runs today. During her life Clarice made many friends, all of whom she held very dear.

In 2011 her long service was recognised by the then Mayor of Pendle, Cllr. Shelagh Derwent. She was a regular attendee at Barley Chapel where the Celebration of her Life service was held. Our deepest sympathies go to Jennifer and all the family which includes four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



Joyce O'Sullivan

My final comments relate to the failure of Roughlee to make progress in this year's Best Kept Village competition. Whilst congratulating Barley on their success, Roughlee Parish Council has decided to take a fresh approach. One strand of this is to invite villagers to re-form the "Friends of Roughlee's Appearance" group to take forward ideas for the future. It is hoped that the first meeting will be early in 2017. Meanwhile thoughts and expressions of interest will be welcome by the PC.

Andrew Walker

## ROUGHLEE School

Welcome back to what will be another very exciting year here at Roughlee, I trust you have all had a lovely Summer holiday.

A very special welcome to all our new families who have joined our school family this term. At the end of the last academic year we said a sad farewell to Mrs Clegg, who retired after many years of service, and also to Mrs Lensky, who took up a full time position at Wigan Council. We have welcomed back Miss McDevitt, following her maternity leave and welcomed Miss Hall, who joins us from Ightenhill Primary School. Our Reception children have already

settled in well and there is a calm productive learning atmosphere within school.

During the summer holiday our school was redecorated throughout, with both classrooms also having new non-slip safety flooring installed. We have also had a much needed staffroom conversion. Our children, families and staff worked very hard last week tidying-up the front garden and planting new plants, with spectacular results. Thank you to all those who helped. We are currently in the consultation process to install a new trim trail and safety flooring in the playground, to further enhance our outdoor education provisions. During this term we will also be installing a new mosaic school sign at the front of school, which the children will help create. This will help raise the profile of the school within the community and allow visitors to locate us more easily. If you have any concerns about forthcoming changes/improvements please do not hesitate to contact school.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and families for all their continued support and hard work. I look forward to what I'm sure will be another successful year for Roughlee.

Mark Elliott

## Roughlee Village Centre

**Congratulations** to the members of the Roughlee Keep Fit Group who held a function featuring a singer and supper. £364 was raised, all of which has been donated to Pendleside Hospice.

The Village Centre Committee is happy for local groups, once or twice a year, to hold functions whereby all proceeds go to registered charities, ie. there is no charge for the use of the building. Please email [james\\_k.starkie@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:james_k.starkie@yahoo.co.uk) if you wish to hold such an event.

**Saturday October 22**

## WitchWines

WINE TASTING, NIBBLES & CHEESES

£12.50 | WineLine ☎ Glen 07849 774438

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**Saturday Nov. 19**

## Roughlee Glitter Ball

Pam is reserving tables now ☎ 614755

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## St Mary's Church

### Heritage Lottery Fund Project

Work is progressing on the rebuilding of the organ and Dale Contractors have begun digging out for the new drain from the west end of church and the tower. The church history research is revealing even more interesting details as we look at the records from 1750 to 1830 held by Lancashire Record Office. For instance we now know that the chandelier cost £6.3s.0d in 1756 and was brought from Wigan to be fitted in church. The cost of 2 trips to Wigan and the hire of horses was £1.3s.0d. (£1.15)

## Lancashire Night

**Saturday 15th October**

Barley Village Hall – tickets from Chris at [chriswiddas@gmail.com](mailto:chriswiddas@gmail.com) or ☎ 691850

## St Mary's School

We welcomed everyone back to our new school year, especially our new children: Mila Mount, Liliana Procter, Millie Lowcock, Herbie Oulson-Jenkins, Jack Hooper, Noah Haines, Hugo Smith and Henry Watson. It was lovely to see all the

children back at school, looking very smart and grown up in their school uniform with freshly cut hair and shining shoes.

In July we said goodbye to our year 6 children: Abigail Harper, Louie Nutter, Lee Hudson, Ryan Slinger, Luke Starkie and Lewis Richardson. We have heard that they are all happy and settling in well to life at their High Schools.

For anyone who has a child who will be starting school next September 2017, now is the time to apply for primary school places at:

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)

Many thanks to the Gardner family for their very generous donation of £120 towards our BUG CLUB reading scheme fund. We are also very grateful to Mr Gardner for cleaning our windows and gutters during the summer holiday.

A big thank you to our Friends of Newchurch on behalf of the pupils, parents, staff and governors of St. Mary's for organising many fun events and raising money that has enabled us to purchase the Bug Club reading scheme for KS2 and enabling our pupils to enjoy many school trips.

Thanks again for all your enthusiastic hard work. On the 13th September we celebrated 100 years of Roald Dahl story books. Children and staff dressed as their favourite character from a Roald Dahl book and we had some fantastic outfits!! The children enjoyed themed activities throughout the day, including a live Puffin web-cast for our Junior children.

Mrs P Nightingale

## Friends of Newchurch Group

The 100 Club draw on behalf of School has taken place. Winners are:

**1st prize, £25 - Jane Bulcock (parent)**

**2nd prize, £20 - Mandy Culshaw (parent)**

**3rd prize, £15 - Susan Eames (parent)**

Anybody wishing to get involved with the school fundraiser, please contact Rosie Hudson for available numbers ☎ 07790 167590 or email her at [rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com](mailto:rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com)

**Wednesday October 5  
AGM**

at 7.30 in Barley Village Hall.

Speaking at Barley WI last month, Dr Ruth White from Newchurch, told us how she first became fascinated by microbes when as a young child,

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INSPIRING WOMEN

her father encouraged her to look down his microscope at the hospital where he worked. Many years later, she is now a Consultant Microbiologist at the Royal Blackburn Hospital. She talked about tetanus and trench foot which is seldom seen now (except at Glastonbury!). Meningitis has been greatly reduced by the production of vaccines. Today's problems are MRSA, other Staphylococci, Streptococci, Salmonella and E.coli.

She then went on to describe the new automated system in the Pathology Department at Blackburn and talked of a technique which can identify a bug in 20 minutes!

Dr White made a challenging subject interesting and answered many questions from members.

At the end of the meeting, President Nancy Cookson reminded the members that Lancashire WI have asked for Teddies to be knitted to be given to children in the UK who have suffered any sort of tragedy. Some are given to children in Refuges, others are given out by Fire Services to comfort a child following loss of toys in a fire or flood. One member, Norma Holden from Roughlee has already knitted 13 Teddies!

## PENDLE HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL NEWCHURCH & ROUGHLEE Sunday October 30

The event starts 12pm till 4 and will be held in both Newchurch and Roughlee. Both villages will display scarecrows (witches /wizards / horror / ghouls etc) outside homes and in designated areas (people outside walk route area will be able to join in using benches etc. on the route). There will be two short walking routes plus a car route around both villages with a quiz type treasure hunt being held, the entry forms will be available at Witches Galore and RVC on the day of the event.

Roughlee will be holding a Halloween party at the Village Centre, from 2 till 5 pm with fancy dress and pumpkin carving competition. Plus judging results announced.

We do need people to embrace our new joint event, entry forms and rules for scarecrows are now available on our Facebook site, and flyers will be distributed.

Event Managers; Chloe Holgate (Newchurch) & Stuart Ingram (Roughlee).

Glen Watson

# Parish Dates & Contacts

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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](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org)

**Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall.  
Next Meetings: October 12 & November 9.**

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap ☎ 692264 [derekheap1@googlemail.com](mailto:derekheap1@googlemail.com)

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Village Hall Chairman: Ian Middleton ☎ 501303 [iansallyanne@icloud.com](mailto:iansallyanne@icloud.com)

## Goldshaw Booth

~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

**Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School.  
Next Meetings: October 11 & November 8.**

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## Roughlee Booth

[www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

**Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: October 3 & November 7.**

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