



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.



WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

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

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

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

5th Sunday (when applicable): Prayer Book Mattins
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- SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY – 9.30AM - CANDLEMAS
- ASH WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 10.30AM AT ST THOMAS'
- FRIDAY 3RD MARCH WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
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Parish NEWS

BARLEY~NEWCHURCH~ROUGHLEE~SABDEN FOLD~SPEN BROOK

February 2017



Rev. John Hallows ~ His final service at St Mary's, January 29, 2017



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Dear Friends

I came across a new phrase the other day – ‘alternative facts’. It was in connection with a disagreement about the numbers attending President Trump’s inauguration. One of the Trump team had said they were greater than at Obama’s in 2009. Photographic evidence said otherwise. Another aide said it was an ‘alternative fact’. The TV presenter replied, ‘Alternative facts are not facts; they are falsehoods’.

Why should it matter? Some commentators say that we are living in a ‘post-truth’ age. Public opinion is no longer informed by reason and evidence, but by taste and inclination. Truth is not something out there to be uncovered. Rather it is what you want it to be. This could do long-term damage to human society. Take for instance the Holocaust. There is well-documented evidence for the extent and the methods of mass murder under the Nazis. Yet some people deny it. It is not an academic issue. The facts of the Holocaust keep us alert to the possibility of genocide even today, and the moral imperative to resist it and to punish perpetrators. So people responsible for genocide in Bosnia and Rwanda have been tried for crimes against humanity. Unless there is some ‘truth’ out there, such measures would not make sense.

Jesus once said, The truth will make you free. Although he was thinking ultimately about God’s truth, at a human level, the truth frees us from deceit. Truth is not always comfortable. But it makes for a climate of openness and freedom. It is worth defending. We have to maintain our commitment to establishing the facts and using reason in respectful and tolerant way whether it is a parliamentary debate or an argument in the pub.

This is my last letter in the parish magazine. Thank you for all your support during my years of ministry here. And a special thank you to all who were at my leaving-do and for your generous gift.

God bless you.

John

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

Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall.

Next Meetings: February 8 & March 8

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School.

Next Meetings: February 14 & March 14.

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

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Curry Night



7.30pm Sat. March 4th
 Banquet style Dishes from the Spice of India, Nelson
Plus Live Entertainment
 Tickets £15: Glen
07849 774438
 Bring your own drinks

ROUGHLEE VILLAGE CENTRE

has been arranged for Wed 8th March at 7.30 in the Village Centre. The idea is for an informal group of Roughlee residents to help with the general appearance and upkeep of the village. Details can be discussed at the meeting on the 8th March.

The Luncheon Club still meets at 12 noon every Thursday in Roughlee Village Centre. This is open to all residents of Pendleside, not just Roughlee, who are over 60 years old. The cost is £5 for a two course meal plus tea or coffee and new attendees are welcome.

To book please contact Gail ☎696997.

I report some progress on dealing with the footpath problems between Roughlee and Whitehough. I attended a meeting where the three areas of concern were visited by Cllr. James Starkie, and the Pendle footpath officer, Tom Partridge. Two of the problems - one close to the guest house at Thorneyholme and the other at Whitehough bridge - where the footpaths are collapsing into the river will require major intervention and we have requested that these be included in formal programme of works. The lesser, but still difficult area nearer to Blacko Bar Road has, I'm delighted to report has now been repaired.

Discussions with Barley Parish Council are now underway relating to the removal of Himalayan Balsam this year. Other areas of co-operation for example responses to planning issues have

also been agreed.

Andrew Walker

Roughlee Village Centre

The new year brings with it the challenge of organising the events throughout the year that will bring in the much required income to keep the place open. With it also comes the realisation that the 'team' - just like a nice port that is regularly consumed - ages gracefully and needs revitalising at fairly regular intervals! The Centre is used a couple of times weekly, we have an open night every second Friday from 7.30pm [Feb 10, 24, March 10, 24] with quizzes and the like and also hosts our monthly meetings; what we would like to see is more use and more hires, particularly groups. We would also like to continue to attract new faces; not just to join in with the running of events but by attending the socials. We know that it's sometimes hard to walk into a room where you don't know people, so why not invite your friends? Everybody likes a curry so here's your personal invite to attend our next function, details above.

At the last meeting we were delighted to welcome two new, young & keen members in Nina Taylor & Simon Cronshaw. They bring new energy and new ideas and they're very welcome. However, the more the merrier so if you're interested in helping your village please attend our next meeting at 7.30 on Feb 7.

James Starkie

Audrey Weatherill MBE



Following last summer's announcement that Audrey had featured in HM the Queens' Birthday Honours List, there was the customary gap of several months before the ceremony. Seen above is Audrey with her family at Buckingham Palace on Friday January 27. HRH the Prince of Wales presented the much deserved honour. It was rumoured that Audrey followed Ant & Dec, who were also there, but this has not yet been confirmed!

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

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 Minister Revd. David Edmondson ☎843064

Barley Parish Council

In the last issue I wrote about the new bright white lights outside the Village Hall and about the Parish Council's efforts to minimise obtrusive lighting within our "dark" valley, then encouraging you to read more about this on the internet at the "Obtrusive Lighting Position Statement - Forest of Bowland" which is easy to find. Well, this has been followed up by the County Council replacing our sodium orange lights with white light LEDs in the last couple of weeks.

The County Council is doing this because the LEDs are at least 75% more energy efficient, last much longer and produce less CO2 than the sodium lights and, as energy costs increase, the case for change has driven the move to LEDs. In recent years much has been written about street lighting in terms of feeling of safe, crime and mobility and you might know that some Councils are switching lights off to save money - I give you the M65 as a case in point. There is much science to the white lights including a recognised difference between warm and cold white lighting. My take is that the LEDs are more focused towards the ground than the sodium lights which dispersed more widely - this is evident on Barley Green where the single white light only illuminates the corner and not the full lane. Hence they make a contribution to a darkened valley but I am sure some would still prefer the warm orange lighting.

LED street lights will soon dominate the county and you might have noticed that in low night cloud the orange glow from Burnley, over the hill, is slowly changing colour and fading. Some village residents might also notice it is harder to find the hole for your door key as the dispersed light is now replaced with targeted light.

At this time of year planning applications start to dominate PC agendas as home owners and businesses make plans for developments in the warmer months. A recent application for four, 2-storey holiday homes, on the slopes of the hill was successfully opposed by the PC and we are currently considering other applications on the hill, in the village and down at Whitehough. The PC has a duty to comment on applications and this is often challenging in terms of planning law, personal friendships and the wider responsibilities to represent the community and protect the AONB and the conservation areas. I would encourage you to keep an eye out for public notices

and express your views to any parish councillor. Our MP has recently written to the PC and re-affirmed the government's commitment to rolling out mobile phone coverage to villages and the obligations placed upon mobile phone operators to achieve 95% coverage across the UK. The PC will continue to lobby for coverage to be extended to include Barley.

It is with regret that I report the passing of Nora Whittle of Narrowgates House. Nora was in her eighties and well known to many in the village. She was active until quite recently and I knew her as a regular attendee at our annual parish meetings. Our condolences go to family and close friends.

Derek Heap

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL BEGINNERS GUIDE TO WILLOW WORK

Sunday February 19 from 1pm-4pm. BVH
Booking essential ☎ 07595 493289

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

MONDAYS

CARD CRAFT GROUP: 1-3pm **Valerie** ☎691850
YOUNG FARMERS: 7.30pm
KEEP FIT weekly circuit training: **John** ☎611517

TUESDAYS

MESSY CHURCH 3.30pm. 3rd
MYSTERY MAKE & TAKE - 3rd ☎ 07595 493289
PENDLE PATCHERS: **Audrey** ☎613280

WEDNESDAYS

COFFEE & CHAT 2nd Wednesdays 10am-12.
KNIT & KNATTER 2nd & 4th. 7-9pm

THURSDAYS

PILATES: Mornings **Tracy** ☎07773 785904
CRAFTERNOON TEA: 2pm every 1st & 3rd
Sally Anne ☎541303
LINE DANCING: 7pm **Sally Anne** ☎541303
YOGA: 8pm **Michelle** ☎07710 307563

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk
Wednesday 15th Feb. 7.30pm
AGM and items of interest BVH

DIARY DATE St Georges Night

Saturday April 22
Chris ☎691850

GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

At the start of the new year, the Parish Council prepared a new budget. There is an increase in the precept for 2017/18, however it is modest and bearing in mind the PC has to do jobs that were previously undertaken by Lancashire County Council, I think we have kept the increase to the absolute minimum. I have written before about how the nature of the duties of our Parish Council has changed in the last few years. We have now to manage services that used to be administered by Pendle Council and Lancashire County Council. It is just not Goldshaw Booth of course, as parish and town councils all over the country are now finding themselves managing services, buildings and public spaces that used to be dealt with by larger councils with paid employees and expertise built up over years.

The Parish Council has received several complaints about dog fouling. This is an ongoing complaint and people get understandably very upset about this antisocial problem. Dog owners must clear up after their dog and failure to do so can result in a fine. It is also important for the general public to know that dog faeces can cause severe illness in people - especially young children - through toxocarasis. There is growing evidence that livestock can be put at risk as well.

The management of Sparable Wood has now started and it is hoped to be completed soon. This is an important project to ensure the woodland grows properly by thinning out unwanted trees. Residents may well have noticed that the pavement between Spen Brook and Newchurch has now been cleared of overgrowing vegetation. It means that people can walk side by side along this path rather than single file as was the case. The trees and hedges alongside the path have also been pruned. The job took all of November and a large part of December. It was back-breaking work and has been completed by volunteers, in particular Alan and Pat Taylor, and parish councillors. Our thanks to those involved.

Christopher Burt

Friends of Newchurch Group

There have been two 100 Club draws on behalf of School;. Winners are, December:

1st: £50 – Mary Slinger (grandparent)
2nd: £25 – Ruth Nutter (grandparent)
3rd: £20 – Mrs Ormerod (teaching assistant)
4th: £15 – Natalie Lowcock (parent)

January:

1st: £25 – Charlotte Duerden (associate)
2nd: £20 – Susan Eames (parent)
3rd: £15 – Jay Gardner (parent)

Anybody wishing to get involved with the school fundraiser, please contact Rosie Hudson for available numbers on 07790 167590 or email her at rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com

Christenings at St Mary's

Beginning their journey with God which continues for the rest of their lives.
Molly Eve Hudson, Gracie Rose Holden, and Olivia Rose Norris.

ROUGHLEE School

The children have settled back into their new year routines very well; this is a good sign as we like to think that this term has fewer distractions, allowing the children to build upon the progress they are making.

Miss Veevers, a qualified drama teacher from the Burnley Youth Theatre, has joined us again this term delivering various elements of our creative curriculum through drama. She is also running a drama club after school on a Tuesday, which is well attended. The children who attend this club will have the fabulous opportunity to perform on stage at the Burnley Youth Theatre towards the end of the Spring Term. The school is providing this drama project and the after school club free of charge as part of our continued commitment to our enrichment provisions.

The children had great fun watching 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at the Muni Theatre, Colne. Our dedicated FoRS team organised and provided this wonderful experience for the children, which they utilised as a stimulus for writing back at school.

As we continue to further develop our outdoor learning provisions the school playground will be refurbished during the February half-term holiday. This will include installing new safety flooring, a wooden trim trail, mud kitchen, mark making area, water walls, a weaving area and a reading area,

which will include a large storyteller chair. The children were involved in the design of this refurbishment project, which is being funded by the Awards for All Big Lottery Funding. The children are very much looking forward to playing on the new equipment. Unfortunately, the sycamore tree, which is located in the playground, has to be removed during this refurbishment for health and safety concerns.

Mark Elliott

ROUGHLEE

We are already well into the new year and this has been a very busy period including the Parish Council meeting on the 9th January.

Following the retirement of James Starkie, arrangements were made to appoint a new Parish Councillor. We had three candidates and selection interviews were held last week. Whilst only one appointment could be made, it was pleasing to see that there was a good level of interest from excellent candidates with much to offer. In the end, the Council appointed Simon Cronshaw from Happy Valley.

Perhaps the key item on the agenda was to set the Parish precept for the next financial year. This is the money raised from the Council tax which is then available to meet expenditure by the Parish Council. In the current year the Parish precept was £7020. Due to changes in how we manage our finances, the Parish Council now has to pay for the services of a Responsible Financial Officer. It was, therefore, agreed to set the precept at £7213, an increase of £193. Each year the Parish is required to hold a Parish Meeting where all residents can attend to discuss matters of concern to the village. Regrettably these meetings have not been well attended in the past so this year we intend to try something different which will be of interest and encourage attendance. The Parish Meeting is scheduled for Monday 5th June and we intend to organise an exhibition and presentation on the history of the village. This will be supported by the local history group and some of our older residents may contribute their memories. Things are at an early stage but please put the date in your dairies and if you would like to contribute please let me know.

Arrangements for the revival of the Friends of Roughlee's Appearance group - FORA- are progressing. Parish Councillor Nigel Brotherton has agreed to take a lead and an initial meeting