

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

February 2021



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

Galanthus vivalis, Narcissus and Rosa

If your Latin and Greek are a bit rusty then the title will mean more to you if I say snowdrops, daffodils and roses!

Snowdrops are also known as Candlemas Bells. Candlemas is celebrated on 2nd February and reminds us of when Jesus was taken to the temple in Jerusalem. Forty days after a Jewish boy was born it was the custom to take him to the temple and 'present' him to God in thanksgiving for his safe birth. There was also a service of blessing for the mother and the white snowdrops became associated with purity.

Whilst in the Temple Mary and Joseph meet Simeon and Anna. (Luke 2:22-40)

When he saw the infant Jesus Simeon uttered the words now known as the Nunc Dimittis (more Latin!) where Simeon says that Jesus will be a 'light to lighten the Gentiles'. Candles became a symbol of Jesus as the light of the world and the custom of the candles for the year being blessed in church on Feb 2nd resulted in it becoming Candlemas.

Anna is described as being of a great age. Is there someone you know who is a great age that has been a blessing to you? Perhaps say a pray for them on the 2nd Feb or take them a gift of some snowdrops if that's possible under the current restrictions.

Roses (rosa) and especially red roses are a symbol of love often given on Valentine's Day (14th Feb). In Christianity roses can be a symbol of the Virgin Mary but the red rose can also be a symbol not just of romantic love but also the love of God and the suffering (passion) of his son Jesus. Red roses are also a symbol of martyrdom.

This Valentine's Day you might like to say a prayer for those who suffer for their faith.

You might also want to put up a heart in your window to show your community that you love them, perhaps with a version of this picture.

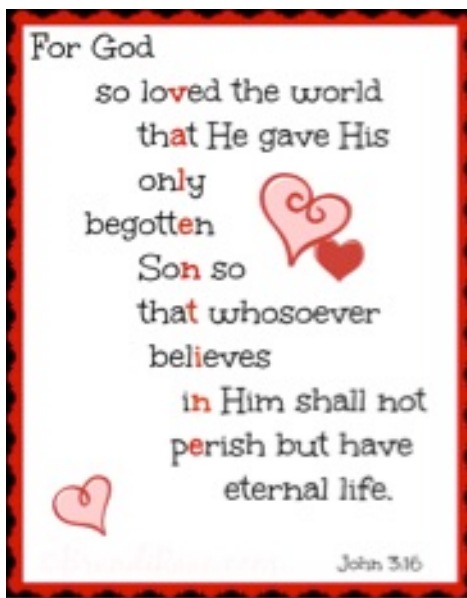
And lastly the daffodil (narcissus) also known as the Lent Lily.

Lent begins on 17th February this year. As we once again remember Jesus' testing in the wilderness, we too still find ourselves being tested by the effects of the Coronavirus.

That is likely to last longer than the 40 days of Lent but like the budding shoots of daffodil before it blooms bring comfort that Spring is on the way, we too have comfort and hope through the love of God.

Narcissus in Greek mythology was a young man who was obsessed with himself. This is not the Christian way, we are taught by the example of Jesus that we are loved by God and should love and care for ourselves but also that we should care for others.

This often isn't easy but loving others as Jesus loved us isn't an added extra it's a commandment given to Jesus disciples and by extension to us. This February why not reflect on how you can show love in every aspect of your life.



*God bless all those that I love.
God bless all those that love me.
God bless all those that love those that I
love,
And all those that love those that
love me.
(On a New England sampler)*

Revd Julie

Barley

When I wrote the last article, during the November lockdown, I was somewhat upbeat looking forward to the 5 days of Xmas and maybe a visit to the pub to catch up with friends – once again I had fallen for Boris's optimism. I prefer optimists but this one is maybe making me a sceptic. So here we are in lock down again but the news on the vaccine is most encouraging and, based on Boris projections, I could be vaccinated by April and free once again to move around with the freedom we crave. Things can only get better, only get better, if we see it through. We can Dream.

And Brexit happened without much of a fan fare other than those lamenting that when Boris said we would get control of our borders back nobody expected that we would be closing them to those coming in or me going out!

Back to CV 19 – the Council decided to close the toilets and car park in early January. We reflected on the information provided by the government following the announcement of a national lockdown and the alarming rise in Coronavirus cases at the time; 60,000 cases being reported daily. Given the high infection rates in the north west, particularly Burnley, Blackburn and Pendle where many of our visitors come from, and the government advice on gatherings and travel, it made sense to close a "hot spot" and discourage visitors from gathering so helping to subdue the virus. It was a not an easy decision and not many have followed our direction, but we believe we are doing the right thing and we look forward to opening again when the lockdown is eased by the government.

The representations made to LCC regarding passing places on Barley Lane and Barley Road have been well received and we have been given a commitment from them to introduce passing places once regulation orders are approved.

Last week I was pleased to be able to share good news with the residents at Whitehough. Following the County Council's assessment of the bridge, the closure notice they served on the bridge will lapse and will not be renewed. The works undertaken to date have enabled the bridge to re-open albeit with a lower weight limit of 3 tonnes. Further works have been recommended to strengthen the arch barrel, parapets and wing walls if the structure is not to fall in to disrepair again and have restrictions again imposed. Hopefully the owner will progress these necessary works this summer.

For a while the Council has been looking at introducing a pay management system on the car park. The Council have considered barriers and pay and display options but are leaning towards a vehicle number plate recognition system which will allow payment by cash, card or on line. The Council are well aware of the parking problems in and around the village and the impact these changes could have. The Council will therefore be aiming to maintain low car parking charges (compared to similar locations) to attract visitors in to the facility rather than parking on the road network.

Stay safe everyone – be as careful as you can for a while longer.

Derek Heap

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

The two additional defibrillators purchased by the Parish Council have now been fitted. One has been positioned to the side of No 2 Osborne Terrace in Spenbrook, and the second unit has been positioned in Sabden Fold. Thank you to Kathleen Wilkinson and Andy Barker for their kind permission in allowing these to be fitted to their property. I would also like to thank Gwen and Neil Morville who have kindly agreed to check the unit in Sabden Fold and John Riley who installed the units for us. All three villages in the parish now have a defibrillator installed.

Dog fouling still remains an issue in the children's play area. Pendle Council are monitoring the area and have stated that anyone seen not picking up dog mess will be prosecuted.

Following the sad news of the death of Brian Sainter in last months newsletter, I now write that his wife Margaret, also died just a few weeks later on 5/12/20. Margaret and Brian lived in Newchurch for 52 years and were well known throughout all the villages. Our thoughts and prayers are with Catherine, Philip and family at this very sad time.

The Parish Council still has a vacancy for a Councillor. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact the clerk, Jennifer Sutcliffe or myself for further details.

Bob Donovan

Barley Chapel

Angie Hargreaves 605090
Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

100 Club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for January. We had all 100 numbers in the draw so there were five prizes, the winners were:

- Sam Hooper with number 32 winning £40
- Pauline Nightingale with number 9 winning £25
- Claire Nutter with number 45 winning £15
- Natalie Lowcock with number 81 winning £10
- David Lowcock with number 61 winning £10

Thank you to everyone who helps support the school with this. If anyone would like any details please contact me on pialyle@gmail.com or 07872610118.

Thank You Pia

Poaching

Police have asked if anyone sees 'a silver 57' plate Ford Ranger with distinctive Black off road wheels to report to it to 101 as it is suspected of involvement in rural crime and poaching.

Roughlee Parish Council

This News is being written in the middle of January and heavy snow is falling. The lockdown restrictions are biting and, like most people, I am missing my friends and the opportunity to travel. By the time you read this we will be heading into February and the prospects for us all may be improving. Let's hope so.

Despite the restrictions the Parish Council have been busy and our meeting on 11th January had a full agenda. As many of you will know the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch had to be cancelled last year but was replaced by a small Christmas hamper which was delivered direct to peoples' houses. The Parish Council were pleased to receive many expressions of appreciation and recorded their thanks to those villagers who did so much to help, but, in particular to Meg and Michael who suggested the idea and did much of the organisation.

Amongst the important items we considered was the Parish budget for 2021/22 and the precept to be added to the Borough Council Tax. It was decided that the budget would remain unchanged and that there would be no increase in the precept. This should mean a very small decrease in the precept to be paid by local households.

As reported previously the Parish Council are looking to designate the riverside behind the school car park as a village green. The area has been used by generations of villagers for recreational purposes and the designation is intended to preserve this use into the future. The land is privately owned and we are hoping that the designation can be made with agreement. The prospects for doing this look good for most of the area.

The Parish is able to access capital contributions from the Borough Council which we use to carry out improvements. This last year we have replaced two village notice boards including the main board at the village centre. Thanks to Andre Smale for his excellent craftsmanship.

For our next capital scheme we are hoping deliver the Roughlee Industrial Heritage Project. Roughlee has a rich and fascinating history which includes two corn mills and three textile mills located at Thorneyholme, Dam Head and the village centre site. Interestingly, for example, the school is on the site of the Dam Head mill and was built using materials from the mill in 1852. The Heritage Project

will be involve a number of phases but will include information panels and improvements to a number of historic features. We have yet to receive final approval from the Borough Council but we also expect contributions from the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership and local landowners. We also have enthusiastic support from the local History Society who are providing details of our history.

Finally and as reported in the last News our Clerk, Mary, has asked to reduce her duties by handing over the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) duties. The Parish Council established an appointment panel which interviewed three excellent candidates and decided to appoint villager Jon Bailey. Our thanks to all three candidates and we look forward to welcoming Jon when he takes up his duties.

My final comment this month is to wish you well and to hope that you have access to a vaccination as soon as possible.

Andrew Walker

Pendle Forest History Group

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Churchyard

Can all those who placed flowers and wreaths on the graves, please ensure that they are removed by the end of February.



Laptops for schools

You may have seen on the news that many children do not have access to a laptop to help them learn from home.

If you have a laptop which you could donate please get in touch with me and I will arrange for it to go to a local school so that a child can learn from home.

Please ring John on 01282 699580 or email:
john@spenbrook.co.uk

Friends of St. Mary's

Following the relaunch of the "Friends of St Mary's Church" a Facebook page is now up and running. You can find it by searching Facebook or using the link below:

<https://www.facebook.com/Friends-of-St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-103354884984464>

Friends will:

- Receive invitations to join annual events
- Receive regular communications giving details of services and events
- Be part of the Christian Fellowship of St. Mary's
- Help maintain the fabric of the building by their contributions.

Please feel free to visit the page, add comments, pictures, advice and share it far and wide to anyone, in any country, who might like to support our lovely, tiny, traditional church in any way.

A calendar for 2021 (Well, we have to hope!) is now available and will be on the page.

Parish Contacts

Barley with Wheatley Booth www.barleyparish.uk www.barleyvillagehall.org

meetings are held at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday in the month

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Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook) www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

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MP for Pendle

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St. Mary's Church

Our 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.

Church is closed at the moment but we are still worshipping.

Please look at our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-111894550353183/>

for details of online services that you can join.

our social events are also continuing
(but in a very different way)

This month we are holding our

Annual Quiz

thanks to Valerie Widdas who creating it.

You should have had a copy of the quiz and details of how to enter with this magazine,
but just in case you did not and would like to take part please email:

john@spenbrook.co.uk

or ring

01282 699580

and I will make sure you get a copy.

You are welcome to distribute the quiz to anyone you think may like to do it.

St. Mary's Facebook Page

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