

# Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

March 2020



## St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

# The Vicar's Letter

## Special Days

March has a number of saints days but the two that are probably the best known are St David (1<sup>st</sup> March) and St Patrick (17<sup>th</sup> March) but you could also celebrate St Joseph (19<sup>th</sup> March) and St Cuthbert (20<sup>th</sup> March).

Every day in March will be special for someone as it may be their birthday or the day they were married, it might be the day they get a new job or pass their driving test. There is much to celebrate.

You may fancy something a little out of the ordinary so how about National Pi Day (because it can be written as 3:14 the value of Pi) or maybe you'd like to remember Dentist's Day on March 6<sup>th</sup>.






March also has the first Sunday in Lent this year (1<sup>st</sup> March) . World Day of Prayer (6<sup>th</sup> March) and Mothering Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> March).

The 22<sup>nd</sup> March is also the United Nations World Water Day. Water is essential for human life but it's probably something we all take for granted expecting clean fresh water to flow whenever we turn on the tap. The theme for this year looks at how water and climate change are connected.

The toolkit on the website says, 'The campaign shows how our use of water will help reduce floods, droughts, scarcity and pollution, and will help fight climate change itself.

By adapting to the water effects of climate change, we will protect health and save lives. And, by using water more efficiently, we will reduce greenhouse gases.

Everyone has a role to play. In our daily lives, there are surprisingly easy steps we can all take to address climate change. Choose one thing today:

-  Take a five minute shower.
-  Choose a plant-based meal.
-  Turn off sleeping tech.
-  Don't throw away edible food.
-  Shop sustainably.

#WorldWaterDay [www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org)

Whatever you celebrate during the days of March you might like to begin each day with some words from Psalm 118:24, 'This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.' Even though we may be going through tough times the psalmist reminds us to make the most of every day God gives us and Jesus himself tells us not to worry about tomorrow. (Matthew 6:34).

Remember too that we are encouraged to have a Sabbath day, a day set aside for rest and worship which Christians have observed for centuries on a Sunday although some people may find it works better for them on another day. Churches across the land have services on a Sunday but look out for other services too.

Blessings

Revd Julie

# Barley

Storm Dennis and Ciara have, over the last two weekends, caused some of the worst flooding conditions in over one hundred years across the country and our thoughts and prayers are for those effected. Barley did not escape unscathed, with blocked gullies causing flooding on Barley New Road, and large amounts of surface water on Cross Lane. Water pouring down from Newchurch hill caused damage to property on the Bullion where 4 garages were flooded. The Parish council has contacted LCC to ask for gullies and culverts to be cleaned.

The first stage of the proposed CCTV installation is nearing completion. Consultations over the past months with the Chapel, Village Hall, and affected residents are almost completed and at the time of writing, most, though not all, agree with the installation. Once the tender documents are prepared, we can then proceed to the next stage giving potential contractors a clear specification as to what we require and expect from the CCTV system.

Unfortunately, due a number of factors the proposed road lines have still not been installed by LCC to date. We were expecting them to be completed sometime over the winter, however, due to prolonged periods of wet weather LCC have been unable to perform the work, as installing lines in these conditions would result in a poor quality finish. Our local Borough Councillor has spoken to LCC and confirmed the road lines remain a priority and should be installed before the Easter holidays.

To the north of the village the Pendle Hill Partnership have started a new project. On the track between the Barley Lane parking lay-by and the steps up the big end of Pendle Hill, you can find masons re-building stone walls. This is part of the "traditional boundaries" project led by the Dry-Stone Walling Association; go and have a look and chat to them about the project. The Walling Association is working in partnership with the National Hedge laying Society and over the coming months we should see many more walls and hedges restored and you can join them and have a go on their "training days".

As reported previously, the Council has now submitted an "Expression of Interest" for a grant from the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund which, if successful, would help us finish the car park and upgrade elements of the toilet block and drain the village green. To be successful we would need to demonstrate we are developing tourist infrastructure and extending the visitor season beyond May to October. By April we will know if we have got past the first stage, if so, there will be much to do. If we are rejected, we will have to continue trying to manage visitors in stages relying on our own finances.

As many of you will be aware the last month has seen the change in ownership of the Pendle Inn. After over 15 years of hard work Joanne, David and family have decided to move on, and we would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavours. The Parish Council welcome Thwaites brewery to the village as the new proprietors and hope the staff and the business flourish in the future and build upon the pub's good reputation. DG & DH.

## The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for February. Winners were:-

- Norma Holden with number 92, winning £25
- Sam Hooper with number 32, winning £20
- Alison Cook with number 59, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are now 7 numbers available. Anybody wishing to get involved with the fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at [rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com](mailto:rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com) .

# Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

A CCTV system is to be installed in Newchurch. The system will consist of six cameras covering the roads into and out of the village. They will be positioned in the centre of the village and at the entrance to Well Head road. A grant from Barrowford and Western Parishes Committee has been gained which will cover the majority of the cost. The Council is seeking to extend the CCTV coverage to Spenbrook and Sabden Fold in the future. The system will act as a deterrent whilst also providing potential evidence of crimes committed.

A sit on mower has now been purchased by the Council. It will be operated by volunteers following training. The mower will save the Council money after a short pay back period.

There are still issues being raised about the operation of the mill site. Whilst some disruption can be expected, the Council is doing all it possibly can to raise and resolve these issues through Pendle Council and Lancashire County Council.

The Council is to receive 400 tree saplings to be planted in Sparable Wood. The trees have been donated by the Woodland Trust. The Council is asking any resident who wishes to help plant, to attend Sparable Wood on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 11.00am. Help would be greatly appreciated on the day and some refreshment will be available. Please bring a spade if possible.

The Council has been informed that fibre optic broadband is now available throughout Spenbrook and Newchurch. Anyone interested should contact a provider.

Members discussed the format for the APM. The usual PC meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May and will commence at 6.30pm and be followed by the APM at 7.30pm. The APM will start with any questions from members of the public, followed by talks relating to local history, climate change and information from Pendle Hill Partnership, after which, refreshments

would be served. Visitors would be updated with discussions relating to the expenditure of the Section 106 monies.

The new Parish website is still undergoing development and will be available soon.

Bob Donovan

## Barley Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee meet on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm.

The Curry night was a great success thank you to all those who attended.

### WHAT'S ON

CRAFT GROUP 1 to 3pm 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday  
Tel.691850

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday evenings in Village Hall.

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training,  
Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

PILATES Monday evening Tel.07853176011

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1pm  
to 5pm Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & chat POP IN & MEET US:

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March.10am to 12 noon. We were pleased to welcome new faces in February.

WI Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

PILATES Thursday 10am to 11am

CRAFT CLUB 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 1.30pm Sally-Anne  
07595493289

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.45pm Sally-Anne  
541303

MOBILE LIBRARY Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> March.  
approx 10.30am Barley.

BVH Secretary Sue Burnett 07971371602

## Roughlee Parish Council

After a stormy February perhaps we can look forward to the arrival of Spring. Certainly I think we all deserve a little more warmth and colour. Although the riverside footpath was completely under water for some hours there seems to be very little damage and, fortunately, it is passable again.

Mention of the footpath brings me to a recurring problem, that of dog muck being left behind on footpaths and not taken away to be binned. The Parish Council has received a number of complaints and the worst areas are the riverside footpath and the pavement between Crowtrees and the Bay Horse. Both are regular dog walking routes for local people. Whilst we can put up additional notices the real solution is for all dog walkers to pay attention and to clean up. Highway drainage issues continue to be a concern with Stang Top Lane having particular problems. We now have much better lines of communication with the LCC highways department but things can be much improved. The recent wet weather quickly exposes the problem areas and we will continue to draw attention to these and to press for appropriate action.

The latest measure in the habitat programme is the publication of the booklet showing walking routes around the Parish. There is also a section of historical notes which may be of particular interest. Copies of the booklet are available in the Bay Horse where there is also a framed copy of the habitat interpretation panel. These both stem from the joint working between the Parish Council, the Lancashire Wildlife Trust and the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership. Please take a look and let us have your thoughts and comments.

Finally, a reminder and note for your diary. The Annual Parish Gathering will be held on Monday 1st June 2020. As in previous years we will arrange for a series of presentations on topics of local interest followed by a wine and cheese social. Most people seem to enjoy the occasion and we hope for another good turn out this year.

Andrew Walker

## Facebook Page

Newchurch St. Mary now has a facebook page, set up by Dawn Odgers and friends. Thank you, Dawn! It has already shown weddings in the past, our school's wonderful OFSTED report and our rush-bearing, not to mention bobble hats. <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-111894550353183/> should find it, or search for Newchurch St. Mary.

To be more serious, it also has details of church services and special events. It would be lovely to have people sharing it and becoming our "friend." We hope it is a modern, safe, mobile, cost effective, efficient and fun way of conveying information. Please pass on details to anyone who might be interested.

Gin Crewe

P.S. St. Thomas, Barrowford, our sister church, also has a facebook page- there are two old ones we can't take down but the one now in use is <https://www.facebook.com/StThomasChurchbarrowford2018/> Look out for the 2018, the year it was set up.

## Pendle Forest History Group

Wednesday 18th March at 7.30pm  
in Barley Village Hall

Presentation by  
Peter Del Strother

## Geologists Travels in China

Members £2, Visitors £3

[joan@spenbrook.co.uk](mailto:joan@spenbrook.co.uk) or

## Barley Chapel

Our family friendly Sunday Service is at 10.30am  
Refreshments afterwards and Sunday School for  
younger members.

Monday fortnightly Bible Study Sally Wilshaw  
617978

Tuesday Table Tennis Jnrs 6.30 pm Snrs 7.30pm  
Ian Bennett 543616

Thursday FOG club 6.30 to 7.45pm

Angie Hargreaves 605090

Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165



## Newchurch St. Mary's Church of England Primary Academy

Our New Year started with a real bang when we received our much awaited phone call from Ofsted. Although a very stressful couple of days, our children behaved impeccably throughout and really showed the school off to its best. We are really pleased to say that we received a positive result of 'Good with Outstanding features'. Well done to all the team and everyone who contributes to making our school so fantastic.

The Fire Service visited school to talk to the children about fire safety. This talk provided lots of information for the children to take away and implement in their day to day lives.

Kinetic Theatre were also in school to put on a very exciting performance of 'The Light Fantastic'.

St Mary's was lucky to receive some snow last week. Our reception children wasted no time in making the most of it and getting out for a lovely walk.



Our Year 5 and 6 children have packed their bags and left for Low Mill this week. They will be taking part in lots of team building activities and no doubt having a really great time! School is extremely quite without them all.

Reverend Julie will be leading an Ash Wednesday service in school on 26<sup>th</sup> February, starting at 2:30pm. All welcome.

Best Wishes

Pauline Nightingale

## Roughlee CE School

It's official Roughlee is an 'EXCELLENT' School! Mrs Woodcock, who is an independent SIAMS Inspector, visited school on the 6<sup>th</sup> February and we are pleased to announce that following a thorough and robust inspection she judged Roughlee to be 'Excellent' – which replaces the old out-of-date 'Outstanding' judgement. School is extremely pleased with this external validation of what our children are fortunate to experience and have access to here at Roughlee. We firmly believe that Together Everyone Achieves More and would therefore like to thank all the staff, Governors, parents/families and most importantly the children for all their support and hard work in making Roughlee the unique and 'Excellent' school it is. We are incredibly proud of every single member of our school family, well done! We are also very proud to be the first school in Pendle to be judged 'Excellent' by SIAMS. *\*A copy of the inspection report is available on our school website.\**

Over recent years Roughlee has enjoyed results (placing us in the top 20% of schools nationally), a very positive Ofsted inspection, we have been oversubscribed year on year and have been able to refurbish and redecorate the whole school including the installation of a staffroom, purpose built conference suite/library and our outside worship area. The children have taken ownership of redesigning our new school uniform and renovating our school playground. Our children benefit from having a new reading scheme throughout school and having access to their own individual ipad or laptop.

If you would like to see what it is like to be a child at Roughlee or are interested in joining our Roughlee family please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lord (01282 613613) to arrange a viewing of our school at a time which is most convenient for you.

Mark Elliott

# Parish Contacts

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the

## Barley with Wheatley Booth [www.barleyparish.uk](http://www.barleyparish.uk) [www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk)

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

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Parish Council Clerk	Leona Commons-Wicks		
BVH Secretary	Sue Burnett		07971371602

## Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook) [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

Council meetings are held at 7pm in St. Mary's School on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.

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

Council meetings are held at 7pm in Roughlee Village Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

Parish Council Chairman	Andrew Walker	07808 003035	<a href="mailto:ajwplanning@hotmail.com">ajwplanning@hotmail.com</a>
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## MP & Councillors

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.

Worship is held every Sunday at 9.30am

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

2nd & 4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book with hymns and sermon

5th Sunday (when applicable) Morning Prayer

## **MESSY CHURCH**

will be on 24th March at  
Barley Village Hall  
from 3.30 to 5.  
all welcome

## **MARCH SERVICES**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Communion Service

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion Service

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Communion Service

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30am Mothering Sunday Communion Service

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30am Morning Prayer

[WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK](http://WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK)

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