

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

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St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

In theory this edition of the magazine would have contained an Easter message with details of the extra services to be held at St Mary's Church but as Bishop Julian has said in his recent letter 'Our way of gathering may need to change for a season and that is right because it is done with the most vulnerable in mind.'

During Holy Week normally churches across the land would gather on the Thursday evening to remember Jesus' meal with his disciples where he took the role of a servant and washed their feet. (John 13:4-20) In services throughout the country people would meet and symbolically show their service to each other by washing feet. Due to the coronavirus there will be no foot washing and indeed no public acts of worship this year.

But as the Archbishop's of York and Canterbury have said this does not mean that the Church of England has shut up shop. As they said, 'Our life is going to be less characterised by attendance at church on Sunday and more characterised by the prayer and service we offer each day'.

In John 13: 34 -35 Jesus says, 'And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples'.

Now more than ever it is the time for us to put this commandment into action remembering the wise words of Archbishop Temple that the church is the one organisation that exists for the benefits of its 'non-members'.

Whilst observing the restrictions we will endeavour to open St Mary's Church for private prayer when we can.

If you have access to the internet do please make use of the resources below where you will find ways to pray and worship online and in the home and if not feel free to contact me and we will do our best to provide you with resources to pray and worship at home.

www.churchofengland.org

www.biblesociety.org.uk

www.tearfund.org

Prayers for when you can't get to church

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'.

Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.

Hear my prayers for others and for myself,

and keep me in your care. Amen.

Short passages of Scripture for reading and contemplation

Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation

Psalm 46 Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 91 He shall cover you with his wings

Psalm 139 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me

Isaiah 43 (vv.1-7) Do not fear, for I am with you

John 14 Do not let your hearts be troubled

God Bless

Revd Julie

Barley

The response to Coronavirus is constantly changing. The most recent government advice asks us to self-isolate for 14 days if you or a member of your family, who live with you, have a new continuous cough OR a high temperature (37.8 degrees or higher). Avoid non-essential contact and work from home if it's possible.

These actions will help protect others in the community whilst there is a risk of infectious. Rather than relying on social media, for up to date reliable information and advice visit the gov.uk websites dedicated pages. This is a worrying time and the coming weeks are going to be very disruptive. We all must pull together during this time and don't be afraid of asking for help if you need it from a neighbour, friend or contact the Parish Council for assistance.

In recent weeks The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP gave us his first budget as Chancellor. Seen as a positive investment budget we see more than £600bn investment being spent on transport, infrastructure and housing. £5bn of this fund has been allocated to renewed efforts of bringing broadband to rural communities as well as £2.5bn being made available to fix potholes and resurface roads in England over the next 5 years. Some good news for people living in rural communities, who have to rely on their car, is that fuel duty has been frozen for the 10th consecutive year.

Although given approval approximately 12 months ago we still wait for the installation of road lines in the village. We realise that the weather has been against us in recent months but be assured the Parish Council are putting constant pressure on LCC to complete these works as a matter of urgency.

We have submitted our application for this year's Best Kept Village Competition and ask that if there is any group, business or person who would like to get involved and take on responsibility or sponsor some work please contact a member of the Parish Council. We already have 4 volunteers and could do with a few more.

A planning application for the renovation of the derelict Mankowles farm building on Barley Hill has been approved after the third submission. The Council had objected to the previous applications because the design was not in keeping with the AONB but we were pleased to eventually see design features conditioned in to the application. We look forward to witnessing this fine building, overlooking the village, being restored.

If you get chance to look at the Facebook Barley Residents website, there are links to a video called "Old Pendle" which was made in 1974 by John Rickard, a Burnley based film-maker whose work captured evocative memories of the area. Well worth watching.

It is with sadness that I report the passing of Eddie Ayres of Windy Harbour Farm.

Our condolences go to his wife Jean, son Gareth and the rest of the family.

Rita Seymour

Barley Chapel

No services at the moment

Barley chapel are collecting items for the food bank. This is to help needy families in the Pendle area who do not have enough to eat. Items can be left in the front porch at Barley chapel.

We need non perishable food items such as Tins of soup , beans, fish, etc Dried Pasta Biscuits and toiletries

Prayer requests can be made by phoning Angie on

Barley Village Hall

I am very sorry to say that Barley Village Hall is closed for the time being but hope if we all continue with Government instructions we will conquer this virus.

Pendle Forest History Group

Meetings have been cancelled for the present but as the BBC used to say "Normal service will be resumed as soon as possible."

joan@spenbrook.co.uk or
wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

The Parish Council has secured a grant from Barrowford and Western to purchase two defibrillators and protective covers, these will be situated in Sabden Fold and Spenbrook. Thank you to the residents who have agreed to have these sited on their properties. Thank you also to John Riley who has agreed to help with the installation.

The new Parish website has been redesigned by Councillor Cronshaw and is due to be launched shortly, it provides news and information relating to the three villages within the Parish.

Planning application (20/0119/PIP) to build four properties at the side and rear of Osborne Terrace was discussed at our last council meeting. All objections have been noted from residents and council members and these have now been forwarded to Pendle Borough Council. Details of the application can be found on the Pendle Planning website using the planning application number.

The gardener has been commissioned to create a rockery garden behind the bus stop and bench in Spenbrook.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem throughout the villages. The Parish Council has applied to Pendle Borough Council to affix several dog fouling notices throughout the area.

Blocked gullies continue to cause problems and the council has again requested for Lancashire County Council to deal with them. This is an ongoing issue.

In light of the current Coronavirus situation it has been necessary to cancel the tree planting, BKV Competition, Annual Parish Meeting and Council Meetings to avoid any group contact. The 500+ saplings which have been obtained through the Woodlands Trust and Burnley Football Club in the Community will now be planted by council members in their own time.

Could I ask all members of the Parish during this current Coronavirus situation to be mindful of their neighbours especially the vulnerable and elderly and where possible please provide any help and support that may be required.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy Easter. Bob Donovan

St. Mary's Church of England Academy

Years 5 and 6 had a thoroughly great time at Low Mill Outdoor Activity Centre. Due to the weather, the trip was definitely character building - we zip wired through a hail storm, abseiled in snow and gorge walked in beautiful sunshine and those are just a few of the wonderful activities we did during the week. The food was also fabulous and I am sure Mrs Taylor and I came back to school a good few heavier! Thank you to all the staff at Low Mill for an amazing week.

The whole school enjoyed a visit from their Worships the Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle, Councillors Ken Hartley and Jayne Mills. We learned lots of interesting facts about the Mayoral chain, mace and other insignia. The children were fascinated to learn that in the past the mace had been used to protect the Mayor and Mayoress. Everyone at school was dazzled by the 4 carat Birtwhistle Diamond, this diamond was donated by Mr Peter Birtwhistle and is the centrepiece of one of the chains worn by the Mayoress. The chain is only worn by the Mayoress whilst she is conducting civil duties in Colne.

Our KS2 children had luck on their side regarding the weather for their day at Twiston Beck. They worked alongside Alison and Helen from Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership and Rob and Ryan from the Ribble Rivers Trust planting saplings and learning all about flood prevention. They also had great fun identifying species of trees from leaves and buds. We are very much looking forward to working with Alison again on school projects.

We held our first Rotakids event on 28th February - DRESS ODD DAY. We had lots of fun dressing oddly for school, even the children's parents joined in when they came to Celebration assembly. All the money raised will go towards new kitchen utensils for the Samaritan School in Uganda.

For World Book Day children brought into school their favourite book, teddy and/or cuddle blanket. Each class did different fun activities in the afternoon - in KS1 they went into the woods to listen to their favourite stories being read by Mr Whittaker. Our cook, Mrs Macfarlene's favourite children's story is Room on the Broom, so she prepared a themed lunch of chicken wraps/assorted sandwiches and chips - delicious!

All our pupils have benefited from professional netball coaching this term. The sessions have been provided by the Pendle Sports Partnership. Sadly, due to the Coronavirus19 all after school sporting activities have been postponed.

Best wishes, Mrs P Nightingale

(For dates when school will reopen please see the school website <https://stmarysnewchurch.co.uk/>)

Roughlee Parish Council

I had intended that this news would have been full of announcements relating to our Spring programme of events. Coronavirus has now changed everything and the timing of future events is quite uncertain. This News is being written against a backdrop of rapidly changing Government advice but the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation and to keep villagers informed via the website.

As the virus situation began to worsen it was decided to close the Village Centre to all events. Whilst this caused some concerns our overriding consideration was to protect vulnerable users, particularly the elderly who attend the weekly luncheon club. Subsequent events have, I think, justified the decision but the ongoing uncertainty is recognised.

The key events which are affected are the Parish Council Meetings on 6th April and 4th May, the VE day celebrations on 8th May and the Annual Parish Gathering on 1st June. If things improve and the events can be reintroduced or alternative dates found we will announce this in goodtime. Please keep an eye on the website. At the moment it is our intention that the formal business of the Parish will continue, if necessary electronically, so items of business can be referred to the Clerk whose contact details are on the back of the News.

Another casualty is the Annual Spring Clean which should have been held at the end of March. This has now been rearranged for September, details later. Also under threat is the Bay Horse pub which is so highly regarded by residents. At the time writing the pub is still open but it will need a great deal of support by all as things improve.

Clearly the next few weeks and months are going to be very difficult particularly for or older and more vulnerable residents. Whilst I am confident that neighbours will look out for each other the Parish Council will be looking at how we can help. The most obvious means is the website which we will use to keep you informed of local issues. For those of you who do not have easy access to the internet but have things requiring local help please contact the Clerk, Chairman or members of the Parish Council. Again contact details are on the back page of this News.

Finally may I wish you all good health and happiness. Let's hope that the virus gives Roughlee a wide berth. And remember, Spring will soon be here.

Andrew Walker

The 100 club

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

- Lisa Forrester with number 83, winning £25
- Hailey Hermansen with number 69, winning £20
- Douglas Bull with number 84, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are some numbers still 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.

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.

Roughlee CE School

The renovations and resurfacing of our entire school playground are finally complete. The project included the installation of a purpose built football pitch, completely resurfacing all our outdoor surfaces with a new anti-slip flooring and the installation of new playground markings, which the children designed. Staff, children and parents alike are very impressed with the new playground, which is indicative of our commitment and determination to continually refine and improve our teaching & learning provisions.

Our Rotakids organised a sponsored Mile-a-Day event, as part of our Sports Relief celebrations, which raised over £380.00 plus donations of toiletries for the Pendle SafeSpace homeless charity. It is so pleasing to see our children take ownership of their school; organising events for the benefit of others – this truly is our Christian community in action.

School celebrated World Book Day, with the children dressing up as their favourite book character and participating in various reading activities. Some children also attended school in their pyjamas, linking to our focus on the detrimental affect using an electronic device (ipad, mobile phone, etc) before bed can have upon your sleep and mental wellbeing.

The PAIS Team have delivered wonderful and inspiring worships in school linked to our focused value on 'Forgiveness'. Bible students from Cape 'n' Rae have also led a practical act of worship linking to the Easter story, which the children thoroughly enjoyed.

Our Year 6 Confirmation classes with Reverend Julie have begun. I'm certain your thoughts and prayers will be with these children as they affirm their faith in God and deepen their relationship with Jesus. If you would like any information about confirmation or baptism please do not hesitate to contact school or Reverend Julie.

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 Headteacher

(For dates when school will reopen please see the school website <https://www.roughlee.lancs.sch.uk/>)

Pendle People

We are sad to report the passing of Mrs Margery Williamson, a member of St. Mary's Church for many years. Margery could turn her hand to all kinds of tasks, office work, gardening, cooking, knitting, just to name a few. She will be sadly missed, our sincere sympathy and condolences to Ronnie and all the family.

Also

the passing of Mrs Isobel Lacey who lived at Whitehough Grange in the last decade of the 1990. She and her family were keen members of St. Mary's, our sincere sympathy to all her family members.

Also

the passing of Eddie Ayres of Windy Harbour Farm. Our condolences go to his wife Jean, son Gareth and the rest of the family.

Editor' Note

Please be aware that some information in this magazine may not be accurate due to the rapidly changing situation.

For example the Base Horse will now be closed.

I have, however, tried to make it as accurate as possible.

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 www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk

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

Parish Council Chairman	Derek Heap	692264	derekheap1@googlemail.com
Parish Council Clerk	Leona Commons-Wicks		
BVH Secretary	Sue Burnett		07971371602

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

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

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Council Clerk	Jennifer Sutcliffe		clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

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

Parish Council Chairman	Andrew Walker	07808 003035	ajwplanning@hotmail.com
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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 cancelled until further notice

Church will be open, when possible, for private prayer

Please contact your neighbours especially the over 70s to offer help and support.
We will keep the printed magazine going for as long as possible.

Keeping in contact via the internet or mobile phone.

The following websites will be updated regularly with information and advice:

barleyparish.uk

goldshawbooth.org.uk

roughlee.org.uk

www.stmarysnewchurchinpendle.org.uk

www.facebook.com/St-Marys-Church-Newchurch-in-Pendle-111894550353183

(or open Facebook and search for Newchurch St. Mary)

If you have a good idea that you are using to help people then please email

spenrail@gmail.com

with your idea and I will arrange for it to be uploaded on whichever website would be best.

Keeping in contact by phone

If you need help, support or you are lonely
then please choose one of the people on the Parish Contacts page of the website
and give them a ring.

You never know they may need someone to talk to as well!

Keeping in contact by email

Prayer requests to spenrail@gmail.com

I have most of our emails but if I don't have yours and you want to be included in any
messages please email me at spenrail@gmail.com.

John Parsons

01282 699580

WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

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