

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

May 2021



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Curate's Chat

When I was a child, one of the treats every Christmas was to tear off the wrapping paper and to find inside it the latest edition of the Guinness Book of Records. There was endless fascination in finding out what was considered the largest, smallest, fastest, heaviest, longest, highest, hottest, oldest, deepest – indeed, what was the most-est - of almost everything. If only I still had all those volumes, they'd be worth a small fortune. But unfortunately, only the 1967 edition remains on my bookshelves.

When I compare it with the 2021 edition of Guinness World Records, a lot has changed. For example, the best-selling work of fiction is no longer be "Peyton Place" (yes, really!) with close to 10 million copies sold by 1965; it's the Harry Potter books, which have now sold more than 500 million copies.

But one thing that would remain unchanged 54 years on would be the bestseller of all bestsellers: the Bible. Five billion copies sold and distributed, easily knocking Chairman Mao's "Little Red Book" into second place (despite some creative accounting on the part of the Chinese Communist Party). Back then you'd also find the Bible listed as the oldest mechanically printed book (the so-called Gutenberg Bible) and the most valuable (one of the three surviving Gutenberg Bibles), and an extract from it (the Lord's Prayer) listed as the smallest book printed in movable type at just 0.44 of a square inch!

But it's not just records that have been influenced by the Bible. Irrespective of whether you consider yourself a Christian, the Bible permeates the way we think, the language we use, the things we say, our legal system and our morality.

Yet the people who wrote the various books of the Bible didn't know they were contributing to something called "the Bible". Indeed, it didn't take on anything like its current form and shape until hundreds of years after the last of its books had been written.

The development of the Bible – what it is and how it came to be written – is an endlessly fascinating story. We're going to be exploring its history and how it continues to affect us in a series of eight 60-minute sessions, starting on Tuesday 27th April and running across May. So, whether you know a fair amount or absolutely nothing about it, why not join us on Zoom? Log-in details from saintmaryandthomas@gmail.com or by ringing/texting Rev David on 0778 653 4050.

This month also sees the annual Wave of Prayer, that is "Thy Kingdom Come". Started by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York as recently as 2016, it has rapidly become a global phenomenon, last year involving Christians from over 80 denominations and traditions in 172 countries worldwide. Over the ten days between Ascension Day (Thursday 13th) and Pentecost (Sunday 23rd May), Christians pray together "Come Hoy Spirit", that friends and family, neighbours and colleagues might come to faith in Jesus Christ.

There are lots of events locally, so do please come along to one and find out more about the Good News. God bless.

Rev David

Barley

On 12th April we began Step 2 of the governments four step plan to ease lockdown which could lead to a return to some form of normality returning by 21 June providing tests related to vaccination progress, infection rates and new coronavirus variants are met. We have seen the opening of non-essential retail; personal care premises such as hairdressers and nail salons; public buildings, including libraries and community centres and indoor leisure facilities such as gyms re-open.

In Barley we have seen the Pendle Inn and Barley Mow re-open to serve people on their premises, albeit out-doors only, and many of us are no doubt delighted to catch up with our friends and acquaintances in these places. You will probably have seen gazebos and bench seating expand outside these premises to provide a welcoming and weather proof setting for those soul's hardy enough to sit and drink outside in April.

The government has extended laws allowing pubs, bars, restaurants and cafes to use their existing car parks and terraces as outdoor drinking and dining areas and these arrangements are expected to continue through the summer. The government's intentions are commendable in giving a helping hand to businesses to get back on their feet and their staff back to work safely and the PC supports these initiatives. We are all aware this will impact on the parking issues faced by residents living in the village centre and we are hoping a neighbourly approach by residents and businesses can ease the difficult situations that will develop when the weather is good.

On the wider parking issues, following lobbying from the PC the County Council has agreed to send parking enforcement officers to the area to deal with those inconsiderate people who ignore the parking restrictions. Parking penalty charge notices were issued on 10th April on Barley Lane, certainly the first in recent history in Barley if not the first ever.

As reported previously, the management of the car park payment arrangements will soon be taken over by a company who will use number plate recognition technology to determine parking charges to visitors. There will be free parking for 30 mins to allow visits to the toilets and the Cabin, £1.50 for 30mins to 3 Hours parking and £3 for parking in excess of 3 hours. We have been charging a voluntary £1 for around 15 years and the new tariffs reflects charges at similar tourist locations in the north west.

I am sure the whole village will want to join the Council in **thanking Frank Wilkinson** for his commitment to keeping the village tidy for us for so many years as he now steps down as our "lengths-man" he has done the routine repairs around the village and the general tidying of the area, be it litter or leaves and keeping our drains running. In recent weeks he has excelled in removing the "take-away" debris around the car park and green. Thanks Frank, job well done, and our best wishes for the future.

Derek Heap

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

GBPC shares the sense of relief felt across the country in response to the loosening of pandemic restrictions and is glad to have resumed meeting. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 11 May 2021 and will be preceded by an Annual Parish Meeting at 6.30pm, to which all residents are invited.

There are currently a number of vacancies on the Parish Council, for Councillors and a Clerk, and we would urge anyone who is interested in joining to speak to one of the existing Councillors or come along to the next meeting.

We are delighted to be entering this year's Best Kept Village Competition in June/July and encourage all local residents show their community spirit by playing their part to spruce up the villages to their full potential.

Finally, GBPC would like to offer thanks and gratitude to Bob Donovan who is standing down as Chair at the end of April, for his years of service to the Parish.

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

- Mary Slinger with number 68 winning £40
- Laura Marshall with number 22 winning £25
- Douglas Bull with number 84 winning £15
- Ruth Nutter with number 66 winning £10
- Steph Grundy with number 10 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

Pendle Forest History Group

To watch the talk by Brian Jeffrey please use this link:

www.roughlee.org.uk/mills

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

Barley Chapel

Angie Hargreaves 605090
Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

Roughlee Parish Council

After the non-stop rain of February and March the start of Spring has delivered warm sunny days and very cold nights but, also, a total lack of rain. Not ideal conditions for the garden but good for heavy work and more general preparation. This is peak nesting time for our local birds with the ducks, coots and nuthatch, amongst others, being particularly busy. It will be interesting to see if the Goosanders will return to last year's tree nest.

Regrettably inconsiderate human intervention has damaged our local environment to the detriment of many birds. Those of you who use the riverside footpath from Roughlee to Whitehough will have enjoyed the ducks, coots and kingfishers which frequent the former mill lodge at Thorneyholme. Contrary to advice in the Countryside Code a pair of walkers recently let their dog loose in the field next to the lodge which resulted in the ducks being dispersed and one being killed. Apparently not in the least concerned the two walkers continued on their way with no attempt to control their dog. Very sad.

The other matter of concern relates to the site of the two new houses which are being built adjacent to the river off Blacko Bar Road. This development was approved on appeal but subject to conditions designed to limit the environmental damage. One condition in particular sought to protect the existing hedgerow fronting the river. The hedge is of particular importance as a landscape feature and for nesting birds. Unfortunately and without first obtaining consent from the Borough Planners the developer had damaged and removed a substantial length of the hedge. Not only is this against the planning permission it also contravenes national regulations which prohibit works to countryside hedges

between 1st March and 31st August. The reason for the restriction is to prevent interference with nesting birds. In this case the developer has chosen to ignore the environmental impact. This is particularly disappointing because the applicant was at great pains to extoll the environmental credentials of this scheme when making the original application. A worrying situation given the prominence of the development in our local landscape.

As previously announced the Best Kept Village Competition will be held later this year and the village FORA group have arranged for litter picking and a programme of works relating to the planted areas and street furniture. Thanks to the volunteers to undertake these tasks and particularly to Nigel for the organisation.

Finally on a positive note the Bay Horse is now open for outdoor service. Take advantage of the sunshine and enjoy a pint. (I hope I don't sound too much like Boris when I say this!). Best wishes, Andrew Walker



Can you make use of a compost bin?
Mine needs a new home.
ring 01282 699580 or email:
john@spenbrook.co.uk

New home needed for my mower.
Working order
240v cable
Bosch Rotor blade mower
The blue tape is a repair to the plastic clip that holds the bar on the frame, but no detriment to it working.

If you are interested please ring 01282 699580
or email john@spenbrook.co.uk

A donation to church funds would be appreciated.

Thanks



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

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

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

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

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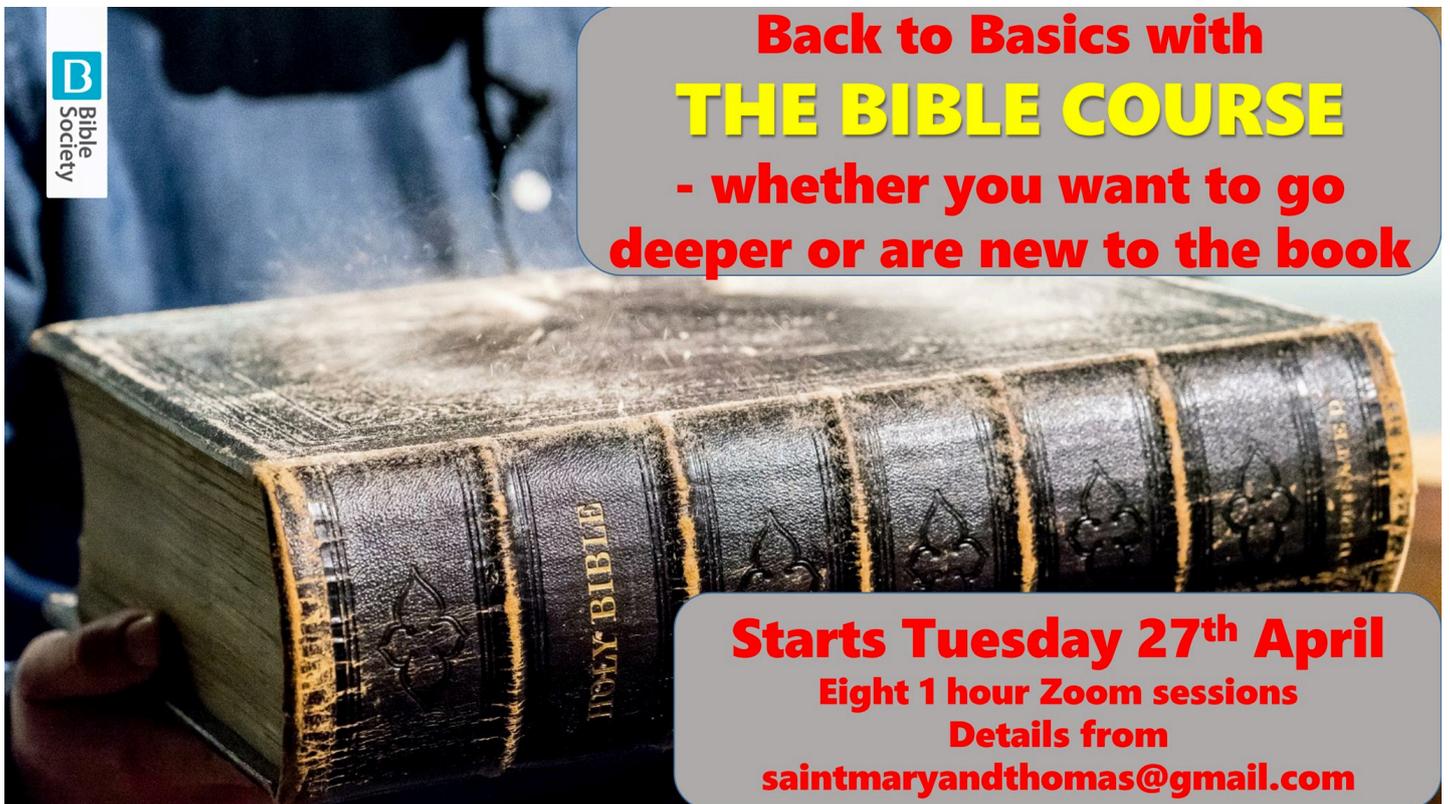
Our Parish Church exists to be the people of God, through faith in Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit , worshipping Him, making disciples and serving others.

For information about services at St. Mary's please follow this link:

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

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saintmaryandthomas@gmail.com



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