

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

June 2020

PLEASE STAY SAFE OUTDOORS

NOTE THAT MOST BUSINESSES & PUBLIC TOILETS REMAIN CLOSED

Follow the countryside code and exercise within your limits

Avoid busy areas to make social distancing possible

**Close gates, stick to paths, keep dogs on leads
& take your litter home**

If you can, journey on foot or bike

**Whilst walking, please keep a safe distance from homes,
schools and farms to protect those self-isolating**

**Stay 2m apart & do not meet more than one other
person from outside your household**

Be kind and respect one another - whether visitor or local

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St. Mary's Church
Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

June is traditionally one of the times for ordinations to take place. This year sadly the ordination service on 27th June has been postponed till September at the earliest. On the 28th June we were to have had a joint service in St Thomas' Church Barrowford followed by a party to welcome our Curate David Hargreaves.

It's a long time since the parishes of Newchurch in Pendle and Barrowford have had a Curate and some people were unsure of what a Curate is.

A Curate is not an 'extra pair of hands' nor are they 'the Vicar's helper'! The life of a curate begins to change in ways which are unexpected - sometimes a little daunting - always challenging - and which require a lot of adaptation, not least in personal outlook and how faith is understood.

The word itself is from mediaeval Latin *curatus* one having a charge. Originally this referred to a clergyman been given the 'cure' of a parish (so technically I am still a Curate!!!) but is now given to those in the first years of their ordained ministry.

The 'cure' from the Latin *cura*, to care is a spiritual charge often referred to as the 'cure of souls'. Vicars like myself are said to have the cure of souls in our parishes which in simple terms means we care for the people who live there regardless of whether that person comes to church.

This is often done by officiating at important milestones in life such as birth, marriage and death all of which has been affected by the pandemic. One thing which has not been affected is the act of praying for the people within the parishes I am responsible for. I do this every day sometimes by name and sometimes in more general terms.

Prayer can be difficult especially in times of distress but it is also a source of comfort even when we don't get the answers we hoped for. Prayer reminds me that I am not in control of this world God is and that can be hard to understand when people are suffering as a result of the virus.

The after effects of the virus may mean that church life will be different for a long time and the church as a whole will need to reflect deeply on how to proceed in the future as we seek how to best serve the people in our parishes.

For ourselves as a receiving parish of a Curate (albeit delayed), we are presented with an opportunity to learn, not just about ordained ministry, but a great deal about the ministry and life of the whole Church. This is because Christian faith is embodied in the life of those who are ordained, and the language frequently heard around the life of the newly ordained and every subsequent appointment, crystalizes what we all say but often overlook or take for granted.

The Covid-19 pandemic has caused our churches to be closed and offered the opportunity to reflect deeply on how to continue worshipping when we can not gather in the same building. We have found social media to be useful but also used telephones to actually call people and written letters because we worship God not only in our services but in our service to the communities in which we live and work.

One of the things we learn on our journey of faith is patience. God's timing is not the same as ours.

We will be welcoming David in early July but not yet as an ordained minister (he will be licensed as a lay minister) and the first few months of his ministry will be very different to what we had planned.

One thing that I hope that will not change is the welcome he will receive. I remember well the warm welcome I received in October 2017. We may have to welcome David from a 2m distance but I pray that the community will support him as he takes on this new role.

God Bless

Julie

Barley

Since the last newsletter we continue in a sort of lockdown with schools, shops and many businesses closed and our opportunities to socialise and travel restricted. Washing hands following any outside of the home contact and the 2m social distancing has been the normal for the vast majority except those who think they cannot catch CV19. Things changed a little on the 10th May when the Prime Minister announced an easing of some of the lockdown restrictions including allowing a little more socialising within families outside of the home and the lifting of travel restrictions allowing people to travel further including to exercise in the countryside. The message from the PM was not as clear as we hoped but I think a consensus understanding is now out there.

This led to the Parish Council holding its first “virtual” meeting on the 14th May with full attendance; a historic meeting. From our own front rooms when we held discussions using the “Zoom” video screen sharing and audio platform. At the meeting the Council agreed to open the car park the following day but to keep the toilets closed until we felt we could comply with CV19 regulations; these decisions will continue to be reviewed. We also decided to continue to try and shield our most vulnerable residents in the village centre. We agreed to post polite and respectful notices to encourage visitors to park outside the village centre and to “touch as little as possible” within our residential areas.

Signs erected around the Pendle side villages since the lockdown have been a talking point. Painted on boards with blunt or crude messages they have polarised views and I have seen some of the criticism of our community on numerous social media sites over the last month. You will no doubt have your own views but I am sure they were placed with the best of intentions and maybe they played a role. What we know is that the vast majority from Burnley and surrounding areas, where many key workers live, fully respected the lock down with very few visitors to Barley and well done to them. Those signs have now had their day and have rightly been taken down.

The Council’s grant application to the Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund which, if successful, would have helped us finish the car park, upgrade elements of the toilet block and drain the village green was not successful. Most disappointing but we will have to

plough ahead with scaled down plans using our own funds.

The Best Kept Village competition has been cancelled this year due to CV19.

On a brighter note the weather has been good and Boris also let the waste disposal and garden centres open – how very British. The chapel has been running a food bank collection helping those in need (contribute if you can) – a big well done. And at the time of writing, the Cabin has opened and the Pendle Inn has announced it is opening if only as a take-away. Now that is a step in the right direction. Finally, my lockdown birthday passed me by but I know Rod Statham right enjoyed his LXX birthday and leaving his sexagenarian years behind him. Best Wishes Rod.

Stay safe everyone.

Derek Heap

Barley Chapel

Can you help
by donating items for the food
bank?

Items for the food bank can be
left in the front porch of Barley
Chapel.

The door is open.

Any non perishable food items
and toiletries would be welcome.

Angie Hargreaves 605090
Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

Roughlee CE School

Our thoughts and prayers are with all our families and friends during this very difficult period. Roughlee CE Primary School has remained open throughout the partial school closures, providing vital support and school provision for our 'Vulnerable' children and those of 'COVID-19 Critical Workers'. In addition to this we have provided both structured and relevant home learning provisions for all our children. It has been wonderful receiving regular updates and photographs from our families of what their children have been doing, which are available to view on school website - www.roughlee.lancs.sch.uk. As a school we celebrated Holy Week, with school providing all children with specific booklets and activities. The children had great fun participating within our annual Easter Bonnet & Garden competition from home, creating beautiful and very imaginative entries. The standard of bonnets and gardens this year was so high we awarded a record number of prizes – well done to everyone who participated. Thank you to all our parents who have been so supportive of not only their children but school as well, this is greatly appreciated by the staff who are continually going above and beyond.

The children who have been attending school shared a very special and powerful Remembrance assembly, observing the one minute silence for all our 'COVID-19 Key Workers' who have sadly died. The children's maturity, understanding and respect for all those people who are courageously putting others first (as Jesus has taught us) is admirable.

The children have selected their own rocks from the river and (after cleaning & sterilising the rocks) decorated them with a design to acknowledge and celebrate all our 'COVID-19 Key Workers' – photographs of these remarkable rocks are proudly on display on our school website - www.roughlee.lancs.sch.uk/stream/news/full/1/

As school remained open on Bank Holiday, the children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating VE day and made a wide range of related flags, bunting and Spitfire planes. Well done to Beau, who was the overall winner of our Spitfire flying competition. Our celebrations concluded with a traditional street party.

Throughout the partial school closure we have made regular telephone contact with all our families, providing vital support and reassurance. As you will be aware the Government has announced that schools will be reopening for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children from 1st June 2020. In accordance with all the Government's subsequent guidance and that from

the Local Authority we have conducted a thorough risk assessment, which is available on our school website, and have implemented a wide range of preventative measures to minimise the associated risks. As a school we have consistently provided our families with up-to-date information and we would like to take this opportunity to again thank them for their overwhelming support. We are looking forward to welcoming our children back to Roughlee when it is safe to do so – school simply is not the same without you!

If you are interested in our school or joining our Roughlee family please do not hesitate to contact Miss Lord - 01282 613613.

Mark Elliott

Headteacher

St. Mary's Primary Academy

As with everybody, our pupils, parents, staff and governors have all had to adjust to a new way of living our lives during the pandemic. I would just like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to everyone in our school community who are playing their part in ensuring that our pupils continue to have access to quality learning opportunities during lockdown.

Our teaching staff have been amazing in the way they have adapted their teaching of the curriculum and dealt with queries and concerns of both pupils and parents. The enthusiasm of our children for home learning has been wonderful if not a bit of a surprise! I do believe that the children's parents have played a massive role in nurturing this enthusiasm, as well as investing a lot of time and effort into maintaining excellent homeschooling routines. The benefits of which will be rewarded upon our return to school. Please look on our Facebook page for evidence of the fun learning that has been taking place.

The support of Cidari Multi Academy Trust has benefited the school enormously during this difficult period. The CEO, Mr Peter Ashworth, has assured leaders and teachers that schools within the Trust will not reopen until measures are in place to ensure the safety of pupils and staff.

Of course we are missing everybody - the smiles and jokes that we share as well as the support and learning that takes place, but hopefully if all goes well, we may be welcoming some pupils back to school in June. Until then please take care and STAY ALERT

Thank you,

Mrs P Nightingale.

Roughlee Parish Council

At the time of writing the Government guidelines relating to access to the countryside have recently been relaxed. One result has been the welcomed reopening of local car parks including the major car park in Barley. Early indications are that things are going well with visitors and local people following the social distance rules. The three local Parish Councils have agreed a revised code of practice prepared by the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership and this has been published on the village websites and on Facebook. This code should allow all to enjoy the countryside safely.

Although some restrictions have been eased many are still in place and the impact on local businesses is increasingly worrying and in particular the Bay Horse and local B&B's. I am sure that we are all looking forward to sharing hospitality with our friends.

Amongst the casualties is the cancellation of this year's Best Kept Village Competition. Whilst this removes the focus for keeping our village in pristine condition the Parish Council will continue to support improvements and planting schemes where we can. We would also ask villagers to do their bit by picking up litter and keeping the area clean.

As a new venture the Parish Council held two virtual meetings using Zoom on the 4th of May. Not only were we able to see members of the Council we were also able to welcome members of the public. Although only one visitor "attended" the system worked well and will be useful until more normal times return. The agendas and minutes are available in the usual way so democracy is preserved! One of the meetings was the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which we are obliged to hold annually to receive the accounts and elect officers for the coming year. Andrew Walker was elected Chairman and Collin Williams the Vice-Chairman.

The closure of the Village Centre has meant that our normal round of events has been lost including the annual plant sale which raises money for charity. Making full use of the new village greenhouse Ian Mortimer and Mary Reed arranged to grow a healthy supply of plants which were offered for sale on the village website. Amazingly the whole stock was sold within two hours and raised some £1025 which will go to the Pendleside Hospice. A great effort which shows what can be done in difficult times.

Finally I wish you all good health. No doubt we are all struggling to a greater or lesser degree but we will keep plodding on and, remember, the Parish Council is here to help in whatever way we can.

Andrew Walker

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

The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for April.

Winners were:-

- Sharon Barnes with number 67, winning £25
- Marilyn Clarkson with number 70, winning £20
- Karen Hatfield with number 58, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are now 9 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.

Dave Groombridge

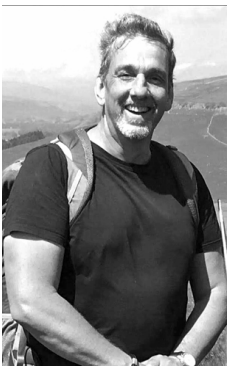
David sadly passed away at home on Wednesday 8th April 2020 aged 56 years. He was a loving husband to Rachael for 31 years and a proud father of Agatha.

David was a loyal police officer who followed his father, Brian and his older brother, Michael, into the police. He joined Sussex Police in 1981 before 'emigrating', with Rachael, to Lancashire in 1989. Dave proceeded to rise through the ranks from police constable, to detective sergeant and then detective inspector in CID until his retirement.

His very first role as nighttime DS saw him faced with the first wave of the Burnley Riots. A moment in history that remains etched in the minds of his family. It could only happen to Dave; first night in a new role and the town erupts! He appeared regularly on local and national TV or radio and even once appeared on BBC Crimewatch. During his career Dave received 6 Commendations.

As well fulfilling his policing duties he was instrumental in setting up the Pendle Street Pastors. This amazing group of volunteers braved the nighttime streets of Pendle to offer solace and safety to those in need over several years.

After his retirement Dave was drawn back to work for Lancashire Constabulary. He worked in a civilian capacity, leading a team of similarly retired officers in investigating a variety of cases that enjoyed an outstanding success rate. He always sought to do 'what was right' and had a great sense of what was 'just' and 'fair' and he'd tell you so too; a legacy that he has passed onto his daughter. His sense of humour, catch phrases and slightly out of tune whistling, were the hallmarks of his sheer presence.



When he wasn't enjoying a leisurely walk on the hills and moors, Dave enjoyed an annual skiing trip with his friends. Dave also scuba dived, this was a hobby in which dad was to lead daughter, only it didn't quite work out that way. It always irked him a little that his daughter took to it, well... like a 'fish to water'. Dave was an accomplished diver and gained

Dive Master certification. One of Dave's favourite dive spots was the Red Sea, especially exploring sunken warships. A further trip to the Maldives focused on diving with sharks. His fascination with sharks is the reason that Agatha and I have chosen,

'The Marine Conservation Society' as the recipient of any donations you may wish to make.

David was a brave, kind, funny and generous man. His sudden passing in such a cruel and unfair way leaves a void in the lives of not just his immediate family, but his 'other' families too. Agatha and I have been both amazed and humbled by the sheer number of messages expressing grief and offering support. In times of isolation these messages have been a blessing. We can never thank you enough. It is a sign of the strange and sad times that we currently live in that his passing cannot be marked in the conventional ways, but be assured, when times change once again, we will celebrate Dave's life with a memorial service and raise a glass (or several) to his memory.

Rest in Peace, David. Our hearts are broken. We miss you more than you could possibly imagine.

Rachael and Agatha

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

The Parish council has again not held a meeting due to the continuing requirements of social distancing. Any matters needing attention are being dealt with through email correspondence. The Council may consider a virtual on line meeting next month if required.

All 500+ trees have now been planted in Sparable Wood. Thanks to the Pollard family, Alan Taylor, Carl and Alison for their help in planting. The affected trees with Ash dieback are being managed on an ongoing basis.

The Gardener has continued her work through Newchurch and Spenbrook and we are now in the process of creating a new rockery garden in Spenbrook.

All work appears to have stopped at the mill development with signs stating closed due to Coronavirus.

The toilets in Newchurch will remain closed until further guidance on cleaning is available.

Stay safe and well.

Bob Donovan

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.

Parish Council Chairman	Bob Donovan	07449399838	bobdon1612@gmail.com
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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MP & Councillors

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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 close by law at the moment so:

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

for the most up to date information regarding church please go to:

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 contact page of any of the websites 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: john@spenbrook.co.uk

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: john@spenbrook.co.uk

John Parsons 01282 699580

WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

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