

Parish News

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St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Curate's Letter

"Hello, everyone. I'm David and I'm looking forward to becoming your curate."

That simple statement provokes so many questions, that I could probably fill this entire magazine attempting to answer them. Perhaps better therefore simply to address the most obvious and pressing, given the difficulty of meeting all of you face-to-face at the moment: "Who am I?"

Well, I was born 62 years ago in Colne, grew up in Foulridge and undertook my secondary education in Nelson. Before going on to university, I undertook what became known as a "gap year commission" (we hadn't actually invented the term "gap year" back then!) in the Army. Rather to my surprise, I found both that I enjoyed it and that I was quite good at it. Therefore, instead of serving for the 6 months I had intended, I ended up staying for 36 years. During this time, I undertook full tours in the UK, Germany, the Balkans and Saudi Arabia, and rather more briefly was deployed to Norway, Canada, the US, Greenland, Italy, Cyprus and Iraq.

I retired seven years ago and fully intended to divide my time and skills between a portfolio of charitable causes and good works. But God had other ideas and, of course, He usually gets his way. My faith has always been an important part of who I am, right from my childhood. I battled to become one of the youngest people to be confirmed at St Michael's (my vicar thought I was too young; I convinced him otherwise!) and throughout my military service, I was active within the garrison church wherever I happened to be serving. Always, however, from a lay perspective. Things started to change quite rapidly after I was persuaded to try my hand at preaching. I suspect my first efforts were quite naïve and unstructured, but in the pulpit I undoubtedly felt the Holy Spirit working through me. It became clear that God was telling me that I had more to give.

This resulted in me putting myself forward as a candidate for ordination four years ago. Since then, it's been a long and at times demanding process of discernment, selection, training and formation. I now feel ready to take the next step – ordination, initially as a deacon. Bishop Julian has indicated his willingness to ordain me and indeed would have done so at the end of June, were it not for "lockdown". The service has regrettably had to be delayed, but hopefully only for three months. I will therefore commence my time at St Thomas's and St Mary's as a Licenced Lay Worker, becoming your Curate at the end of September.

On the personal front, I am happily single. I continue to act as a caseworker for the Royal British Legion, as a listener with the Samaritans and as a school governor. I'm also an NHS volunteer and currently seem to be receiving a call for help 3 or 4 times a week. Before "lockdown" I spent quite a lot of my time going to theatre, opera and classical concerts and am both an amateur singer and actor. I still enjoy running (very slowly) around woods with a map in my hand, which probably explains why my one remaining military role is as Chair of the Army's northern orienteering league.

I cannot tell you how much I am looking forward to getting to know you all, to serving you and learning from you and from Rev Julie in the months and years ahead.

God bless.

David

Barley

Since the last newsletter we have seen more relaxations in the Covid 19 lockdown restrictions with outdoor gatherings of six people now allowed but you cannot socialise indoors with anyone you do not live with. The 2m safe social distancing is still in place but that is under review as the government seeks a route to open schools and other gathering places. Non-essential shops are now opening and so a small degree of normality is returning. The Pendle Inn is opening as a take-away but also selling bottled beers, so from the outside it sometimes appears open but it is not. Hopefully old friends will be re-united in there soon.

Fortunately, we do not seem to be a player in the Great Statue Reckoning of 2020 and, in changing times, I hope our reservoir names are not causing anyone offence.

The white road lines finally were installed by LCC in the village centre this month. How effective they will be we will see over time, The Covid 19 signs at the Village Hall do discourage visitors entering the village and the no parking cones have been left out at this end of the village (main tourist entry) as a further first visual discouragement to visitors coming in to the village whilst CV19 is still high risk. The PC know the road lines do not have universal support but over a year ago there was a clear majority of residents in favour of road lines and I personally think they are better than the road cones.

The Council have had success in lobbying the Borough Council to close the sculpture trail in the current situation. Whilst it is a good walk it is also a "touch and climb" experience for children and as such it has a similarity to playgrounds which remain closed across the country. The BC has also been encouraged to, and has temporarily, increased the Village Green waste collection service to include weekends. We are also encouraging our take-away service providers to do the same. The toilets remain closed in line with many other Councils whilst the CV19 risk remains high, the PC will continue to review the position.

Many will know by now that the Seafood Pub Company has gone in to administration. For

those who enjoy a drink in the pub the loss of the Barley Mow will be a big disappointment but across the County the loss of some great pubs such as the Assheton Arms, the Alma (Laneshawbridge), the Derby Arms (Longridge) and the Oyster & Otter (Blackburn) will be missed. Best wishes for the future to the all the staff at the Barley Mow, especially Paula & Nicola, who served us well.

Finally, it is with regret that I inform you that Joanne Lowcock has resigned from the PC. The Council thank Joanne for the service she has given to the parish and forward her our best wishes for the future. We are now seeking a new Councillor to fill the vacancy. If you are interested give me a call for a chat about what is involved before the end of the month.

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

There is a huge buzz of excitement in school as we prepare to welcome back over half our children to school (where they belong!) on Monday 22nd June 2020. We were extremely disappointed when Dr Sakthi Karunanithi, the Director of Public Health for our Local Authority, advised against Lancashire schools reopening for additional children on 1st June 2020 – as all the necessary protective measures and risk assessments had been implemented and staff were ready to welcome our pupils back – but the health and welfare of all our school community is and will always be paramount.

Throughout the partial school closure our children have thoroughly excelled with their home-learning activities – they are a credit to our school and their families. A special thank you to all our dedicated parents for all the support they have given their children and school. It has been a pleasure regularly contacting you and listening to all the amazing learning experiences you have been providing your children. Thank you to all our fantastic staff who have gone above and beyond to provide an extensive range of home-learning for all our children and the vital support they have provided families.

The children who have attended school throughout the partial closure have had great fun creating their own 3-D Lego characters, board games and excelled during our 'Pirate Week'; they were very fierce pirates and took their individual roles very seriously.

As we approach the end of this unprecedented academic year we are also very excited to be welcoming our new families, who will be joining us in September. Unfortunately, we have not been able to offer our usual transition afternoons, but we will be holding our New Entrants Evening at the end of June and will be implementing new transition procedures at the start of the new academic year. 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

Hello everyone,

We do hope that you remain well in these challenging times.

Thankfully, everyone at St Mary's is well and keeping busy teaching via the Google Classroom, caring for Key Worker children and preparing for when children can return to school. Please take a look at our Facebook Page to see all the wonderful things our children have been getting up to, whilst home learning.

Mr Whittaker and Miss Stephenson spent the week commencing 15th June having Google hangouts with children and their parents who we will be welcoming into our school community in September. This is not our usual induction process, but we are having to think of creative ways of overcoming some of the problems we have faced during lockdown.

Our Friends of Newchurch are raising funds for school by selling scratch cards. If you would like to participate please contact Natalie at natalie.lowcock@yahoo.co.uk - all the money raised is spent on resources for our pupils.

If all goes well we will be welcoming Years 1 and 5 back to school soon. 😊 We cannot wait to have more children return to school.

If you know of anyone who is moving into the area and is looking for school places for their children, we have places in Y1, Y3, Y4 and Y5. As you know families are at the heart of everything we do at St Mary's and with a very recent 'Good with Outstanding Features' Ofsted report, recommendations would be very much appreciated. Thank you.

Take care,

Mrs Nightingale.

Roughlee Parish Council

Although the lockdown is beginning to ease, things in the village remain quiet. Whilst visitors to our countryside have noticeably increased most people seem to be respecting guidelines and enjoying the recent spell of good weather.

One piece of good news can be reported. To help compensate for the loss of income which would normally flow from events at the Village Centre we have received a government grant of £10,000 which will be available to fund maintenance and future events at the Centre. So far it is not clear when we will be able to reopen the Village Centre but we can hope for something later in the summer.

Similar considerations apply to the Bay Horse pub and there are encouraging signs that we may be able to enjoy an outside drink in the not too distant future.

On the 10th June I attended a virtual meeting of the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee where a number of planning applications were discussed. Whilst none were within Roughlee Parish two of them were within the AONB and raised issues which are relevant to our area. Whilst both applications were recommended for approval by the planning officer, one was approved and the other refused. Whilst I made strong representations about the need to protect the AONB my representations were significantly hampered by the vagaries of the virtual committee system. In short the decision on the approved application was nodded through before I could intervene.

Whilst formal meetings of the FORA group are curtailed many villagers are spending time to tidy up litter and tend to our planted areas. The village gardener is also keeping the area tidy. Thanks to all concerned.

Although delayed by the current lockdown the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership have now launched a new round of the Pendle Hill projects with grants up to £10000 for relevant schemes. Other smaller grants of up to £500 are also available. We have previously enjoyed support from these grant schemes and the Parish Council would welcome ideas from villagers if you have thoughts on how to improve our area.

Perhaps by the next Parish News we will have more positive things to report. Meanwhile, enjoy the summer and let's hope the good weather lasts!

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 June. Winners were:-

- Keith Jackson with number 52, winning £25
- Andrea Lord with number 39, winning £20
- Julie Jones with number 85, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. If you would like to know more about this fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com.

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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Parish Contacts

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

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
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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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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

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

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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.

St. Mary's Church

will be open
for private prayer
on Sunday 21st June
from 10am-12noon.

Social distancing will be observed
along with hygiene regulations.

For more details see our
Facebook page:

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

or contact the Vicar.

Further Sunday openings for private prayer will be
shown on the Facebook page.

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