

Parish News

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July 2021



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

Curate's Chat

"I'm on a journey..."

It seems as though almost every factual programme you see on TV these days starts with a celebrity saying those words. And I don't just mean travel programmes. It doesn't matter whether it's about history, science, the arts, sport or even cookery, the presenter is keen to tell us that they are on a journey of exploration, delving deeper into a subject that's always fascinated them.

In my less generous moments, I sometimes wonder whether the journey and their fascination with the subject matter may have been whipped up by the producer simply for the sake of making the programme seem a bit more exciting!

But the truth of the matter is that we are all on a journey – a journey through life. A journey during which our thoughts, our experiences, our feelings - and our faith - change and develop. And although we may think we know the general direction that the journey is taking, in reality, none of us know where we'll actually end. Sometimes we may be knocked off course by an event totally outside our control; sometimes a single sentence may cause us radically to re-evaluate our future.

Take me, for example. When I retired from the Army some 8 years ago, I had a very clear idea of what the journey through the next phase of my life would be like. I would have a portfolio "career", devoting my time and effort to a variety of charities in which I had an interest.

But that was before my then vicar said, "Have you ever thought about ordination?" and God slowly but persistently started to take control. At first, I didn't listen to the "still, small voice" inside my head telling me to put myself forward. But the voice gradually got louder and louder until it simply could not be ignored and God's intention for me became crystal clear.

And so, after several years of training and discernment, I found myself last summer becoming your curate. It's been an astonishing time. Arriving in the parish just as we were coming out of the first lockdown, there was a genuine sense of re-awakening and re-growth. And that despite there being members of the St Mary's congregation whom I have still not seen face-to-face without a mask intervening. It's been a period during which we've had to re-invent what it is to be "a church" and how we can use modern technology to reach out into the community in ways we had previously not even contemplated. For example, this year's Lambing Service, developed jointly with Barley Methodists, has so far been viewed over 400 times, which probably means it's been watched by over 600 people – far, far more than would have attended a service "in the flesh". (It's still available on YouTube, by the way – just google "Pendle Lambing Service 2021" and it should pop straight up.)

But our journey is not yet complete. As we slowly emerge from Lockdown 3, we are going to need to consider what our church will look like in the future – in what ways the "new normal" will differ from what has gone before: the "old normal". And my personal journey is also far from complete; by the time you read this, I will be on the verge of being ordained as a priest in Blackburn Cathedral. And so will start a whole new phase of my ministry to the people of the parish.

What happens after that? I have quite literally no idea! I'm learning to put myself in God's hands, confident that he has a plan for me. Just as he has a plan for each and every one of us.

God bless.

David

Barley

The Parish Council met earlier in the month to consider the major outline planning application to build fifteen houses on a plot of land on the Roughlee side of Whitehough. The meeting was attended by nine residents of Whitehough representing the majority of households in the hamlet. The Council voted unanimously to object to the development, principally because of the adverse impact it would have in terms of intrusion in the open countryside, damage to the AONB and the impact upon the character and appearance of Whitehough which is a designated Conservation Area. The application, if approved, would double the size of this picturesque hamlet and would go some way to urbanising an unspoilt area within the AONB. The Council felt the high visibility of the development would change this landscape from many perspectives and would go some way to joining Whitehough to Thorneyholme so diminishing the open countryside. The Pendle BC consultation period runs until 6th July 2021.

A company called "Park with Ease" have now taken over the car park payment management arrangements on an 18-month contract with the PC. They will be using automated number plate recognition technology to determine parking charges and visitors will pay when they exit the car park. There will be free parking for 30 mins to allow visits to the toilets and the Cabin, a £1.50 charge for 30mins to 3 Hours parking and £3 for parking in excess of 3 hours. Please be aware that enforcement will apply if the appropriate charge is not paid and that if for any reason the pay terminal is not working you have to pay on line within 48 Hours of leaving the car park. We will be reporting how this arrangement is progressing over time.

In relation to parking on the Turning Circle, as I reported previously, the Council has been monitoring the situation and it is becoming apparent there are frequent offenders who cannot respect the communities wishes and so the Council are now having to consider action to stop parking – we had hoped it would not come to that.

Best Kept Village judging is underway and thank you to all the residents who have done their bit to tidy and maintain the village including their own patch; the village looks pretty good. Special thanks to the Pendle Inn who arranged and funded the painting of the playground equipment and benches and to the Pendle Hill LP and James Starkie who arranged and part funded the painting of the finger post sign at the Bullion.

Finally, we will soon be advertising for a new Parish Clerk so step forward if you are interested. And best wishes to Bob Donovan, who recently stepped down as Chair of Newchurch PC, who gave good service to the parish and was a friend to Barley.

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

CRAFT GROUP: check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850

PENDLE PATCHERS: Tuesdays Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & CHAT: WEDNESDAY. If you require transport please contact Audrey 613280.

Pendle Forest History Group

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

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

This time last year I wrote on the 'NiP' Facebook page thanking the wonderful Goldshaw Booth residents for our warm welcome back to Newchurch (especially Sarah the 'peg fairy' and Maureen with her chocolate care-packages!). It was a welcome that was particularly extraordinary given the unprecedented Covid circumstances in which we found ourselves.

Yet, the indomitable Goldshaw spirit continues!

What a fabulous Community we live in.... The wealth of ideas and the enthusiasm within, and for, this Parish are an inspiration and, when you consider the physical and emotional hurdles you have all taken in your stride over the past 12+ months - all the more impressive!

Not only do you successfully adapt and continue with the day-to-day but you also look forward and plan for an epic future; businesses, education, families and community.... pies, barbeques, veg. plots, tree planting, ponds, charity bakes, nature trails, skill-shares, improved access for all, playground equipment, forest schools.... and more...

Despite having to cancel June's Parish Council meeting due to potential Covid risk, when the PC has asked for help you have been right there - watering gardens, stepping up to mow grass, planting flower boxes, tending Community gardens, weeding, tidying, testing defibrillators and helping each other where you saw it was needed.

It is because of all this (and the encouraging words of Roughlee and Barley Parish Council members) that I feel confident in looking to join with our neighbours to discuss next year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, which, as we continue to pull together should see events more than worthy of the first British monarch to see 70 years of service!

In preparation for this, and where possible, we will endeavour to bring together various Community projects which will remain long after the Jubilee celebrations.

As a Community, in 2019, you were asked how you would like to see the funds (Section 106) from the Spenbrook Mill development to be used for the Community. It is time to clarify the Community's wishes and to plan for them to be put in place. All going well we will meet at Barley Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July at 7pm to discuss this and other matters and we look forward to seeing you there

(please check for updates on the meeting nearer the time).

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council recognises that our hopes and plans for the future often dovetail with those of the Church and the School. So, as we galvanise the Community's plans for the future we look to work with all sectors of the Parish in creating a firm foundation from which future generations can forge ahead.

Yours Most Sincerely,

Ainsley Macadam

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Next Parish Council Meeting (please check social distancing/ requirements nearer the time):

Tuesday 13th July, 7pm, Barley Village Hall

News, Events and Copies of Minutes from Previous Meetings (etc.):

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

New Planning Applications (at the time of writing):

21/0520/FUL – Lower Wellhead Cottage, Well Head Road, Newchurch.

Full: Erection of an Agricultural Storage Building for housing livestock and storing foodstuffs, farming equipment and machinery

A link for further details of any planning applications can be found here:

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Best Kept Village Competition:

First Round (1st June - 18th July)

Points awarded for well-kept; houses, gardens, out-buildings, fences, walls, and the absence of litter and weeds on roadsides and paths.

Barley Chapel

Angie Hargreaves 605090

Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

Roughlee Parish Council

Almost unbelievably our next Parish Council meeting which is scheduled for 5th July will be held in the Village Centre. Substantial cleaning, social distancing and masks will still be necessary but at least there will be some semblance of normality.

As mentioned in the last Parish News we have made an application for a FCC Community Foundation grant to carry out repairs and improvements to the Village Centre. Perhaps the most exciting aspect of this application is the proposal to replace the existing doors with double sliding doors which will greatly improve access to the outside space allowing greater flexibility to use the area for functions. The application was highly complicated and required a concentrated effort by officers and members of the Parish Council and Village Centre Committee. We should know in September if our application has been successful.

Regrettably there has been another instance of fly tipping on the stream bank off Jinny Lane. The van carrying the rubbish was recorded on the village CCTV system covering the Happy Valley cross-roads but, unfortunately, technical limitations meant that the registration number could not be read. Improvements to overcome these limitations are available and we will look at how these can be paid for.

A solution to the CCTV limitations may rest with funding which could be made available from the Borough Council capital programme. Bids for capital funding from Parish Councils will be considered in August and our potential bids will be considered at our 5th July meeting.

Since our last meeting we have received the resignation of Nigel Brotherton who has returned to full time employment. Nigel has been one of the most active members of the Parish Council and most notably has organised and motivated the activities of FORA which has successfully lead our involvement in the Best Kept Village Competition. Fortunately Nigel will continue to manage FORA for the time being and hopefully for years to come. The Parish Council owes Nigel a huge thank you for his hard

work which has done so much to improve the village. On a personal note I will very much miss his positive contributions to our deliberations in Parish Council meetings.

In addition to the vacancy created by Nigel's resignation we are waiting for a decision on our application to increase membership of the Council from seven to nine members. An invitation for expressions of interest from people who wish to join the Council has been publicised on the Parish notice boards and the website and positive responses have been received. The next steps will be considered at our July meeting.

My final word this month is to wish you a happy and enjoyable summer. Formal holidays may be somewhat limited but at least the Bay Horse is open!

Andrew Walker

Reuben Burton Trust Fund

Former pupils of Newchurch and Roughlee Schools, who are undertaking a course of study at University or other Higher Education Centre, are invited to apply for a small grant from the Reuben Burton Trust on sending details of their intended course and post academic career to :

Mrs M Kobak,
145 Gisburn Road, Barrowford,
Nelson BB9 6HQ
MKobak81@hotmail.com
before 1 September 2021.

The grant is payable at the end of the year's study, subject to confirmation of successful completion, and candidates may apply for each year of the course duration.

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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

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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.

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

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

Services for July 2021 St Mary's Church

Sunday 4th July 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 11th July 8.00am Common Worship Morning Prayer via Zoom.

Please email saintmaryandthomas@gmail.com for joining instructions.

9.30am Common Worship Holy Communion

Sunday 18th July 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 25th July 8.00am BCP Morning Prayer via Zoom.

Please email saintmaryandthomas@gmail.com for joining instructions.

9.30am **Confirmation Service** with Holy Communion with Bishop Philip North.

Please note that the Rushbearing Crowning and Service will now take place on the 4th and 5th September. More details will follow.

St. Mary's Facebook Page

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

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