

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

What's the Church for?

I'm currently reading a book called 'Going to church, a user's guide' by John Pritchard. When he wrote this book in 2009 he could not have imagined the changes to church life brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. St Mary's Church fulfils the Church of England's role of being 'a Christian presence in every community' by simply being there or does it? An empty church building may still speak of God but it will speak louder when people are gathered within those walls.

John Pritchard suggests many things that the church should be but I want to think about three.

The church is for worship, mission and community.

Worship is about God, not us. In worship we celebrate God regardless of the type of service be it a Communion Service, a Baptism or a Lambing Service. Although worship is as Pritchard puts it 'about God, for God and to God' we hope that we will be changed by the experience. Then as we leave worship we will be ready to offer ourselves in joining in with the mission of God.

Hundreds of books have been written on this subject but I agree with Pritchard that 'mission should be a way of doing everything not a special activity'.

Mission is wide and varied but it includes telling the world it's loved, a smile, a wave, a cup of tea, weeping with someone, seeing others as God sees them, telling a story of a man that loved you so much he was prepared to die a horrible death for you, praying for the unloved, the unwanted, those we find difficult.

Jesus was the man who died on the cross for us all. After he had risen on Easter Day he went back to heaven 40 days later (Ascension Day). There is a legend that he was greeted by two archangels who said, 'Welcome back, how is the work going to carry on?' 'No problem' said Jesus, 'I've left Peter and the others to carry it on'. 'You cannot be serious' said the archangels, 'That crowd of failures who all let you down'. 'Well', said Jesus, 'I have no other plans'.

He doesn't we are the plan. There's no plan B. We are called to be the community that carries on what Jesus and the disciples began.

As Pritchard says, 'Church doors ought to be physically and metaphorically flung wide open. There is no human being who is not welcome in God's family.'

A healthy church according to Robert Warren (and we want St Mary's to be a healthy church) has an outward-looking focus, with a whole-life rather than a church-life concern. It's rooted in the community, passionate about social justice and makes connections between faith and daily life.

It is not a religious club just for a few!!

The world might have changed over the last 6 months but the church is still called to be a place of worship, mission and community. We may have to change how we do this but we do want to continue. Please help us with some information about how we use St Mary's Church and our Facebook site, and how and what we might do in the future. Please complete this survey via this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DJB6DW7> before 13th September.

Your views will make a difference!

The survey should only take a few minutes to do and is anonymous. If you want to discuss anything in it further please contact me on 01282 613206 or jls446439@gmail.com

Thank you for taking the time to read this and hopefully answering the survey.

'So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.' (Romans 12:5).

God Bless

Revd Julie

Barley

Covid 19 continues to dominate most of our lives and in Pendle, since 31 July, most of us have endured special regulations in the Borough to counter the spread of CV19. Additional restrictions came in to force on 22 August preventing socialising with anyone outside your household in parts of the Borough but not including Barley. I think many will be bemused by rules that allow you to go to the pub but not in to your neighbours garden etc but at the end of the day getting out of this situation will not rely so much on rules but on people's good judgement, common sense and personal responsibility.

Following a recent inspection of the Whitehough masonry arch bridge, carried out by Lancashire County Council, they concluded that the bridge was sufficiently unstable for them to make the decision to close the bridleway over the bridge and have advised against using the bridge. LCC have erected very small signs adjacent to the bridge notifying users of the situation. They are so small they are being ignored and so vehicles of all sizes and weights continue to use the bridge. LCC have informed the PC that larger signs will be in place soon but we do not know when they will be erected.

The situation is complex because the bridge is in private ownership and at present LCC are waiting for a response from the bridge owner regarding his intentions. The Parish Council have established an e-mail forum so that we can update residents if any information is passed to us and equally residents can use this forum to share information and ideas about the way forward. It is hoped the owner will soon be updating LCC and residents on the action he is taking to remedy this situation.

The planned improvements to Heys Lane by the PHLP remain suspended whilst consultation and review take their course. The PC hosted a meeting including PHLP staffs, Margaret Wilkinson, and Chris Turner as lead objectors to the project, Ian Hargreaves as a land owner and myself on 20 August. The meeting was limited to 6No because of CV19 restrictions. BPC are objecting to the project in its current format and remain committed to challenging any project that is likely to attract more visitors to Barley because the village is far too frequently inundated with visitors beyond the visitor and parking capacity. It was a constructive meeting with PHLP being receptive to residents' views and proposals.

You have probably heard by now that Rod & Sue Statham have had to stop their clothes recycling project as circumstances have changed. Over the last four years they have taken it on themselves to collect and recycle clothes and in doing so raised thousands of pounds for the Village Hall. No fuss, just quiet endeavour to raise money for the community, willing to put their time in for the benefit of all of us.

Thank you to both of you, you have made a difference and we are all grateful.

Finally, it is with regret that I inform you that Victoria Mager has resigned from the PC. The Council thank Victoria for the service she has given to the parish and we give 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.

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

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Following the recent power cut caused by the crane from the Spenbrook mill site took out the power lines at Douglas Hall Kennels, I have been asked to inform residents of the contact details in the event of any further loss of power. The number to contact is Electricity NW 0800 1954 141.

Following the resignation of Simon Cronshaw from the Parish Council we are now seeking a Councillor. If anyone is interested in this position you can find further information on the notice board or you can contact me or the Clerk Jennifer Sutcliffe for more details.

The planning application for holiday accommodation at Stone Fold which would impact on Sabden Fold went to the Policy and Resources Committee (20/08/20) who upheld Barrowford and Western Area Committees unanimous decision to reject the application.

A planning application has been submitted for the demolition of existing agricultural buildings, erection of a single storey building for use as children's cuddling farm and erection of a detached dwelling house and domestic garage with storage above, to the East of Moss End Spenbrook Road Newchurch in Pendle. Full details can be found on the Pendle Planning website and the application number is 20/0421/FUL.

Unfortunately I need to report again that there has been an increase in dog fouling on the children's playground in Newchurch. Can I please remind dog owners to act responsibly and clean up the dog mess. I would also ask that you refrain from walking your dog in this area as it is a children's play area and not a dog toilet!

Due to the current situation with Covid-19 the Parish Council is still not holding formal meetings but continue to carry out any issues through email. We are hoping to progress outstanding projects i.e. the installation of CCTV in Newchurch and Spenbrook and the defibrillators in Sabden Fold and Spenbrook in the not to distant future.

Bob Donovan

The 100 club draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for April.

Winners were:-

- Jennifer Booker with number 87, winning £40
- Alison Norris with number 44, winning £25
- Alison Cook with number 59, winning £15
- Ann Norris with number 41, winning £10
- Natalie Lowcock with number 34, winning £10

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.

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

Roughlee Parish Council

I recall writing last month's Parish News with some optimism as things seemed to be improving and the Bay Horse had reopened. Since then new restrictions have been imposed in Pendle and the pub took an independent decision to close down after a couple of weeks. The good news is that the pub has now reopened and is very busy. I can say from firsthand experience that they have updated the menu and the food is excellent. The recent temporary closure served to emphasize how important the pub is to village life, particularly as the Village Centre remains closed for social gatherings. Any extension of the current restrictions which resulted in another closure would be terrible.

The 3rd August saw a full Parish Council meeting using Zoom. Although not a replacement for face to face meetings the Zoom system works well and allows us to conduct Parish business effectively. Two guests attended the meeting and were able to make their representations. Mark Hartley explained his proposals for the barn off Blacko Bar Road and the Parish Council resolved to raise no objections to the planning application. Brian Nelson explained the proposal to open parts of Whitehough Camp School for private campers. This is intended to be a temporary measure to help with running costs whilst the Centre is currently closed to schools. Again, no objections were raised to a temporary use.

Both of the visitors also had an interest in the closure of Whitehough bridge which serves the Camp School and the residential properties in Whitehough hamlet. The bridge is in a pivotal position for the footpaths linking Roughlee to Barley and also for a much-used bridle way. The bridge has been closed by Lancashire County Council for six months from 18th August although it would appear that pedestrian access will be maintained. The closure is necessary due to safety concerns.

Other agenda items of note were the

approval on appeal of two houses in the AONB on land opposite Yate House. The Inspector gave great weight to the quality of design and considered that the detailed siting made the scheme acceptable. Protection of the AONB remains a top priority for the Parish Council and it is important that the scheme is carried out in accordance with the approved plans.

It was also reported that the Borough Council had granted Capital Programme funding for improvements to the Parish notice boards and to screen the unsightly fishing lodge sheds. It was decided to retain the notice board on Noggarth but to make it more useable.

No date has yet been fixed for the next Parish Council meeting but the date will be announced in good time. Much depends on the progress of the Coronavirus in Pendle. Meanwhile I wish you well for the rest of the summer.

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 2020.

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.

Coronavirus Update:

Oldham, Blackburn with Darwen and Pendle are set to have tougher coronavirus measures imposed on them, ITV News understand. (20th August 2020.)

As of 22nd August some areas of Pendle now have extra restrictions placed on them but Pendleside is not included and so the measures for our area remain as outlined below.

These were the measures that came into place on Friday 17 July, to reduce the spread of coronavirus in Pendle.

The campaign flags up new stricter measures for Pendle people, following an increase to 11.7% in people testing positive for the virus on Thursday 16 July.

Called *Let's do it for Pendle*, local people are being urged to follow new rules put in place by a Pendle Task Force which includes the NHS, Lancashire County Council, Pendle Council and community organisations.

The five point plan for Pendle is:

1. Get tested if you have symptoms or if someone you live with or have been in close contact with recently has tested positive
2. Avoid family and group gatherings indoors and overnight stays
3. Wherever possible, do shopping online, pre-book appointments and make contact-less payments to avoid overcrowding
4. Wear a face covering in enclosed public spaces from now – including shops and supermarkets
5. Shops and businesses must display the maximum number of people allowed inside and stick to that number to maintain social distancing and keep customers and staff safe.

Pendle people can check safety advice on Pendle Council's website www.pendle.gov.uk/coronavirus

Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate for 7 days from the point their symptoms started. It is very important to stay at home, get yourself tested and follow the advice from the NHS Test and Trace service.

If you live with someone with symptoms, you must self-isolate for 14 days from the day their symptoms started, as it can take 14 days for symptoms to appear.

People can contact NHS 111 on-line for healthcare advice.

Please feel free to pass this magazine on to anyone who may benefit from it.

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.

Services at St Mary's Newchurch in Pendle September 2020

6th September- Holy Communion Service to Celebrate Patronal Festival

13th August- A Service of the Word (No Communion) to celebrate Creation.

20th September- Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion

27th September- To be decided. (Please see Facebook page/ notice board for details)

All services are at 9.30am.

Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place.

Please remember that it is now the law that face coverings should be worn in places of worship (unless you are exempt).

Everyone welcome but please be advised that we will need to record your name and a contact telephone number.

Our Facebook page can be found at:

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

or by going to www.facebook.com and searching for St. Mary's Newchurch in Pendle.

(Our Facebook page has replaced the old church website.)

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