

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

September 2021



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

Curate's Chat

*"I wore my coat with golden lining,
Bright colours shining, wonderful and new.
The world and I, we are still waiting,
Still hesitating, any dream will do."*

Over the summer holidays, we've given ourselves the perfect excuse at St Mary's to become re-acquainted with Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's first big success: "Joseph and the amazing technicolor "Dreamcoat" – and, yes, the musical's title does spell "colour" the American way. Over the course of seven Sundays, we've considered different aspects of Joseph's story, as told in the Book of Genesis, and what that story – written so many years ago – can say to us today.

The musical is in fact remarkably faithful to the Biblical account in all but two respects. First, I don't think the Bible ever suggests that Pharaoh is an Elvis impersonator! And secondly, there's the question of the multi-coloured (or technicolored if you prefer) coat. That coat is probably the first thing that springs to mind when most people think of Joseph – the coat his father, Jacob, gave him as a present and which created so much envy with his brothers, that they faked his death and sold him into slavery in Egypt. The coat that was the start of all Joseph's troubles.

And yet, if you were to look in most modern translations of the Bible, you won't find any mention of it. One of the most widely used talks about "a long robe with sleeves" whilst another simply mentions an "ornate robe". So where did the idea of a colourful coat come from? Is it just an urban myth? A tradition which somehow or other attached itself to Joseph?

No, the truth is much simpler: it's a mistranslation. Because, if you go way back to the old King James Bible – first published in 1611, issued to every church in the land (presumably including St Mary's) and still very much in use today – you will indeed find "a coat of many colours". Actually, it's mentioned not once but three times in a single chapter!

The trouble is that the original Hebrew is – to say the least - unclear. It certainly indicates a royal garment, but one that could be colourful or embroidered, that could be striped or with pictures; it could mean it's a long garment, coming down to the palms of the hands; or that it's made out of fine wool of silk.

It's really a case of taking your pick, as to which you prefer. But whichever you choose, the original definitely describes a coat that had a unique design and on that was intended to show special favour on the wearer. No wonder the brothers became so annoyed that they plotted the murder of their father's favourite son, tore his clothes and reported him dead. Only for him to return to them very much alive.

In all of this, Joseph of course very much prefigures our Lord Jesus Christ – the favourite (and only) son of the Father, who was condemned to death, whose clothes were torn from him at the foot of the Cross, but who returned to us very much alive on the first Easter Morning.

And just as Joseph turned evil deeds to good effect in Egypt all those years ago, we can rejoice that, through bearing our sins and conquering death, Jesus brings good news and eternal life to us all today.

God bless.

David

Barley

I have been using my opening paragraph to cover current CV19 issues since the start of the pandemic and for the first time since then the CV19 story is not the top news item, the Afghanistan situation is currently dominating the news. But a good degree of normality has returned to life including freedom to travel in the UK, we can go inside shops and pubs as usual and I was able to go and watch Burnley play at Turf Moor last week and we got beaten again, some things have not changed.

It seems to me that the majority of people I see are fairly relaxed about CV19, there were very few masks and little social distancing to be seen at Turf Moor. Interestingly cases are much, much higher now than August last year but the difference is that fewer people are getting seriously ill requiring NHS treatment, the vaccines are doing their job. Against this background the PC decided to remove the yellow Covid road signs which advised people to park outside the village to reduce the risk of transmission. I think they served us well but it was the right time to remove them.

Barley has progressed to the final of the Best Kept Village competition with judging on 25th and 26th of August. The flower beds in the car park, around the War Memorial and the Playground have been planted, grassy areas will be mowed and some benches painted. We would ask all residents in the village to tend to any weeds and litter they come across, I know many of you do this regularly.

The Parish Council has been prioritising its maintenance projects and has agreed to complete the car park surfacing, replace the flooring in the gent's toilet on the car park (it smells really bad) and upgrade a couple of the hand-wash facilities which are now beyond repair. Grants have been made available to us for this work and a further grant might be available for us to progress drainage works on the Village Green next year.

The Council considered a planning application to change an existing summer house in to café with tea garden at Ings End Farm, off Barley Lane, on the path up Pendle Hill. It is for walkers only with no parking facilities provided. The Council were given assurances regarding minimising litter, visual intrusion, noise and lighting and therefore raised no objections to this development.

Well done to the tractor run organisers and drivers, another good turn out despite some pretty poor weather. And as you may have read elsewhere, Barley is joining with Newchurch and Roughlee to organise a Queen's Platinum Jubilee event in June 2022. Barley will have three representatives on the organising committee, one will be Rita Seymour and we are looking for two others who will be able to bring their skills to the team. Please drop me a line if you are interested.

Finally, the Council are still looking for a new Clerk and more details are on the notice board and will appear on Barley Residents Facebook page soon. It is with disappointment that Cllr. Sheena Umpleby has decided to leave Barley and is therefore standing down as a Councillor. The vacant position will be advertised on the notice board in accordance with statutory procedures so if you are interested, please drop me a line or give me a call.

Derek Heap

BARLEY VILLAGE HALL

Most of the Pilates classes are running at the hall.

PENDLE PATCHERS 2ND & 4TH Tuesday 1 to 5 pm. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 8th September

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

As the fleet of tractors rumbled around Goldshaw Booth last evening we were reminded why the tractor run began and the good that can come of a Community united in wanting to help others.

Thank you.

Thank you too, to Laura, Ruth, Kathleen and Bill for heading up the Goldshaw Booth team that are now part of the Queen's Jubilee celebration committee along with members of Barley and Roughlee Parish Councils and Community. The event will take place on Saturday 4th June and, from the stories regaled around the table, it promises to be the epitome of British country-fair fun; tug-o-warring, eating, drinking, singing, dancing, bunting, bouncing and processing! We are all invited to take part, and, as a ticketed, 'private' event, it is expected that further Community projects will spring from the proceeds. So, if you are; a sewer of bunting, a driver of floats, an erector of marquees, or a baker of 'considerably bigger buns' - please feel free to email below because - the Queen's Jubilee needs you!

In other news, GBPC was successful in being awarded a further £3500 that will go towards the renewal of the footpath between the top playing field and the Church yard - well done all! PBC are now looking at a possible further contribution to the funds and in bringing the project to fruition - we'll keep you posted.

Similarly, further funding streams are, and become, available for other Community projects ranging from Community gardens, to disabled access, to Community services (transport, meeting places, health). If your particular skill-set lends itself to writing funding applications, rallying the troops, or getting down and dirty, please feel free to give us a shout and welcome aboard!

Talking of specific skill-sets, a massive thank you to Ben Nutter for kicking-off the installation of the ride-on mower storage by levelling off the storage area. Thank you! Next steps; securing the site, delivery and installation of the storage unit, then - Dan and friends - volunteer mowers are go!

At this point we must give special mention for the youth of the Community who deserve recognition

and a big thank you. Through the tree planting, the digging and the fresh ideas Goldshaw Booth young people are re-writing the narrative on the youth of today. Thank you and well done!

Spennorth Mill Development: It has come to GBPC's attention that there have been a number of problems in recent weeks which may, or may not, be attributed to the development site. GBPC are happy to forward details of related issues to PBC Planning Department and to Stockport Development Ltd. on the Community's behalf. Please forward details to the email address below and, where applicable, include dated images.

Many thanks and see you at the next GPBC meeting!

Kind regards,

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

Tuesday 14th September, 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):

None.

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

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Barley Chapel

Angela Hargreaves 605090
Minister Revd Phil Taylor 01282 613165

Roughlee Parish Council

September promises to be a busy month in the village most of it focused on the Village Centre. The first of two big events will be the Pendle Pub Walk on the 18th September when the Centre will be open to provide refreshments to the many walkers. Previous years have been a great success with significant funds raised for the Pendleside Hospice charity. Let's hope that the weather is kind.

THE ROUGHLEE PARISH GATHERING

The other big event of the year is the Annual Parish Meeting. This is a meeting required by law when every resident of the Parish is able to attend to hear what the Parish Council have been doing, to ask questions and to hold the Council to account. For the past few years we have incorporated this formal meeting into the Parish Gathering which includes presentations on matters of local interest followed by a short drinks reception. **This year the Parish Gathering will be held in the Village Centre at 7pm on Monday 27th September 2021.**

Amongst the items of interest will be a presentation by the local Bythell family who are very successful hockey players and have strong hockey links both locally and nationally. The success of ladies hockey at the last two Olympics will form part of their talk. Other presentations will include an update by the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership and a talk by Simon Cronshaw on a new local employment initiative.

Whilst Covid restrictions have been eased the Parish Gathering will respect the need to maintain safety measure. The Centre will be fully cleaned beforehand and social distancing will be maintained as far as possible. Wearing masks is also encouraged. It is intended that the drinks reception will be held at the end of the Gathering but the usual nibbles will not be available due to the covid restrictions.

Other Parish Matters

The last Parish Council meeting was held on 2nd August and we continue to progress a number of important items. The benches which will be positioned in the grass area opposite

Thorneyholme Hall have been delivered and permission for this and for the heritage plaque is expected shortly from the Highway Authority who is responsible for this area. The other heritage plaques should also be positioned this summer.

Our application to the Borough Council for capital funds to upgrade the CCTV cameras at Happy Valley has been approved. The upgrade will help to identify the vehicles in dark hours which should help to reduce criminal activities including fly tipping.

A retrospective application to site four additional holiday homes on the Pendle Forest Leisure Park was considered. Whilst deploring the manner in which the unsightly works were carried out without permission we decided that approval of the works subject to proper planting and landscaping works was the better outcome. The final decision rests with the Borough Council.

The celebrations for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in June next year are already under consideration. It has been agreed that we will join with Barley and Goldshaw Booth Parish Councils to hold joint celebrations on June 4th 2022. This follows the pattern of the two previous major jubilee events. A working party from the three Parishes has been set up to make arrangements.

Finally, due to the date of the Parish Gatherings, we have changed the dates of the September and October Parish Council meetings. The Parish Council will hold these meetings at 6pm on Monday 27th September immediately before the Gathering. I expect our normal monthly schedule to resume on Monday 1st November 2021.

IN THE MEANTIME PLEASE DO TRY TO ATTEND THE PARISH GATHERING ON 27TH SEPTEMBER.

Andrew Walker

Pendle Forest History Group

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The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for August. The winners were:

- Andrea Lord with number 39 winning £25
- Ruth White with number 4 winning £20
- Ann Norris-Johnson with number 41 winning £15

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

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.

Parish Council Chairman	Ainsley Macadam	s.a.macadam786@btinternet.com	614722
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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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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 in September

Sunday 5th September- 9.30am Rushbearing/Patronal Festival Holy Communion

Sunday 12th September- 9.30am Common Worship Holy Communion

Sunday 19th September-9.30am BCP Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September- 9.30am All Age Education Sunday Service

Rushbearing Crowning

Sat 4th September

Please meet at St Mary's School from 2.00pm. The procession will leave at 2.30pm. The crowning will be followed by a service in St Mary's Church.

Face masks are optional as is social distancing but we would ask that you sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church and please sign in on arrival.

Please bring your own picnic. Tea/ Coffee/Juice will be provided.

Sunday 5th September

9.30am Rushbearing/Patronal Festival Holy Communion Service.

4.00pm Songs of Praise (no masks will be required when singing).

Please send your hymn suggestions to jls446439@gmail.com We cannot guarantee that your choice will be sung. If you can please tell us why you picked your hymn.

Alternatively you can let the Vicar know at church on Sunday 29th August of your hymn choice.

[St. Mary's Facebook Page](#)

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