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

Curate's Thoughts

On the first Sunday of the month, we're celebrating a birthday at church.

Well, sort of!

Actually, we're marking our "Patronal Festival", the day on which we celebrate our patron saint. In our case of course that's the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus.

The idea of an individual church having a patron saint has a long, long history. All churches are of course dedicated to God, but right back in the fourth century AD it was already common practice to dedicate a Christian place of worship to one or more patron saints. One of the earliest examples was Milan Cathedral, dedicated by St Ambrose in 386AD to Saints Gervasius and Protasius, whose graves he'd found nearby. (And before you ask me who they were, I didn't know either. It turns out they were twin brothers, both martyred by the Roman Emperor in the second century AD; thank you, as ever, Wikipedia!)

By the time Christianity became established in Britain, dedicating a church to its patron saint had become a standard part of the service consecrating a new building by the local Bishop. Back then the most common saints to be named in this way were Peter and Mary.

And so it still is today. Of the 16,500 or so churches in the Church of England, well over 2000 are dedicated to Saint Mary, nearly 1500 to "All Saints" and just over 1300 to Saint Peter. The rest of the field is a long way behind.

But why is our church dedicated to St Mary? Well, that's a very good question and, if anyone out there knows the answer, I'd be delighted to hear it. Some patron saints were chosen because they had a particular association with an area (as in the case of Milan Cathedral which I've already mentioned). Sometimes it was influenced

by a particular profession or characteristic; for example, St Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors and fishermen, so you won't find many coastal towns that don't have a St Nicholas' Church close by.

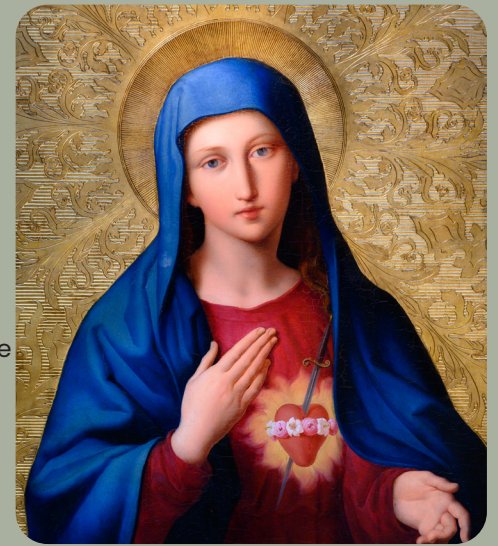
But neither of these seems to be the case with us. It may be that, when the Abbot of Whalley Abbey decided to establish an outpost in Goldshawbooth, he thought that there were no other churches dedicated to St Mary in the immediate area (unlikely with Gisburn fairly close by). Or it may be that the feast day of St Mary fell conveniently close to the date on which the Bishop of Chester dedicated the new chapel in 1544. Or it may simply be that he venerated Mary above all the other saints.

In that, he would not be alone, as Mary has a vast list of patronages. In addition to all those churches, she has whole continents dedicated to her (The Americas and Antarctica), innumerable countries, towns and dioceses. Amongst the professions, she's patron saint of fishmongers, harness makers, pilots and aviators, and even of cyclists. And perhaps her most unusual patronage: that of the Moon!

So, we won't be the only ones celebrating this exceptional woman on her feast day. A simple peasant woman, chosen by God to bear his own Son, Jesus Christ, all those years ago, but whose influence is still being felt today. A woman who, faced with this astonishing and terrifying news, burst forth in song, praising God in words which have echoed down the centuries:

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
for he has looked with favour on his humble servant.*

Happy birthday, Mary!



Barley Parish Council

All of the planned drainage and footway works on the village green are completed at last. The project started with a grant application to the Lancashire Environmental Fund (LEF) back in April 2021 and there have been some setbacks along the way. They include the initial rejection of the bid for funds, the requirement for a detailed design from the LEF, the insistence from LCC that we had to apply for and be granted land drainage consent and the unexpected requirement from the LEF that we had to find a third-party funder for the project – the Council were delighted when the Village Hall Committee agreed to be that third party and put £1375 in to the project. Pendle BC also contributed staff time to the project producing design drawings for the scheme.



We now have a good drainage system which will take water away from the upgraded footpath and from the village green where there will be less ponding than previously. The Council would like to thank all the residents who volunteered to support the project including those who worked on improving the embankment and those who came and stone picked and raked the new topsoil so that grass seed could be spread before last week's rain. Until the grass grows, we will keep the protective fencing in place plus the red bunting to keep people off the seeded areas. If you are crossing the green and the bunting has been torn, please take a few minutes to tie it back up.

The environmental works that are part of the project are still in progress. The balsam has been removed from the village green embankment, the tall grass has been cut and tree bases trimmed – there are still fruit trees to plant and bird and bat boxes to erect to complete the project.

The Council are now looking at a couple of future major projects to undertake, including further drainage and macadam surfacing of the car park and upgrading the playground. Another project we are progressing is the replacement of three older seating benches on the village green again in partnership with PBC.



Up on Heys Lane, as I reported last month, the Boothman Park landowner has completed some damage repair works to the lane that were required by LCC before they would sanction essential maintenance work to the centre section of the lane.

These works are now scheduled for October and landowners and Bridge End residents have been informed as such. We are pleased that following lobbying from the PC some essential drainage works will be included at the Barley end as well as some wall repairs.

The application for Resident Parking gained some momentum in August with LCC confirming a scheme would meet the necessary criteria.

This is the first step in the process and the second step, an informal consultation with residents likely to be affected, has just been completed – to progress further over 50% of the residents must support the scheme.



If this happens a more formal consultation process will begin.

Finally, it is with sadness that I report the passing of Bill Mayor from Newchurch who died following a recent tragic road traffic accident on Greenhead Lane. He was well known to many in the Pendle-side villages and as a past chair of Newchurch PC and our Jubilee Organising Committees. I found him most affable, kind and a public spirited and the kind of person communities need to make things happen. He was a friend of Barley and our condolences are with Sue and the family.

What's On

Barley WI

The Barley Women's Institute meet on the first Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall. In February we had a great evening in the company of Malkin Morris Dancers and in March we have a demonstration on Felting. Each month is very different. We have a great age span from 20 somethings to 80 somethings so ladies please come along and spend an evening with us and try before you buy.

In September this year Barley WI celebrate 80 years since its formation and we have held our meetings at the Barley Village Hall ever since!

Barley Village Hall

Barley Village Hall is open for hire! It's been a strange few months but we are open and have our regular groups using the hall every week. If you ever want to book the hall for a social event such as birthdays, christenings, weddings or various occasions then please feel free to email us.

We have various rooms to book and a kitchen to use if required.

The hall is the heart of the community. We will be investing in the hall over the coming year. If you would like to help out or join our committee then please let us know.

You can contact us by emailing barleyvillagehall@gmail.com



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INSPIRING WOMEN

Curry and Quiz Night is Back!
Barley Village Hall
Saturday 15th October @ 7:30pm

Tickets only
£20 per
person!

**Starter, main & dessert
included**

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS!!!

Prize for the winning quiz team!

**On the night RAFFLE – Bring some money! All
proceeds raised are reinvested back into the Hall**

Message for tickets

Barley Chapel



Barley Chapel has been at the heart of village life for the past 122 years.

It has weathered many storms. Many of you will have fond memories of Harvest festivals, Carols by Candlelight, Barley to Bethlehem, weddings and christenings at the Chapel.

Not to mention the wonderful shows, birthday parties, toddler groups, table tennis and of course FOG club. The chapel has been there for us all in some way or another and stands as a reminder of times gone by. The congregation at Barley has fallen because of many changes in our daily lives, and most recently due to Covid resulting in the chapel facing extreme financial difficulties and potential closure. With your help this can be averted.

Unfortunately, we have uncovered major problems with the chapel roof which needs to be addressed in order that the building continues to be functional for generations to come.

We can apply for grants to fund the work but as part of the grant process we need to evidence that the chapel building is not only used for worship but for community purposes as well. We do need to generate some income and this is where we are looking to people in the villagers to help us. We are looking to open up the Chapel occasionally as a 'Pop Up Café' just serving hot and cold drinks and cakes to try and capitalise on all the visitors that now visit Barley to go up the Sculpture Trail. We need volunteers to staff the café. If we can get the volunteers, the commitment will not be too onerous as we can staff on a rota basis.

We also need your ideas on how we can use the chapel building.

Please contact either Lorraine (07966261520) or Angie (07967121031 or 605090) to have a chat without any obligation at all or if you have any ideas on how we can use the Chapel.

Look forward to hearing from you

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

And what a summer it has been!

As we were prompted to reflect on the long summers of the 1970's we were reminded that never before has the weather reached such high temperatures. We hope you all managed to enjoy some of it but a special thank you goes to those who continued to water the community flower beds/boxes and the fruit trees in Newchurch playing field, and kept bird baths and tubs topped up for the wildlife.

The plum tree in Newchurch Playing Field is now weighed down with fruit and, together with the apple, pear and hazelnut trees represents the first stage of the Goldshaw Booth Community Garden. Next to be planted are the blackcurrant, elderberry, gooseberry and rhubarb, followed by raised beds. Keep your eye on the TIG – Together in Goldshaw! FB page (<https://www.facebook.com/tigoldshaw>) for news of planting and harvesting days. Community gardening – by the community, for the community! Meanwhile Newchurch resident Dave has been out and about surveying the flora and fauna of the Parish.

The attached images are all taken within Sparable Wood. Can you spot the Green Stink Bug? Can you guess what it smells like?

(Answer in next week's magazine)

All the above are part of an initiative to bring sustainability closer to home. We are looking at other sustainability projects and would welcome your input. Are you interested in electric vehicles, solar/air source/ground source energy, organic delivery schemes and co-operative bulk buying? If so, please join the Goldshaw Booth Parish Council FB page (below) to discuss further and bring more ideas.

To help us with these projects we are also currently looking for assistance in grant applications. If you have experience and/or the enthusiasm for grant applications and voluntary community work please contact us as below.

One area we will be looking at is the pond at the bottom of Sparable Wood. Pendle Borough Council Environment Officer asked us to observe how the area behaved naturally and in relation to the surrounding woodland before deciding how to proceed. It was considered that the woodland could be taking the water that used to feed the pond, however, ash die-back means the woodland will now reduce in size – perhaps to the benefit of the pond. A discussion to be had in the near future.



Bill Mayor

Many of you will already know that, following a car crash and then hospital treatment, Bill succumbed to his injuries and sadly died on 18th August.

Bill, a resident of Newchurch for 21 years, (and of Roughlee for 28 years prior) was previously a Parish Councillor, had been Chair of Goldshaw Booth Parish Council, and had also Chaired the Jubilee Celebration Committee previously. He is missed by many.

Sue Mayor was also involved in the accident and is recovering at home. She has been overwhelmed by cards and flowers and wishes to express her gratitude for all the support she is receiving.

The funeral arrangements will be announced in due course.

Next Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 13th September 2022, 7.15pm, Barley Village Hall

Copies of Meeting Agendas & Minutes from Previous Meetings (etc.):

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

If you are interested in the Clerk position please email clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk for more information.

Planning Applications:

22/0568/TCA : Removal of ash tree within a conservation area : Newchurch Playing Field & Sparable Wood, Spenbrook Rd., Newchurch : Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

22/0560/FUL : Erection of an agricultural storage building (12sqm.) : Field No 4700 Well Head Road, Newchurch in Pendle

22/0490/CEA : Certificate of lawful use (S.192 Proposed Development): Erection of single storey rear extension. : 7 Gorrell Close, Newchurch in Pendle

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

www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/915228842660833

Roughlee Parish Council

The Parish Council meeting on 1st August saw changes in our membership. Colin Williams who has been on the Council for over 16 years, many of them as vice-chairman, has decided to step aside for the time being. He will continue to take an interest in Parish matters and will continue to give us the benefit of his experience and expertise in financial matters. The community owes a huge thank you to Colin. As a replacement for Colin the Council have co-opted Martin Schofield. Martin is a former Chairman of the Council and will be a valuable addition.

The FORA group organised by Meg Davy and Ian Mortimer have been hard at work throughout the summer and the village is in pristine condition. Many volunteers and residents have made contributions with litter picking and tending the flower planters and the results are spectacular. At the time of writing we know that we are through to the finals of the Best Kept Village Competition and we have high hopes of a successful outcome.

The Village Centre Committee organised a very successful Duck Race night in August but this will be the final event for some time as improvement works are now underway to build in bi-fold doors to the kitchen end of the building which will allow better integration of the building and car park areas. Works to provide safety fencing to the roof area and handrails to steps are also underway. Both sets of works are grant-funded following applications by the Parish Council.

Following the highly successful Platinum Jubilee Celebration day the three Parish Councils saw the return of their original £500 float and a further substantial return from the surplus generated by the event. Thanks and congratulations must go to the organisers and volunteers who did so much towards a very enjoyable day.

The revamped Luncheon Club has proved to be very popular with Pendleside residents. The lunch is now held every other Thursday at the Bay Horse with a two course lunch being available at a very modest cost.

Finally, a date for your diary. The Roughlee Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch this year will be held on Thursday 8th December. We will be joined by the Mayor of Pendle and, after the lifting of covid restrictions, we will also be joined by the children of Roughlee School who will sing for us. It promises to be a great occasion and invitations will be sent out nearer the date.

Andrew Walker



Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership



Heys Lane Restoration Project

Part of our work at the Pendle Hill landscape partnership is to improve footpaths and bridleways, both those receiving heavy traffic such as up Pendle itself, and others that enable locals and visitors to explore the wider landscape and its wonderful heritage. As our Heritage Lottery funded scheme draws to a close this Autumn we finally have the opportunity to carry out some restoration works to Heys Lane. This will start in mid September with a couple of free dry stone walling 'taster days' led by expert tutor Alan Rhodes (these have already booked up after advertising on the village Facebook pages); and a whole week of walling by volunteers who have been skilled up by the scheme during the last 4 years. Spectators are very welcome to come along and watch between the 19th and 24th!

During September, work to improve the drainage and surface of much of the lane itself will also be carried out by contractors in a sympathetic and sustainable way. This will mean that any running water created by rainfall, will be taken off the path itself and directed safely downhill. This will reduce erosion of the surface, which we will clear off and even out, to improve accessibility for walkers and horse riders. All of the landowners affected by this work have agreed to it; and Lancashire county council rights of way team have supported the technical design work, and will continue to maintain the route into the future.

Heys Lane used to be the main road linking Barley with Thorneyholme and Roughlee until the reservoirs were constructed in the early C20th; and for many reasons it has remained a public right of way and classified as a 'byway open to all traffic' since then. We will keep the natural and 'hidden' nature of the lane as much as possible and this will help to keep it 'off the radar' of motorbikes and 4 by 4 vehicles. Unfortunately, as Heys Lane is a byway, but also because it is used regularly by farm traffic, we are not able to block vehicular access to the lane.

Finally, we will soon be installing information about walks and the local area at Barley car park. This includes five promoted routes around Ogden and Black Moss reservoirs; up Pendle; around Newchurch and Fell Wood; and over Stang Top. These will also be published on Outdoor Active, a walking app, and waymarked and can also be seen here <https://www.pendlehillproject.com/explore-walking>

These routes were identified in conjunction with members of Barley parish council, and we are now looking for local volunteers who can commit to twice yearly checks of these routes and help with carrying out minor repairs, under the guidance of the Forest of Bowland AONB team.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Sarah.dornan@lancashire.gov.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.

Services at St. Mary's in August

4th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion to celebrate Patronal Festival

11th Sept 9.30am Holy Communion

18th Sept 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

25th Sept 9.30am A Service of the Word to celebrate Education Sunday.

Everyone welcome.

Contact the Vicar for more details

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