

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

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St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

THE CURATE'S NEWSLETTER – A REMEMBRANCE DAY LIKE NO OTHER

One hundred years ago this month, a funeral cortege set out from Victoria Station in London. The gun carriage bore the coffin of a soldier, a soldier who had been killed somewhere on the Western Front. Meticulous planning had ensured that no-one knew or could know the name of the person whose body was being carried to its final resting place in Westminster Abbey; nor their rank; not even the battlefield upon which they had fallen. The cortege passed along Whitehall, where the King unveiled the Cenotaph – a symbolically empty tomb. With the formation of the Royal British Legion the following year and the formal adoption of the poppy as its emblem, almost all the elements of our National Act of Remembrance were in place. Only the Kohima Epithet (“When you go home...”) remained to be added after the Second World War.

This year of course, Remembrance Day will be like no other. At the time of writing, there will be no local parades; there can be no churches bursting at the seams; groups of more than six cannot gather at memorials; even the commemorations in London will have to be drastically curtailed. So perhaps this would be a good opportunity to turn our thoughts away from those familiar but long-distant wars, from sepia photographs and grainy newsreel images, and onto more recent conflicts, conflicts sometimes overlooked during these time-hallowed ceremonies.

Let's consider, for example, a conflict which was one of the longest of the modern era, took place well within the lifetime of many of us and which absolutely dominated the first 15 years of my own military service. And yet, it's a war that is scarcely, if ever, mentioned in connection with our national Act of Remembrance and for which you will find no names engraved on local war memorials.

I am, of course referring to the Cold War, that conflict of ideologies that developed shortly after the end of the Second World War and led to the creation of both the Iron Curtain and the Berlin Wall.

But you may be asking: wasn't that the war that never was? A war during which no shots were fired? A war which the West won, when the Soviet Union finally collapsed in the early 1990s, without casualties?

Whilst I respect those who consider all war to be morally wrong, I personally believe that it is sometimes necessary. Indeed, in this imperfect world, war can sometimes be the only way of showing true love for our fellow creatures. There is a whole branch of Christian Doctrine - “Just War Theory” - which seeks to identify what are the justifiable causes of war and how to bound the conduct of fighting. Tracing their development way back to St Augustine in the 4th Century AD, these Christian thoughts and ideals underpin the Hague and Geneva Conventions, which still today seek to lessen the impact of and suffering caused by war.

But no matter how justified a war may be, no conflict is *ever* without casualties – not even a cold war. Just think about it for a moment:

- First of all, in some parts of the world, the Cold War was far from cold! Think of the innumerable proxy wars, where the Superpowers faced off against each other through third parties: in Africa, Central America, Asia; in Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan.
- Think of those who died attempting to cross the Iron Curtain, seeking what they saw as a better life.
- Think of the families who were torn apart by barriers which they could not breach.
- Think of the soldiers, sailors and aircrew who died or were seriously injured training for the “hot” war that never came – the first bodies I ever found were two of my soldiers, killed by carbon monoxide fumes on exercise in Germany.
- Think of the psychological damage suffered by millions living in constant fear from the threat of invasion.
- Think of the billions of pounds, dollars and roubles which were spent on weapons of mass destruction, billions which could have been spent on humanitarian aid, sanitation and medical advances.

There again, think of conflicts much closer to home: between and within communities, within families, even across the garden fence. Such conflicts may not lead to fighting and death. But – just as with the Cold War – they always have consequences; there will always be casualties.

So, as we approach this year's Remembrance Services, let's remember not just those who made the ultimate sacrifice, but also the victims and sufferings that are often forgotten or overlooked. Let's remember the Cold War and all those other conflicts, great and small, where no shots were fired.

And let's remember our Lord's command “to love our neighbour as ourselves”. But let's do more than remember it: let's commit ourselves to put it into practice in our own lives and relationships.

God bless you all. David

Barley

Covid 19 still dominates most of our lives and it seems likely to continue for a while yet. We have some of the UK's highest infection rate hot spots in close proximity to us and the whole of the County was the second area (after Merseyside) to be classified as Tier 3 (Very High) risk with a number of associated restrictions preventing us socialising as much as we would like. Our local pubs not only have to shut at 10pm but we cannot go in for a drink unless we buy a substantial meal. First of all, we were offered subsidised meals by the government to go out to pubs and restaurants and now we have to buy meals to go in to a pub or restaurant - where are we going next? Whatever it is – stay safe everyone.

The residents of Whitehough will be pleased that Lancashire CC has now shown some further interest in the bridge. Following the temporary repairs to the structure by the owner the County Council has recently undertaken bridge investigation works to try and better determine its structural stability, we are now waiting for the Council's determination. It would be welcome news to residents and the owner if the closure was lifted and private vehicles could use this river crossing. This remains a worry for residents in already difficult times and the Parish Council will continue to offer support as a communications facilitator and sharing information with residents and hope for some good news soon.

The Parish Council have set up a 'Barley Parish Council' Facebook page to complement our web site. We are intending to use it to communicate what the PC is doing with updates appearing after meetings and as events happen. It is early days and we will tell you more once we have got an agreed routine on posting on the page.

As we move through Autumn the local colours look vibrant as they do every year. Visitor numbers remain high and it is easy to see why. What still surprises me is why so many come to Barley and stay there even though the place is so busy. The Ribble Valley offers such a huge open space with walking to match or even better Barley. We often go to Rimmington to walk the leafy lanes over there and usually find the two small car parks empty and on a five mile walk we hardly see anybody – and the views of Pendle

and the 3 Yorkshire Peaks are splendid. But they stay in Barley!

The PC has been lobbying LCC to introduce passing places on Barley Lane and Barley Road where parked vehicles can extend over considerable lengths on these narrow roads reducing traffic flows to a single lane width with no passing places. Vehicles become trapped by other vehicles coming in the opposite direction and others coming up behind them causing congestion. This week we received a positive response from LCC and we are hoping passing places will be introduced.

Two final notes, Remembrance Day will be upon us soon and, if we can do little else due to CV19, the PC will be laying a wreath at the appointed time on the day. In line with regional guidance, residents can participate from home in a 2-minute doorstep silence at 11am on Remembrance Sunday. And well done to those residents of Barley Green cottages for tidying up the river bank and making it so much more attractive – well done.

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

Work has currently stopped on the Spenbrook Mill and housing development which I believe is due to financial difficulties of the developers. It is a shame as the site had begun to look more professional in its operation. The PC does not have any further information as to the future of the development at this time. The recent problem of a large pothole in the road, left I believe by the heavy machinery, was reported several times to PC for attention. Any resident can report road issues directly to Lancashire County Council through the reporting page on their website. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/report-it/>

The PC has received the annual inspection report for the play area. The report highlights a few points for attention but are categorised as low or very low risk. The PC will address the problems in due course. One point raised was the length of the grass on the field. Concern has been raised by some residents regarding the frequency of grass cutting on the playing field and playground area. The PC is to complete another cut before the end of the season. A full program of cuts is planned for next year.

Pendle Borough Council are asking people to stay at home on Remembrance Sunday and "Remember from Home". This is also in line with national guidance.

The PC is still seeking a parish councillor to fill the vacant position. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact either the clerk or myself to discuss.

Bob Donovan

The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for September. Winners were:

- Moira Mortimer with number 73, winning £25
- Michael Lowcock with number 96, winning £20
- Sam Hooper with number 51, winning £15

Thank you to everyone who helps support the school with this.

Rosie has now handed the reins over to me and I am hoping we can continue her success, raising lots of money for our lovely school.

If anyone would like any details please

contact me on

pialyle@gmail.com or 07872610118.

Thank You

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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

We begin the month with some sad news which is to report the loss of long-term resident Donald Almond who has died aged 99. Donald and his wife Betty lived in Straitgate Cottage and their immaculate garden was always a pleasure to see. Donald and Betty, together with their daughter and son in law, were regulars at the village Christmas lunch and I well remember his cheerfulness and charm from last year's event. The Parish Council send all sympathies to Donald's family.

Works in and around the Forest of Pendle caravan park have been causing concern to villagers. These unauthorized works have damaged trees and blocked a public footpath. Fortunately the Borough Council have acted very quickly by serving a Tree Preservation Order and issuing a Stop Notice to prevent further unauthorized development.

Following Lancashire being placed into Tier 3 of the Coronavirus restrictions the Bay Horse pub has again been closed for an indefinite period. Whilst the restrictions would allow opening to serve food the pub management have apparently decided against this. I have written many times about the importance of the pub to village life and this further closure is much regretted.

The 19th October saw another Parish Council Meeting via Zoom. There was a busy schedule and we are following up a number of items relating to the upgrading of village notice boards and improvements to local public rights of way. We also agreed to pursue the designation of the riverside below the school car park as a village green. This is a small area but has served many generations of the village as a recreational area. The Borough Council have just announced that there will be no formal ceremonies on Remembrance Sunday, 8th November but people are asked to observe 2 minutes silence at 11am in their own homes. Traditionally the village has observed a small local ceremony on Armistice Day, 11th November. This may still take place on a strictly limited basis and details will be announced in due course.

Finally to make you aware that there have been a number of burglaries in our area recently, mainly from outbuildings. The police are aware of these but please be vigilant

Andrew Walker

Remember...Hands, face, space

It is critical that everybody continues to observe the following key behaviours:

- **Hands** - Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- **Face** - Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- **Space** - Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.

Local COVID alert level: very high (Tier 3 Lancashire)

At a minimum, this means:

- you must not socialise with anybody you do not live with or have formed a support bubble with, in any indoor setting or in any private garden or at most outdoor hospitality venues and ticketed events
- you must not socialise in a group of more than 6 in an outdoor public space such as a park or beach, the countryside, a public garden or a sports venue
- pubs and bars must close; they can only remain open where they operate as if they were a restaurant, which means serving substantial meals, like a main lunchtime or evening meal, and they may only serve alcohol as part of such a meal
- schools and universities remain open
- places of worship remain open, but household mixing is not permitted
- [weddings](#) and [funerals](#) can go ahead with restrictions on the number of attendees; however, wedding receptions are not allowed
- exercise classes and [organised sport](#) can continue to take place outdoors; these will only be permitted indoors if it is possible for people to avoid mixing with people they do not live with or share a support bubble with; there are exceptions for supervised activities for under-18s, and disability sport
- you should try to avoid travelling outside the very high alert level area you are in or entering a very high alert level area, other than for things like work, education or youth services, to meet caring responsibilities or if you are travelling through as part of a longer journey
- you should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if you are resident in a very high alert level area, or avoid staying overnight in a very high alert level area if you are resident elsewhere

You must:

- [wear a face covering in those areas where this is mandated](#)

You should continue to:

- follow social distancing rules
- work from home where you can effectively do so
- travel to venues or amenities that are open, for work or to access education, but aim to reduce the number of journeys you make
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This is the baseline in very high alert level areas. The government will also seek to agree additional interventions in consultation with local authorities, in order to reduce the spread of the virus. These could include the following options:

- restrictions preventing the sale of alcohol in hospitality or closing all hospitality (except takeaway and delivery)
- closing indoor and outdoor entertainment venues and tourist attractions
- closing venues such as leisure centres and gyms
- closing public buildings, such as libraries and community centres (while ensuring provision remains available for youth and childcare activities and support groups)
- closing personal care and close contact services or prohibiting the highest-risk activities
- closing performing arts venues for the purposes of performing to audiences

From the GOV.UK website

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
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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.

Parish Council Chairman	Bob Donovan	07449399838	bobdon1612@gmail.com
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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.

Services at St Mary's Newchurch in Pendle

ALL SOULS' SERVICE

3pm Sunday 1st November

St. Thomas' Church, Barrowford

If you are coming please email saintmaryandthomas@gmail.com to book

There is a sheet at the back of church for names of those to be remembered.

Names may also be sent to chriswiddas@gmail.com or phone 01282 691850

1st November 9.30am All Saints BCP Holy Communion

8th November **9.15am** Act of Remembrance followed by Holy Communion
please email saintmaryandthomas@gmail.com, if you are coming.

15th November 9.30am BCP Holy Communion

22nd November 9.30am All Age Holy Communion for Christ the King

29th November 9.30am Holy Communion for Advent Sunday

Social distancing and hygiene measures will be in place at all our services.

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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