



ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE

Your 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.

CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER

Sunday Sept 2	Trinity 13	9.30am Holy Communion
Monday Sept 3	PCC Meeting	8pm School
Saturday Sept 8	Patronal Festival Art Exhibition 10am - 8pm	
Sunday Sept 9	Trinity 14	9.30am Holy Communion 4pm Songs of Praise
Sunday Sept 16	Trinity 15	9.30am Holy Communion
Sunday Sept 23	Trinity 16	9.30am All-age Service
Sunday Sept 30	Trinity 17	9.30am Mattins

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MESSAGEBOARD

THANK YOU

We would like to express our sincere thanks for all the kind thoughts, visits, gifts and flowers from friends, neighbours & family after my recent accident. We are most grateful for everyone's concern and hope to be back to normal soon.

God bless. Jean & Jack Cooke

BEST WISHES

for a speedy recovery to
Rev John Sutcliffe following his hip
replacement operation.

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Dear Friends

It seems we don't have the time any more. We have lots of other things - more money, more leisure, more material possessions. But we don't have the time. A recent survey for the Children's Society revealed that we are a time-poor society. What that means is that the pace of modern life - hours working, or travelling to work, the list of 'leisure' activities we think we need - takes away our time. We don't have enough time for the things that matter to us, like time with our families, time with our spouses. Even the peace and quiet of rural living is suffering. Just stand on Spenbrook Road in the morning between 7.30 and 8.30 and observe the 'rush hour'.

I wonder also whether we are neglecting quality time for ourselves. The Bishop of Reading recently spent a morning giving out egg timers on Liverpool Street Station. His point was that just 3 minutes prayer or contemplation would give us space to connect with what is important in our lives. Those few moments of stillness could prove to be invaluable stress-busters in our lives of business and worry. They would give us the space to focus on what is really important, and we could set the agenda for our lives.

Time is the one thing that we need to manage. It is ours to make the most of. And when we lose it, it doesn't come back. There is a paradox with time - often the busier we are, the more time we can find for the things that matter. It comes from focussing on what is really important.

Jesus has some words of encouragement here - "Don't be all upset, always concerned about what you will eat and drink. Your Father knows you need these things. Instead, be concerned with his Kingdom, and he will provide you with these things." (Luke 12.29-31)

Being concerned with God's Kingdom - loving God, and loving service of each other - will let everything else fall into place, and we may find we are time-rich instead of time-poor.

God bless you *John*

mothers union

Our joint outing to Huntley's of Samlesbury in early July was well attended. The evening began with supper, after which the owner Mr Eddie Cowpe gave us an interesting talk - both serious and humorous. We then went and sampled some of the sixty or so flavours of ice cream produced on the farm.

A really enjoyable evening had by all.

On August 7th three of our members enjoyed the Quiet Evening Service and fellowship at Holy Trinity, Colne.

Our next meeting is at 7.30pm on 25th September at Newchurch School when our speaker will be Mrs Evans who will tell us about a family adoption.

WI

Topic for the meeting at Barley Village Hall on Wednesday 5th September is recycling. It is hoped that a representative from the Council will be present to answer all your questions. Recycling is an issue which concerns WI members nationally. There will also be a stall for magazines and books.

The birthday dinner will take place on Tuesday 18th Sept. at the Bay Horse. (6.45pm for 7pm) Cost is £11 and there is a choice of menu. For further details contact Audrey. We are celebrating our 65th anniversary! The LWFI County Craft & Produce show takes place on Thursday 27th Sept. at Garstang Country Hotel and Golf Club. Admission is £3.50 -10am-8pm. This is a tremendous show which brings together all the best examples of members' talents. There is also a Country Market and other stalls.

The RUSHBEARING celebrations began on Friday evening at Claire and Stuart Milligans' farm at Roughlee, making the Rushbearings. We all had a good time, especially the children. Thank you to all who came along.

On Saturday the sun shone all day. The procession was led by Nelson Brass Band and our Rushbearing Queen, Emma Wilkinson, was crowned by Mrs Susie Turner before we processed up the village for the singing of the Ambleside Rushbearing Hymn after which we processed down to the church for the Rushbearing Service.

Rev Andrew Turner gave an interesting address. After the service we had a 'picnic' tea in the churchyard during which the band played a variety of music. A superb afternoon.

BLESSING

A Service of Blessing was held in St. Mary's on Saturday 11th August for Brian and Joan O'Rourke who celebrated 25 years of marriage.

WEDDING

Martin Starkie & Gemma Langley were married in St. Mary's Church on Saturday 4th August.

Congratulations to both couples.

FUNERALS

July 4th - Clifford Parker formerly of Roughlee, died on June 28th aged 66 years

July 9th - Hubert Davies formerly of Newchurch, died on June 29th aged 97 years

July 30th - Joan Lightbown of Roughlee, died 24th July aged 72 years

August 2nd - David Norris of Dimpenley, died 27th July aged 64 years. Born and brought up at Dimpenley Head Farm, Spenbrook.

Saturday 22nd September

In Pendle's Shadow
Long Distance Walk

Contact Kathleen Wilkinson for details

ST.MARY'S SCHOOL

The end of term was a busy time for us with lots of events taking place.

On 19th June we did a great walk, beginning on the Pendle Way and ending at Shekinah to see how much the trees planted by St. Mary's pupils over 12 years ago had grown. There, we split into groups to look at the trees and then make leaf pictures. Thanks to Mr & Mrs Capstick for organising the event and to all the helpers on the walk.

On 30th June the Padgett family generously allowed us to use their home for Ploughman's Lunches to raise money for Friends of Newchurch funds. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Padgett and Friends of Newchurch for their efforts. Everyone enjoyed the event despite the weather.

July 5th saw the Tails, Sails and Rails trip to the Lakes. After a visit to the Beatrix Potter Experience the children sailed on 'The Swan' to Lakeside and then travelled on the steam train to Havertthwaite. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all the helpers and to Mr Archer for organising the trip.

The End of Year Concert took place on Friday 13th July. A very special occasion for me as this was my last concert as Head of St. Mary's. The "Secret Choir" of ex-pupils made it even more special.

The Annual Sports Day had to be cancelled because of the wet weather but 'Fun Sports' were organised on 16th July instead. Lots of indoor team games took place followed by the Parachute which proved very popular.

Leavers' Service took place in Church on Thursday 19th July where we said goodbye to Rachel Barnes, Megan Whittaker and Emma Wilkinson. We wish them well in their High Schools.

On a personal note I would like to thank all who organised my retirement presentations. I had a wonderful run-up to retirement with lots of events and surprises. Thank you to everyone who made this a very special time for me.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me in my thirteen years as Head of St. Mary's. I wish you all well and pray that St. Mary's School will go from strength to strength. I hope that Mrs Hassler-Cregg enjoys her stay.

Susanne Waller

Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

CONTACTS

Barley with Wheatley Booth

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Parish Council meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall Next Meeting: September 12

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Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold, Spen Brook

Parish Council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month at 7.30pm in Newchurch School Next Meeting: September 11

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Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on the first Monday of every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meeting: September 3

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Barley

Village Hall

The village has been short-listed in the final of the Best Kept Village competition with judges visiting us again in late August. The village is looking stunning thanks to the efforts of villagers who have given their time to litter picking, weeding and general tidying - we have not needed to worry about watering the new shrubs!

A new feature is the wooden picket fence around the playground which has now been completed in time for the judge's visit. The Parish Council funded this project and wish to thank Cllr. Frank Wilkinson for doing such a good job and on time.

To further enhance the village the Council has agreed to replace three existing finger post signs at the Bullion, Black Moss Lane and Whitehough with the historic style black and white cast iron signage. Cllr. John Connor is managing this project assisted by Pendle BC grant funding which it is hoped will be completed in 3 months.

The Council and Village Hall are working together to improve the information technology facilities within the village hall. Supported by grant funding from Pendle BC a new computer with projector and wall mounted screens are being purchased which can be used by groups for educational and recreational presentations and should help market the village hall to attract more business.

The Parish Council meets the second Wednesday of each month in the village hall. An agenda is posted on the two notice boards in the village centre two days before the meeting to outline the business to be discussed and all parishioners are welcome to attend. DH

TABLE TOP SALE

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 10am to 3pm
SPRING CLEAN!!
READY FOR CHRISTMAS
Tel 613280 to book your table for £7.

CRAFT GROUP: Monday 3rd & 17th September 1 – 3pm. A small group making cards for all occasions or you can try your hand at Patchwork or bring along your own craft-work or just come and enjoy the company. Tea, coffee and biscuits available.

WI

See separate panel for details

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday 10th September – Contact - Charlotte 07732148576

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training - Contact - John Tel. 611517

WHIST: Every Tuesday and Sunday 30th September.

COFFEE & CHAT: Wednesday 12th September join us 10am to 12noon.

PENDLE PUMPKINS: every Thursday 10am – 12noon. Contact - Jan. Tel. 613564.

LINE DANCING: every Thursday 7.45pm – Contact - Ruth 696834.

A Quiz Night is to be held on
Saturday 17th November

AW

Local History Group

Next Meeting:
Wednesday Sept 19 at 7.30pm

Goldshaw Booth

Parish Councillors: Kevin Hiley, Bill Mayor, Malcolm Nutter, Margaret Sainter, Dr. Ruth White, Kathleen Wilkinson.

The recent heavy rains and consequent erosion of paths and roads has resulted in some spectacular deposits of gravel in some places in the Parish, notably at Sabden Fold and on the footpath past the toilets in Newchurch. This has raised the issue of responsibility: who should tidy up, put things right, clean the place up? Some residents argue that all these obligations lie with the Councils: Pendle Borough or Lancashire County; that it is the 'Authorities' job to attend to these tasks: "After all, we pay our rates, don't we?..."

But others say that it is the residents themselves who should take matters into their own hands, that if they want things to be better, they should get out and get their hands dirty and get the jobs done. Dependency or self-help - that is the question.

But the matter is not quite as straightforward as that. In this age of litigation who should carry the responsibility should anything go wrong, if someone gets hurt while clearing a drain, cutting a hedge? Does this not make self-help impractical?

The other side of the argument is, of course, to do with cost; self-help is cheap, it costs only voluntarily-given time; the Council's work is not cheap; budgets are tight and why should a blocked drain in a tiny hamlet be attended to when there are much bigger problems to attend to, like social welfare, re-design of town centres or major road reconstruction?

So what should we do, in small villages like ours? Should we wait for the Councils to act,

knowing that our priority is low in the scheme of things? Or should we not take matters into our own hands, get out our brushes, our spades, our hedge-trimmers, and do it ourselves? It's much more fun than sitting impatiently on the phone trying to find out who in Preston is responsible for a single kerbstone.

And it's much better in another way. If you do a job in your village, you feel proud every time you pass it; "I did that, it looks much better, doesn't it?" If you did it with someone else, it builds a community spirit; you chat with your fellows workers, have a beer afterwards, have a bit of a laugh at someone's efforts; "That's not much of a job, is it?" But you do it together, it's a shared experience, and it gets the job done, when you want it to be done, not at the discretion of some bored clerk in an anonymous office somewhere.

Of course you have to make the work as safe as possible; no one wants fingers broken or toes chopped off; no one wants to cause traffic accidents. But it should be possible to do things for ourselves with care and consideration, and in so doing improve our environment and enhance our spirit of community. A shared job is a job half done, and better done, and more fun too. What do you think?

Bill Mayor

ROUGHLEE

Back, after our summer recess, the village has been 'host' to two major events. Firstly the shamania festival held at the top of Ridge Lane. Unlike the witch camp a couple of years back, this one was a much bigger gathering and did cause a host of complaints, primarily with the constant thud-thud bass music that seemed to go on all weekend. The Parish Council has since made representations to the authorities with its concerns and, if, an application is made in future years, there would be strong reservations submitted about it being held again. If it was to be held again, it would be expected that more limitations are put onto the granting of permits for all-night music. The official Pendle B C line though is that it brought up to 1000 people into Pendle, and apart from the noise issues, it had been a success! Your views are welcome!

The other event was of course our Duck Race & BBQ. No complaints on this one, just a very satisfied group of villagers & friends coming together to enjoy the fun and each other's company. New this year was the pre-distribution of tickets to over 40 households, whereby nearly 600 ducks were sold to work colleagues and friends, bringing in valuable funds. The exercise worked very well and will be extended for next year. The race itself was enhanced by the appearance of mascot Bertie Bee, courtesy of Burnley FC and he was a great hit with children and adults alike. Surprisingly, the stream was quite slow on the night but it did make for an exciting finish! Winning tickets had been bought by villagers Michael Hitchen - £50; Gillian Dawson - 2 BFC tickets; Richard Stansfield - carvery meal. We are grateful to Brian Nelson & the Bay Horse for providing the 2nd & 3rd prizes respectively. The evening concluded with a family BBQ at the Centre. It was a balmy night where good food was served, people sat outside and their children played on the grass.

All in all it was a great success and thanks again to all who gave their invaluable help; beforehand, during the day and on the night, from the many Villagers who had sold tickets, loaned equipment and cooked the food, plus of course to all who turned up and enjoyed the night. The slide show of the 1967 floods was an added bonus and we thank Simon Flory for that.

Future events at the Village Centre will continue to be based on two principals; Fundraisers + general socials. The 'Second Friday' is one of the

latter and the last one featured a most enjoyable film presentation of the Galapagos islands by Richard & Wendy Stansfield. The next, on September 14 at 8pm, will be Bingo. A new idea that we hope to launch in the Autumn is 'Film Friday' to be held monthly on the last Friday of each month. As it says on the tin, this will feature film / photo presentations on a variety of topics, utilising our new projector equipment. However, our next event is somewhere between the two! It is Last Night of the Proms with music from the Royal Albert Hall and will be held outside or in, dependant on the weather. Cost is just £2 but please book in your numbers to ensure you get a seat!

Last Night of the Proms BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & DRINKS Sat. Sep. 8 8pm. Cover charge £2

We will need to allocate tables beforehand just to make sure we have enough for the evening. If you have any queries, please contact James J. Starkie at yahoo.co.uk or tel. 699762, with your numbers.

On the environment-project front, we are waiting for planning permission to come through so that the next piece of work can start. Opposite the school, it is actually two schemes - one of which is being paid for by the contractors of the new Water Works, by way of compensation for us having to put up with the inconvenience of the construction of their site. A grant from Pendle B C will see the renovation of the adjacent car parking area. This in effect brings to an end seven years of refurbishment & upgrades. The new Parish Council will now move in a slightly different direction with new ideas and thoughts. As always though, it is your Village and any input is most welcome.

JKS

PENDLE YOUNG FARMERS MARQUEE

on Saturday 15th September at Rigg of England Farm, Newchurch.

Everyone over 18 is welcome. There will be two live bands and a DJ. Tickets are only £10 each. For further details please contact:

Joan Lightbown

With sadness we report Joan's death. She had been a resident at Nabs House, Dimpenley for many years. Our sympathies go out to Harold, Steven & family.