

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE BB12 9JR

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.



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WORSHIP IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY AT 9.30AM

1st & 3rd Sunday: Holy Communion from the 1662 Prayer Book, with hymns and sermon.

2nd Sunday: All Age Worship – a service with more modern hymns and sermon for young and not so young.

4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book, with hymns and sermon.

5th Sunday (when applicable): Morning Prayer

HOLY WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Palm Sunday 9.30am

Procession with palms and Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 7pm

Passover Seder at St Thomas' (bring & share)

Good Friday 10am

Reading of the Passion narrative around the village. Please come and pick a part to read! Coffee & hot cross buns to follow.

Easter Sunday March 31

9.30am All Age worship

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Coffee morning,
Saturday 16th March, 10 till 12.
5, Osborne Terrace, Spensbrook.

Results of the annual quiz will
be announced. Entry £2.

Quiz sheets are available from
Chris Widdas.

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Next issue Please have your articles for the next issue by **Tuesday March 19.**

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Dear Friends



Last magazine I was obsessing about the film *Les Misérables*. It has got worse. I have starting reading the novel. I don't recommend you do, unless you have a lot of time on your hands. It is 1200 pages long.

But it fills in a lot of gaps. It also gives an insight into Hugo's mind. Hugo was immersed in psychological ideas of the nineteenth century. His two main characters, Valjean and Javert, reflect psychological types, and they could almost be symbolic of the tension that lies within each person — justice and mercy; condemnation and forgiveness.

It makes me think of the tension within God, or at least our perception of him. The Bible speaks of a God of justice who punishes the sinner, and a God of mercy who does not wish the sinner to be lost. Christianity has wavered between the two through its history, unfortunately with a propensity for the former. And yet it sits very uneasily with the message of Jesus which tends to the latter. How do you balance the two?

We have just embarked on the period called Lent. Our Bible readings in worship reflect on the conflict Jesus found himself in - with supernatural evil forces, and with more tangible evil in the religious and political establishment of his day. It is a conflict between justice and mercy. Just how could God uphold the requirements of justice which demands the vindication of the moral law through punishment, and mercy which realises that punishment doesn't change anything?

In Auschwitz, ten men were selected to die as an example to discourage attempted escapes. One man broke down faced not only by his death but by leaving his wife and child in the camp. Another man stepped forward and volunteered to replace him. The distorted sense of justice was honoured through punishment, but mercy was celebrated through the gift of a man's life. What Maximilian Kolbe achieved on a personal scale, Christians believe Jesus won on a cosmic scale.

God bless you

John

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Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE

Residents are welcome to attend their local Parish Council meetings. There is a Public Question Time at the beginning of each meeting and there is no need to make a prior arrangement to speak.

Barley with Wheatley Booth

www.barleyvillagehall.org

Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall. Next Meetings: March 13 & April 10

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap Tel. 692264 derek.heap@lancashire.gov.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Vicky Thorp Tel. 449912 vicky@oldhamsweb.co.uk

Village Hall Chairman: David Weatherill Tel. 613280 david.weatherill@cibluk.com

Goldshaw Booth ~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School. Next Meetings: March 12 & April 9

Parish Council Chairman: William Mayor Tel. 691369 chairman@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council Clerk: Sheila Grindrod Tel. 693857 sheila.grindrod@btinternet.com

Church News Co-ordinator: Chris Widdas Tel. 691850 chriswiddas@gmail.com

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: March 4 & April 8

Parish Council Chairman: Martin Schofield Tel. 691482 roughleechair@btinternet.com

Parish Council Clerk: Carol Donohoe Tel. 07769 857595 caroldonohoe@msn.com

Village Centre Chairman: Michelle Harvey Tel. 619602 m.harvey@cobra-at.com

Councillors

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Pendle Borough Councillor: James Starkie Tel. 699262 james.starkie@pendle.gov.uk

Planning Applications

Applications are now easier to find on the Council website: www.pendle.gov.uk under 'My Area'

Goldshaw Booth

Work has been started on a new rockery at Spen Brook and we are greatly indebted to a local resident who not only provided the stone but helped us to put it into place. And to George and Maurice Dewhurst for providing the machinery which made light work of shifting it last Sunday. We will now fill the site with soil and gravel before planting it. If anyone has any knowledge of what sort of plants would be appropriate, please let me know. Continuing with earthy matters, some will have noted that there has been an infestation of moles on the upper playing field. War has been declared on these intruders and Alan Taylor and his dog are leading our reprisals; our underground correspondent will report from the front lines in our next bulletin.

I hope that those of you who follow the Rural Watch bulletins find them valuable – and interesting in that the two main focuses of crime in Pendleside are thefts from and of Land Rovers, and poaching. Apparently spares for Land Rovers are much in demand in Eastern Europe and create a lucrative market for villains. And poaching seems much more common than you would think: deer, sheep and fish have recently been targeted. The reality of poaching is miles from the romantic images of the past; it is a nasty and cruel business carried out by people who have no respect whatsoever for the animals or the countryside. Do follow the bulletins and keep an eye open for the vehicles reported in them.

The parish roads are presently plagued by potholes; we have made representations to LCC but there is little money available at the moment. But I do wish that, when they are filled, a proper job is done. It's no good just

dropping a spadeful of tarmac on loose stones and hoping it will last. It doesn't.

The contract for the mowing of the playing field this summer will be discussed at our next meeting. This is the PC's largest expenditure and we really do have to consider its value. The football pitch is unused, the playing field only occasionally; its cost is £7.50 a year to each parishioner, £1500 in total. Is this well spent? There will be a village meeting on Friday 24th May in the School, with wine and "nibbles"; I do hope that everyone will come: it's a chance for you to tell your Councillors what you think.

Bill Mayor

ST. MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Following on from our successful Dodge ball sessions run by SportsCool they returned to school on the 29th January to run 'Numeracy in Sport'. The children had an active session, solving various problems whilst playing! This was followed by sports themed worksheets.

As part of our Collective Worship theme 'Love' Mrs Randall who has visited Brazil with 'Mission Direct' came to tell us about her second visit. She showed lots of photos of the children she had met and talked about helping to build an orphanage for local children.

Despite the threat of adverse weather conditions we had a good turn out for Education Sunday on 10th February. Our children lead the worship with their readings, prayers and singing.

This week we have been busy fundraising for Friends of Newchurch and school funds:

- Quiz sheets by Mr Archer, one for parents and one for children. These can be picked up from school £1 per sheet.
- Fancy Dress on Valentine's Day
- Sponsored Dance.

Mrs S Hasler-Cregg

BARLEY

As I reported last time, the Parish Council and the Village Hall committee had been looking at options to purchase the land next to the Hall from UU but without a bit of good fortune, like a generous benefactor, there were no serious options. Although the PC still has its AAA rating from Moody's and is in good financial shape it would have had to set a precept of £1k, *per resident*, to raise that kind of money! In the end, the site was auctioned with a guide price of £170 – 190k, and actually raised £210,000!

The only other news to report from the PC is that we have funded the purchase of 2,500 beer mats supporting the Safe Lanes in Pendleside road safety campaign so don't be throwing or tearing them, you have paid for them.

The TV seems to be full of cooking programmes these days and the latest launch is "Food Glorious Food" on ITV. Any of us flicking through the Radio Times this week would have spotted a familiar face in his corduroy plus four's, matching jacket and game bag beaming broadly at us. Alan "Pie Man" Herron will be on the programme soon tempting the host, Carol Vorderman, and the judges with his game pie. Don't miss it! Following good food, a rags to riches story. Rod Statham is raising funds for the Village Hall by recycling our old clothes, rags and fabrics. A collection bin is now outside the Village Hall ready to receive the castoffs from your spring clean of the wardrobe. Fire, flooding and plague risk assessments have been done and Rod is now in business. Rod will take anything including your flannels, frocks and frillies and recycle them all in the best possible taste.

Many of you will have signed up to the rural crime watch e-mail circulation list which tells us about local rural crime and suspicious vehicles to look out for etc. It would seem that crime is on our doorstep, only three weeks ago David

Lowcock had his Land Rover stolen from the back of the Pendle Inn so I would advise you sign up (details elsewhere in this issue) and review your security.

Finally, I am sure we all wish our Parish Clerk, Vicky, a speedy recovery from a nasty skiing accident in which she damaged her knee, and we welcome new residents, Becks and Chontelle, who have moved in to the Bullion. Derek Heap

Village Hall

Problems with the snow etc. meant the Salcaise was cancelled. Adele Scott is now starting Zumba on Monday 4th March 6pm to 6.45pm, time to start now and get in trim for summer.

Regular events continue as normal:-

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday,

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday evening

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1pm.

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 13th at 10am

PILATES Thursday 10am

BADMINTON: contact John for availability Tel.611517.

LINE DANCERS: Wednesday 7.30pm.

The Table Top Sale was a great success but how do all the stall holders end up buying from each other & taking home more than they brought!

St.George's Dinner Saturday 20th April 7.30pm 3 course meal Roast Beef of Old England Tickets £17.50 contact Chris 691850 David 613280

19th MODEL EXHIBITION – Put these dates in your diary Saturday 4th May noon to 5pm, Sunday 5th May 10am to 5pm & Monday 6th May 10am to 4pm. New Exhibitors welcome: Chris 691850 or David 613280

Friday 6th September Houghton Weavers first time at Barley, part of their Village Halls tour of UK – 80 tickets on sale soon £15pp includes supper. Audrey Weatherill

ROUGHLEE

As I wrote last month, the Village Fayre was the centre of attention, with additional volunteers being sought to come and help, and persuade the VCC to hold this “under threat” event. Well, I am pleased to report that a number of residents attended and showed us, at the last Village Centre meeting that there is interest and support in the village for such an event. (Thank You). Whilst we are not out of the woods yet, as there is much organisation to take place, the VCC is attempting to hold this event. All we need now is for the sun gods to smile on the day, but more importantly for you our residents and neighbours to come out and support us by attending. More to follow I am sure.

Rural crime seems to be at the forefront of our minds, as vehicles have recently been taken, with additional attempts to steal bits from them. We have “rural watch” in place in several parts of the Parish, details are shown below.

On a more mundane note, we rely on feedback and comments from villagers as to the general state and appearance of the village, so if there is something that you feel is not being neglected, then let us know, because if we don't know that it is broken we cannot fix it. Martin Schofield

DIARY DATE Race Night at the Village Centre on Saturday 11th May.

Rural Watch / Farm Watch / Neighbourhood Watch

FARMERS and communities in Pendleside are invited to join a new scheme aimed at helping to prevent crime. ‘Watch’ allows officers to share information with householders, farmers, stable owners and any other countryside properties & businesses.

The scheme alerts suspicious behaviour or recent crimes via either email or text so that they can take the necessary precautions to keep their land and property safe.

Villagers are encouraged to inform police of sightings of suspicious vehicles, concern of stock, poachers or other unusual activity and this information will then be passed on to others involved in the scheme. This makes people more vigilant and protective of their property at key times.

Keith Sandham, Watch Liaison Officer at Burnley Police Station, who is coordinating the scheme, said: ‘Watch’ will help form closer working links with farmers and communities in rural areas and hopefully improve their confidence and allow us to share far more information in the future.”

Anyone who wishes to join the scheme can contact Keith Sandham, c/o Police Station, Parker Lane, Burnley BB11 2BT Tel. 01282 425001 Mobile; 07904 261 769 keith.sandham2@lancashire.pnn.police.uk



Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm
Ads Infinitum with Kate Harris
Competition: Most amusing
advertisement
Visitors welcome
Barley Village Hall

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Tai Chi for the Over 50s
Organised by AgeUK
Every Tuesday 1 - 2:30pm
Roughlee Village Centre
Fee £4 per session

Tai chi, also called tai chi chuan, combines deep breathing and relaxation with slow and gentle movements. Originally developed as a martial art in 13th-century China, tai chi is today practised around the world as a health-promoting exercise.

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP
www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk

Wednesday March 20
7.30pm Barley Village Hall
“Memorial to Polish Aircrew”
by Peter Whittaker

MESSY CHURCH
BARLEY VILLAGE HALL
Takes place on the third Tuesday of
EVERY month at 3.30pm

FUN, GAMES, WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP
We ask parents to contribute to the cost of the activities and meal that we have at each session. **MESSY CHURCH** is organised by **Mandy Culshaw** who can be contacted by email on: a.culshaw635@btinternet.com

mothers union
March 26
7-30 at St Thomas
Getting to know you better

Fed up with expensive energy bills? Pendle Council has teamed up with other Lancashire Councils to get you a much better deal on your energy bills. ‘People Power’ is a collective energy switching scheme and all residents can sign up – even if you are a pre-payment meter customer.

All you need is information about your current deal such as the name of your energy supplier, your tariff type and your current consumption in kWh or spend (all of this can be found on your bill).

Then just register your interest online, by phone or face-to-face with a trained volunteer any time up until 8th April 2013. The more people that sign up, the bigger the potential savings will be.

On 9th April there will be an auction with a number of energy suppliers to see who can offer

the best deal. Only then do you decide whether you wish to accept the winning supplier's offer. **The scheme is free and there is no obligation.**

You could save a lot of money by signing up. Switching has never been so easy!

www.pendle.gov.uk/peoplepower

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