

Parish NEWS



BARLEY~NEWCHURCH~ROUGHLEE~SABDEN FOLD~SPEN BROOK

November 2016



ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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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.

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): Prayer Book Mattins

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•SUNDAY 6TH ALL SOULS 2.30PM

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•SUNDAY 13TH - 9.15PM REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

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•SUNDAY 27TH - 9.30AM THANKSGIVING SERVICE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE RECENT BUILDING WORK, FOLLOWED BY AN EXHIBITION OF THE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND PROJECT ENDING WITH 6PM PENDLESIDE GROUP MINISTRY ADVENT CAROL SERVICE.

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•4TH DEC - 4PM CHRISTINGLE AT ST. MARY'S

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Dear Friends

Seasonal Affective Disorder seems to have come early this year – that strange phenomenon whereby reduced light affects your mood. Or could it be that the news is particularly depressing at the moment – no relief for the people in Aleppo; a presidential election campaign that is really scraping the barrel; the possible uncertainty being created about our economic and political future?

The beauty of autumn colours in the sunshine does lift the spirits but even that is a reminder of winter ahead. Curiously I want to talk about hope. I find myself asking, Where is the hope? The more I reflect on what’s happening in the world, the less I see it in human institutions and politics. They seem to be inhabited by forces that more often than not work against the greater good. St Paul described them as spiritual forces which look to dominate and overpower. We may not share his worldview, but the effects are the same.

St Paul’s message is to put on ‘God’s armour’ – truth, justice, and faith. And, he says, Be ready to bring Good News. The Good News is that of Jesus who didn’t use his position to overpower, but to serve and to be a victim. The scandal of the Christian message is this actually makes a difference. Victory over evil is inevitable. Wherever people are putting others first, risking their security to care for others, being motivated by compassion, then hope is at work and making a difference. And hope for us is to join in.

God bless you.

John

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St Mary’s Vicar

Further to last month’s article about John Hallows’ retirement. The church will be organising a collection and presentation to mark his 16 years of ministry. If you would like to contribute donations can be given to either Kathleen Wilkinson, Chris Widdas or John Parsons. (contact details on the inside back cover) any time until mid January. Details of the presentation will be in next month’s magazine.



Barley Chapel

welcomes everyone. Sunday services are family friendly and are held at 10.30am. Refreshments are provided after the service and there is a Sunday school for younger members.

Regular activities at Barley Chapel.

Monday (fortnightly). Housegroup and Bible study. Sally Wilshaw ☎617978

Tuesday (weekly) Table Tennis.
Juniors 6.30 to 7.30pm. Seniors 7.30 to 9pm.
Ian Bennett ☎543616

Tuesday (2nd of each month) Ladies fellowship. Lorraine Goldsbrough ☎694127

Thursday (weekly) FOG club 6.30 to 7.45pm
Christian youth club for ages 7 to 16.
Angie Hargreaves ☎605090

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 13th Nov.

Please bring along your pet, whatever it is, as we will also be remembering animals that served during the wars.

Minister Revd. David Edmondson ☎ 843064

Barley Parish Council

As briefly mentioned last month, we won the Lancashire Best Kept Village (Hamlet Class) for 2016, beating all fifteen entrants in the competition. The village has looked clean, tidy and looked-after all summer and this was clearly appreciated by the judges and I am glad that the efforts of many villagers have been recognised. The summer has been average but we have hosted over 25,000 visitors and still kept our highways and byways pretty much trash free, that is only achieved by us all doing our bit!

The competition is designed to encourage community effort and involvement in keeping villages and their facilities tidy and well maintained and I believe the competition does provide a focus, but in the end we all benefit from looking after our own patch.

On behalf of the Parish Council - who entered the village into the competition - I would like to thank the villagers and businesses who contributed in some way and on a personal note to thank John Connor who was the lead Councillor on this project and Frank Wilkinson who kept on top of our landscape areas as our lengthsmen.

Talking of John Connor, our three villages owe him a debt of gratitude as he has just taken on the role of regularly checking our three defibrillators.

I would like to introduce Ian Milne as our new co-opted Councillor. We have been advertising for a Councillor on the noticeboard for over two months and I am delighted we eventually got a volunteer. Ian lives at Barley Green in the new detached house by the Village Hall and he brings new energy, ideas and a professional approach to council business.

If you have not tried them yet, there is a new slide and swing on the playground which you must have a go on. The new equipment was proposed by Cllr Statham and she has been the project lead gathering ideas, specifications and prices before submitting them to the Council who approved the project. She can be found swinging and sliding whilst the grandchildren patiently wait their turn. Finally, the Council will be placing some planters on the footway at the corner of Barley Lane, opposite the ‘post office’ and where the junction forks off up to Black Moss reservoirs. They should prevent footway parking which forces people out on to the road on a blind bend which is dangerous. We hope these will be a success and not too intrusive

Derek Heap

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 11th Nov.

Meet at the Village Hall at 1030 before the Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 1100.

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

BADMINTON & KEEP FIT: John ☎611517

COFFEE & CHAT 2nd Wednesdays 10am-12.

CRAFT GROUP: Valerie ☎691850

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.30pm

MESSY CHURCH 3rd Tuesday 3.30pm

PENDLE PATCHERS: Audrey ☎613280

PILATES: Tracy ☎07773 785904

YOUNG FARMERS: ☎07811 666790

CORK CRAZY November 17 £6
Sally-Anne ☎07595 493289

LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

www.pendleforesthistorygroup.co.uk
Wednesday 16th Nov. 7.30pm

Presentation by David Johnson
“Kilns of all Kinds.” BVH

Val Blamire

A popular resident of Newchurch, she died peacefully aged 71 at her home. Val was born in Kent and was a lady of many talents, including painting and singing. She moved north with her parents, married Keith, her husband of 49 years, and settled in Fence where sons Simon, Rupert and James were born. Val worked at East Lancs Education & Business Partnership in Clayton and after retirement moved to Newchurch in 2003. They loved and often visited France, and she was the proud grandmother of six grandsons.

GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

I will start this article by giving condolences to the families of Brian Wilkinson and Val Blamire and also Cllr. John David. I attended Brian's funeral and it was evident by the many people who were there to pay their respects, that he was widely appreciated. He was well known in the area for the many jobs he had completed on behalf of the Parish Council and for the church. I did not know Val personally but she had served as the Parish Clerk at Goldshaw Booth and was well regarded by those who knew her.

John David was very well known for the many years of service he gave as a Councillor.

All will be missed.

The Council has voted to jointly purchase a Speed Indicator Device with the parishes of Higham, Roughlee and Barley. The project has been organised by County Councillor Christian Wakeford and our thanks go to him for his hard work in coming up with, and part funding, it.

Brian Wilkinson

A kind, gentle man, he died peacefully in Royal Blackburn Hospital aged 84 years. He did his National Service with the RAF painting aeroplanes, a profession he continued as a self-employed painter until retirement. He met Kathleen in the Sun Inn at Blacko and they married in the 1970s.

He was a wonderful stepdad to Carol. His favourite pastime was dancing with Kathleen, as well as lots of painting and other voluntary work for the Guards, the church & local community.

Councillor Chris Hudson has purchased spring bulbs on behalf of the Parish to be planted in the public areas of our villages. He has planted some and put the rest in buckets under cover on the left hand side of the toilet block. We are asking residents to plant these bulbs in their village gardens and public areas. We think it would add to the character of the parish and look forward to seeing these flowers next year.

Sparable Wood needs some maintenance, with selected trees to be felled. The Parish Council is working with Chris Binney, a senior environment officer with Pendle Council, who will provide guidance on this project.

Please note that the council sends out a monthly newsletter that gives the main points covered at the latest Parish Council meeting, to all residents that wish to receive it. If you wish to keep up to date with events in your parish please email clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk and type subscribe in the subject line.

Christopher Burt

ROUGHLEE

I was away on holiday for the last two weeks of October so this news item is not as topical as I would like but the last Parish Council meeting on 3rd October had a full agenda so there are a few items to report.

Perhaps the key one was to receive the very sad news that the Bay Horse Inn had been damaged by a kitchen fire and will now be closed until some time in 2017. This means that our village pub will not be available over the Christmas / New Year period and many bookings have been cancelled. The Parish Council is hoping to find out further details and also agreed to look into what steps could be taken to preserve this valued community asset.

Arrangements for the Senior Citizens' Christmas lunch are progressing well and two more volunteers have come forward to help on the day. Thanks to all concerned.

On planning matters it was reported that a livestock building above Thorneyholme Farm had been approved. The proposal to convert the barn at Thorneyholme Farm was also discussed and five members of the public, representing both the applicants and neighbours, made representations to the Council. Whilst accepting the principle of a conversion the Council expressed concerns relating to the materials proposed for the garage block. The Council's comments have been sent to the planning officer.

The dangerous state of the riverside path at Thorneyholme was again discussed. Representations to both the County and Borough Councils have, so far, produced little in the way of a positive response. This is an important issue for both the land owner and the very many people who use this footpath on a regular basis and we will continue to seek a proper repair.

The next Parish Council meeting is on 7th November at 7.30pm. Villagers are very welcome to attend the meetings, whether to raise an issue or simply to meet the Councillors and listen to the discussions. We have heard from residents who have recently arrived in the village and if you wish to come and say hello that would be great!

Andrew Walker

REMEMBRANCE DAY 11th Nov.

Meet at 1055, prior to a Wreath Laying at the 1914-2014 War Memorial at 1100.

ROUGHLEE School

School has been host to a wide range of interesting and adorable animals this month, with the majority of our children bringing their pets into school. We have had everything from cats, dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs, chickens and even a giant rabbit. This has had a huge positive impact on the children's speaking and listening skills and more importantly on their confidence. They have loved sharing their pets with their friends and explaining how they care for them. We have also had the *Burnley Pets at Home* team join us, who brought a range of pets with them, explaining to the children how to care for the animals along with sharing lots of interesting facts about them. Mr Hartley also led our worship with Chicaquita, who is a coati (a member of the racoon family). It has been clearly evident that the children have thoroughly enjoyed Pet Week, which was represented in all the wonderful writing they completed. Thank you to everyone who has helped make this a fabulous learning experience for the children, which they will remember for a long time. The children have also had a fabulous time joining in with the Parish Scarecrow Festival.

They have made and proudly presented 'Percy the Park Keeper' at the front of school.

We will be welcoming Miss Duxbury to our school after half-term. She will be joining our teaching staff and will be teaching our Junior children along with Miss McDevitt; this will enable us to further enhance our teaching and learning provisions, providing increased continuity and consistency. I'm certain we will all make her feel welcome.

The new school sign has finally arrived and will hopefully be installed in time for the children coming back in November. I am pleased to inform you that the school has been successful in securing funding to replace the old playground equipment with some new soft flooring and wooden trim trail. We are hopeful that this refurbishment will take place next year during the Easter break.

Finally, thank you to FORS who organised a spectacular, albeit unorthodox, 'Break the Rules Day' during the final week. The children were able to break our school uniform rules in order to raise money for the school. The children were very creative with this, resulting in children



Roughlee
Glitter
Ball

Theme : *Glitz @ Glitter* :
Black Tie ~ 3 Course Dinner
FIZZ RECEPTION AT 7PM
LIVE SAXOPHONIST & CLARINET
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT & CABARET
Saturday November 19
TICKETS £45 FROM PAM ON 614755

coming to school in beautiful dresses, football kits and even with extreme hairstyles. It was a thoroughly enjoyable day for all. Mark Elliott

Roughlee Village Centre

In response to the closure of the pub, many locals approached "Entertainment Host" Glen 'Ted Bovis' Watson and he has arranged to open the Centre every second Friday from 7pm, with the next being a live showing of the England v Scotland game on Nov 11. Two quizzes by James 'Jeffrey Fairbrother' Starkie have already been held and enjoyed by all! Tickets are now on sale for our Premiere Event - the Roughlee Glitter Ball - on Saturday November 19. £45 from Pam on 614755.

St Mary's Church

•We were sorry to hear of the passing of Brian Wilkinson and extend our sympathy to his family. The whole of St. Mary's Church would like to acknowledge the considerable contribution made by Brian to our church.

•**Saturday 19th November - Festive Fair** from 11.30am. This year's fair will be in collaboration with St. Mary's School and will include the usual stalls plus new stalls by school and Friends of St. Mary's. Admission by donation. Donations for the cake, bric a brac, and raffle prizes greatly appreciated.

Friends of Newchurch Group

Last month's 100 Club draw on behalf of School has taken place. Winners are:

1st prize, £25 – Mandy Culshaw (parent)

2nd prize, £20 – Ruth White (governor)

3rd prize, £15 – Laura Standring (parent)

Anybody wishing to get involved with the school fundraiser, please contact Rosie Hudson for available numbers on 07790 167590 or email her at rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com

There is going to be a special Christmas draw in December with a chance to win £50 on top of the usual prizes so if you want to be involved please contact Rosie as soon as possible in order to be in the draw for November. Friends of Newchurch would like to say a huge 'thank you' to everybody who is supporting this initiative – residents, parents, grandparents, governors and any school associates. Thank you on behalf of St Mary's Primary School !



BT

has started consultations with communities across the country, as well as our local councils, as to the future of our payphones. All four in Pendleside;- Newchurch St Mary's, Crowtrees, Thorneyholme Square and Barley are scheduled for removal. The only one that stands any chance of saving is Barley as the mobile signal there is poor or non-existent. And it recorded 274 calls in the previous 12 months. Compare this to (in order of the above) 3, 0, 1. ie the three boxes in Newchurch & Roughlee generated just 4 calls between them! It is a consultation though and any responses should be sent to BT Payphones, 11-13 Great Tower Street, London EC3R 5AQ or email;

btp.authorisation.team@bt.com

Wednesday November 2

Prize-winning Cheese Maker
Andy Swinscoe at 7.30 in
Barley Village Hall.



"Kathleen and family would sincerely like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the cards, flowers and generous donations to St Mary's Church and Diabetes UK following the recent sad loss of Brian. God bless you all for your kindness at this sad time."

Parish Dates & Contacts

Parish News Co-ordinator: John Parsons ☎ 699580 john@spenbrook.co.uk

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: November 9, December 14, January 11 & February 8.

Parish Council Chairman: Derek Heap ☎ 692264 derekheap1@googlemail.com

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

Village Hall Chairman: Ian Middleton ☎ 501303 iansallyanne@icloud.com

Goldshaw Booth

~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School.
Next Meetings: November 8, December 13, January 10 & February 14.

Parish Council Chairman: Chris Burt ☎ 602449 christopher.burt81@btinternet.com

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

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 7.30pm in Roughlee Village Centre: November 7, December 5, January 9 & February 6.

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