

Parish News

Barley - Newchurch - Roughlee - Sabden Fold - Spenbrook

February 2018



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

Julie's Letter

The letter of James in the Bible is one of the most practical books. The writer presents instructions regarding practical wisdom and guidance for Christian attitudes and conduct.

One of the most famous quotations is part of verse eighteen in chapter 2, 'I will show you my faith by my deeds'. February provides us with many opportunities to put our faith into action.

National marriage week runs from 7th-14th February and gives us a chance to reflect on marriage and support the couples who will be getting married at St Mary's during 2018.

Lent begins on 14th February and provides us with a period of time in which to give something up....chocolate perhaps and donate the money saved to a charity.

Other people take something on rather than give something up. Perhaps there is something you could do for your local community which would be a blessing to others.

At the end of February (26th Feb) is the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight where we are asked to consider using Fairtrade products and encourage others to do so. Many people start by switching their coffee to a Fairtrade brand. With that in mind here's a prayer based on the two halves of a coffee bean!!!

Lord God, we think of the two halves of humanity - those who have and those who have not. We pray for agencies and organizations that are fighting poverty. Bring relief and justice to the poor. Help us to do all we can to lift others out of poverty.

Yours in Christ

Julie



This month's services and events are listed on the back page but here are some future dates for your diary:

Women's World Day of Prayer at Wheatley Lane Methodist Church at 2pm on 2nd March 2018.

Mothering Sunday 9.30am at St. Mary's on Sunday 11th March 2018

Rev Julie Smith St Thomas' Vicarage, Wheatley Lane Road, Barrowford, Nelson BB9 6QS
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Barley Parish Council

Telegraph Poles – if BT Openreach have their way the Forest of Bowland in our area will be re-populated with telegraph poles. The first I knew of this plan was whilst driving home from Clitheroe, I was surprised to see around 25 poles standing proud on Barley Lane from the layby down to the village and there were also other poles radiating down the access roads to smaller communities.

I say standing proud, what I really mean is large, 9m high wooden poles with cables hanging from them that are blighting the open vistas in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and many more are planned to arrive at your door soon.

The government has made a commitment to deliver superfast broadband to rural communities and the vehicle is BT Openreach. The vast majority of rural people will be delighted to receive this service having suffered a limited, unreliable and slow internet service for years. The Parish and the Borough Council realise the benefits to residents and businesses and fully support this initiative.

However, this needs to be balanced against the need to ensure that our landscape is not blighted by over 100+ telegraph poles and their linking cables radiating to all properties in the area. The plans show poles erected all the way up to Upper Ogden, Stang Top and Whitehough etc. Whilst Barley is important to ourselves, the area around Pendle Hill is a nationally important tourist area attracting around a third of a million visitors each year, largely because of the outstanding and unspoilt landscape.

Planning legislation would normally control this form of development in the AONB in the form of the need to apply to PBC under a prior notification procedure. However, a Permitted Development Order 2015 specifically excluded telegraph poles from needing any form of consent - provided they are for broadband and the development is completed prior to 30th May 2018. Hence few new about this and the haste to progress.

Since the first poles were erected there has been a lot of activity involving LCC (funding the project using government monies), PBC, AONB representatives the PC and BT. Discussions are ongoing on how to progress this important project

and where cables can be put underground which is of course reliant upon landowners, access and cost.

Whilst the PC is being held on the periphery we are optimistic that much can be done to reduce the impact on the area. During this consultation phase BT have suspended all pole erection work and have told me they will be removing all poles on Barley Lane once they have an alternative solution.

The issue does of course raise the dilemma that if piling is not acceptable in the AONB (and this is very old technology) and it is not possible to put cable underground in private grassland or on public maintained highway i.e. grass verge, then it may prove impossible to provide Superfast fibre broadband to certain premises in the area and so views will be diverse. However, we all know there is an alternative village broadband service available to us which continues to improve in reliability and speed. It would be a calamity to erect poles to a remote property which does not require the BT option.

I would like to thank Newchurch and Roughlee PC's for their support on this issue.

Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall

CRAFT GROUP: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday. Contact Valerie. Tel: 691850

KEEP FIT: Monday. Contact John Tel. 611517

PENDLE PATCHERS.

Tues 13th and 27th February

Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & chat: Wed 14th Feb at 10am to 12 noon.

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.00pm

Sally-Anne 54130

YOGA : every Thursday evening 7.30pm

Michelle 07710307563

PILATES every Thursday morning 10 - 11am.

Tracy 07773785904.

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

I would like to start this article by wishing residents a happy New Year and hope that the Parish Council continues to meet its challenges and provide a good service to everyone.

At the last PC meeting recently, Cllr. James Starkie reported on the plans for the installation of more telegraph poles to be erected in the local area by BT for high speed broadband connection. He has been in touch with Pendle Council and LCC to have the connections, where possible, provided by laying cables underground rather than on rows of poles. All agreed that more poles would spoil the affected landscape, which after all, is part of the AONB. The PC gave a formal confirmation of support and wished him well in his endeavours.

The playing field has been affected by flooding for some time now, which has been caused by a blocked land drain. It was so bad that it was difficult to walk along the main path at the side of Sparable Wood and action needed to be taken. Happily the Parish Council is able to call on public spirited individuals who have the skill and patience to deal with a problem like this. Alan Taylor, who many will know, has been kind enough to volunteer and has managed to identify the blockage and at the time of writing this piece, has stopped further flooding. The field should now start to dry out, and although the job is not yet finished, I am confident it will be soon.

The pond in Sparable Wood is continuing to take shape and there is now a bench that is permanently sited and has been provided by Jim Tunstill who is the main driver behind this project. Michael Astin continues to make his regular inspections of the play equipment which is a necessary and important responsibility to ensure safety for the public. I have written about these items to show that it is the work of volunteers who have been good enough to undertake them and because they have a sense of a shared community. On behalf of the PC I thank these volunteers for their involvement and I hope that other people are encouraged to come forward and offer their help for other jobs and projects that need attention.

Residents may have been wondering if we were ever to be provided with a speed indicator device (SPID) that has been talked about for a long time now. The PC heard from County Councillor Christian Wakeford

about the reasons for the delay and that an order has definitely now been made. My thanks go to Christian for all the hard work he has put into this project and hope, probably as much as he does, that we should receive the SPID sometime next month.

Christopher Burt

St Mary's C of E Primary Academy

Happy New Year!

It was lovely to see everyone return to school last week with enthusiastic smiles, having enjoyed the Christmas holiday. We as a school community believe that 2018 is going to be a great year for all of us!

On the first day back, we welcomed Mrs Farnell into our school family. Mrs Farnell will be teaching Years 3 and 4 English and Maths until the Easter Holidays. I am very happy to report that she is thoroughly enjoying teaching at St Mary's.

Bishop Phillip is visiting school on Wednesday 17th January. We are very much looking forward to his Collective Worship on this half terms chosen theme of 'Faithfulness'.

Wednesday's visit from Commando Joe continues to be the highlight of the school week - his after school club remains very popular. Other after school clubs are as follows: Monday - FUNDA (KS1), Tuesday - Athletics with Mr Whittaker, Thursday - Create and Discover with Mrs Whittaker and Friday - Dodgeball with Mr Whittaker.

We are once again looking forward to collaborating with Roughlee Primary School for our Education Sunday Service. This will be on 28th January, more details will be available once Rev Smith, Mr Elliot and myself have put together an order of service - everyone is very welcome to this celebration of our pupils.

This is a short half term, school will close on Friday 9th February and re-open on Monday 19th February. Time appears to be passing by very quickly - let us all try to make the most of everyday!

Best wishes,

Mrs P Nightingale.

Roughlee School

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all. The children have already settled back into their routines, which is a credit to both them and the staff.

Thank you to all those who were able to join us in church at the end of the Autumn Term to share in, and celebrate, the children's achievements and successes this term. Congratulations to all those children who received an award. It is always pleasing to see the wide range of achievements and awards being presented; we are very fortunate to have so many talented children here at Roughlee. A special mention must be made to Freya, Iyla, Declan and Madison Goff who started out service with such beautiful singing; they were magnificent!

The staff, governors and children all enjoyed a scrumptious Christmas lunch together before we broke up for the festive holiday. Christmas is the only time in the year when we all dine together, which makes it a very special experience for all involved. The children then enjoyed a very well deserved party, with a visitor from the North Pole bearing gifts. A big thank you to FORS for everything they have done to ensure this was a magical experience for all involved. They also enjoyed Toy Day on the final day of term, learning to share and care.

The children are currently enjoying their 'Drama Project', which is being delivered by Miss Veevers, a qualified drama teacher from the Burnley Youth Theatre. The children are exploring various aspects of their curriculum through drama. The children who attend the after-school drama club are rehearsing for their end of term production, which will be held at the Burnley Youth Theatre. This will be a fabulous evening for the children, who will have the opportunity to perform on stage in a theatre.

The whole school enjoyed themselves at the pantomime. It was a spectacular production of 'Snow White' and the children's participation and behaviour was exemplary. It was nice to see them all transfixed by what was happening on the stage. Thank you again to FORS for arranging and providing this wonderful experience, which the children will be utilising as a stimulus for their writing.

School is currently replacing all our classroom furniture as part of our ongoing refurbishment programme. We will also be investing in new iPads and laptops for our infant class as we continue to refine and develop our teaching and learning provisions.

Here at Roughlee we do not have a designated 'Open Day', however if you would like to visit (to come and sample what life at Roughlee is really like for our children) please do not hesitate to contact school to make an appointment – we look forward to seeing you. M Elliott

Roughlee Parish Council

Due to holiday commitments this News is a joint effort between Andrew Walker and Mary Reed but we hope it will keep you up to date with events in Roughlee.

On schedule the Bay Horse Inn reopened on 23rd November with a gathering of shareholders, then a more general gathering of villagers on the 24th. The grand, formal opening by local MP Andrew Stephenson on the 25th coincided with the Roughlee Ball at the nearby village centre. As a result the early evening at the pub was graced by a number of dinner jackets, soon to be followed by a good turnout of normally attired customers. These notable events were much enjoyed by those present. Since then the pub has been highly popular, including events on Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. The Swarbrick family have shown a huge commitment and their efforts are very much appreciated by the village.

The Senior Citizens Lunch held on 14th December recorded its highest ever turnout, not to mention the highest ever consumption of wine! The Mayor and Mayoress of Pendle joined us and the children of Roughlee School sang for us. A beautifully moving performance.

At December's meeting of the Parish Council we received a report from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust on habitats within the Parish boundary, explaining how these have changed over the past 30 years. Our aim in commissioning this report is to help to look after our environment and to preserve the plants and animals which share our countryside. Details of the Habitat Report are on website at www.roughlee.org.uk/nature, including a month-by-month Wildlife Calendar; a Foraging Calendar; and checklists for amphibians, fish, birds and mammals to look out for in and around Roughlee.

At January's meeting we were required to set our precept for 2018/19, this being the amount which is added to the Council Tax bill for each household within the village to pay for Parish Council services. The Council reviewed current levels of service and decided not to increase the precept for 2018/19, which will in effect result in a small decrease in the amount paid by the tax payer.

Quiz & Games Night

Meat & Potato and Cheese & Onion

**Pie & Peas
Supper**

Bring your own drinks

PLAY
YOUR CARDS
RIGHT

Music & Dancing
to follow.

Tickets **£7.50**
07849 774438

Saturday 3 March ~7.30pm.

Performing Arts Evening ~ Joan & Bette ~ Friday April 20

HOLLYWOOD LEGENDS

Victorian Day ~ Sunday June 10. Mayor's Garden Party ~ Sunday July 1

**ROUGHLEE
VILLAGE
CENTRE**

Duck Race & BBQ ~ Sunday July 29

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VILLAGE
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The 100 Club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for
December & January.

Winners were:-

December:

- Jo Applegate with number 22, winning £50
(Christmas special draw)
- Zilpah Hartley with number 57, winning £25
- Clark Nutter with number 33, winning £20
- Lesley Muffitt with number 5, winning £15

January:

- Kathryn Musso with number 37, winning £25
- Andrea Wilkinson with number 98, winning £20
- Charlotte Duerden with number 56, winning
£15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with
this. There are 10 numbers still available so
anybody wishing to get involved with the
fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on
07790 167590, or e-mail her at
rosie.hudson@btopenworld.com

Pendle Forest History Group

Wednesday 21st February 2018
7.30pm Barley Village Hall
AGM and items of interest

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Sally Anne Middleton - iansallyanne@icloud.com
Claire Milligan - s.c.milligan@talktalk.net
Janet Thornton - janetthornton.wi@btinternet.com

Barley Chapel

Our family friendly Sunday Service is at 10.30am.
Refreshments afterwards and Sunday School for
younger members.

Regular Activities

Monday fortnightly Bible Study
Sally Wilshaw 617978

Tuesday Table Tennis Jnrs 6.30 pm Snrs 7.30pm
Ian Bennett 543616

Thursday FOG club 6.30 to 7.30pm
Angie Hargreaves 605090

Minister Rev. David Edmondson 843064

Parish Contacts

Parish News Coordinator: 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.uk

Council meetings are held at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall on 1st Wednesday in the month

Parish Council Chairman	Derek Heap	692264	derekheap1@googlemail.com
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Hall Chairman	Ian Middleton	501303	iansallyanne@icloud.com

Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spennorth) 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	Chris Burt	602449	christopher.burt81@btinternet.com
Parish Council Clerk	Jennifer Sutcliffe		clerk@goldshawbooth.org.uk

Roughlee Booth

www.roughlee.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7pm in Roughlee Village Centre on the 1st Monday of the month.

Parish Council Chairman	Andrew Walker	07808 003035	ajwplanning@hotmail.com
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St. Mary's Church

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MESSY CHURCH	Mandy Culshaw	696635	a.culshaw635@btinternet.com



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.

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 modern hymns and a sermon for the young and not so young

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

5th Sunday (when applicable) Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer

MESSY CHURCH

*****20th FEBRUARY 2018 AT BARLEY VILLAGE HALL. 3.30 - 5.00pm*****

MESSY CHURCH is an opportunity for all the family to get very messy, to have lots of fun, make crafty things whilst linking the activities to bible stories, singing songs and enjoying a lovely meal and fellowship together.

any queries ring Mandy 07790341542

Services and events at St. Mary's

Sunday 4 th February	Candlemas	9.30am	Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 th February with imposition of ashes	Ash Wednesday	10.30am	Service at St.Thomas's

All other Sunday services at 9.30am

7 th -14 th February	Marriage Week
26 th February – 11 th March	Fairtrade Fortnight

Saturday 10th March 10am-12noon
Coffee Morning and Quiz Answers
at 5, Osborne Terrace, Spenbrook

If anyone can sell some Quiz Sheets or would like a quiz sheet, please ring Valerie Widdas (691850) or email: chriswiddas@gmail.com
The topic for the quiz this year is "In the kitchen".

This and past issues of the Parish News can be found at
WWW.STMARYSNEWCHURCHINPENDLE.ORG.UK

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