

# Parish

# CHURCH NEWS



## April 2016

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**ST. MARY'S**  
**NEWCHURCH-IN-PENDLE**  
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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 17th April 9.30am Morning Prayer  
followed by the Annual Parish Meeting

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19th April Messy Church at Barley Village Hall

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Thursday 5th May 7.30pm Ascension Day Deanery Service

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Saturday 14th May 2.30pm Lambing Service

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Sunday 15th May 11am Pentecost Joint Service

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Please have your articles for the May issue by **Friday April 22.**

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*Dear Friends*



I'm writing this with the news of the bombings in Brussels whirling around the media. As well as the human tragedy, experts are giving their views on security, radicalisation and the vulnerability of every major city. It is occupying my mind alongside the business of this week, so-called 'Holy Week'. By the time you read this we may have moved on. But the underlying question won't have gone away. It will have just slipped down our priorities.

The question is to do with what it means to be human. Certainly some modern views treat us as determined by the chemistry of our bodies, or in a wider sense by the agenda of survival. They perhaps explain us at one level, but not at the level of personality. What is it about human nature that we possess an 'innate' sense of right and wrong, and an aspiration to goodness, but so often we do not achieve what we hope for? St Paul put it like this: Even though the desire to do good is in me, I am not able to do it.

That is only part of it. As humans we are able to take the best in our nature and pervert it. So faith becomes a pretext for murder; and the need to be loved an opportunity for abuse and trafficking.

Is there an antidote? As a society we are encouraged to celebrate the positive values of respect and tolerance. We need also to protect vulnerable people from the messages of hate and abuse around them especially on the internet. Such measures operate on the macro scale. Government can devise strategies, but society is made up of individuals. This is why we also need to respond at a personal level. To what extent are our own attitudes, words and actions driven by goodness, kindness, compassion? There is a health warning. It might come at a cost to ourselves.

We have just celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. As a narrative it is about someone who was prepared to give up everything out of love and compassion. But it is also an affirmation that goodness is stronger than evil, love is stronger than hatred, and life is stronger than death.

God bless you.

*John*

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# Parish Dates & Contacts

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](http://www.barleyvillagehall.org)

Parish Council meetings take place on Wednesdays at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall.  
Next Meeting: April 13 & May 18 (AGM). Annual Parish Meeting May 11.

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## Goldshaw Booth

~ Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spen Brook [www.goldshawbooth.org.uk](http://www.goldshawbooth.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on Tuesdays every month at 7pm in Newchurch School.  
Next Meetings: April 12 & May 10 (AGM).

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## Roughlee Booth

[www.roughlee.org.uk](http://www.roughlee.org.uk)

Parish Council meetings take place on Mondays every month at 8pm in Roughlee Village Centre. Next Meetings: April 4 & May 9 (AGM).

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# Parish NEWS

BARLEY ~ GOLDSHAW BOOTH ~ ROUGHLEE



## Barley Parish Council

The clocks have just leapt forward and we are in to British Summer Time, or daylight saving time as the idea was called when it was first introduced in 1916 just 100 years ago. The idea by William Willet was to make the maximum use of daylight hours and so reduce domestic coal consumption allowing more to be diverted to the war effort as the First World War raged on. The Summer Time Act of 1916 was quickly passed by Parliament and the first day of British Summer Time, 21 May 1916, was widely reported in the press. It continues to be reported widely today but still people get caught out and turn up an hour early, this year I saw some resident early birds at the bus stop in Barley bemoaning the 12 o'clock bus had not arrived oblivious to the time being only 11:15... it was a pleasure to enlighten them and point to the village clock in front of them.

On the subject of light we have had two modern LED street lights introduced in to the village at Barley Green. I am not sure why because they are out of keeping with the rest of the sodium lights throughout the village, they are not on the main thoroughfare so they do not stand out but they would look most odd if they were.

As reported last month, the seven properties that make up the old water treatment works are getting closer to completion and are up for sale. They are to a good specification and guide prices are £295k for 3 bedrooms and £350k for 4 bedrooms. The developer was successful with a planning application to convert the old

store room at the Ogden end of the development to a 2 storey holiday let which will be sold with the end property. The Council strongly objected to this development, as did residents of Barley Green, on the grounds of urbanisation, loss of views and more parking issues but it all fell on deaf ears.

The Parish Council is becoming increasingly frustrated by the inconsistent decisions and ambiguous support for the AONB villages from the Borough Council.

Parking issues dominated the last PC meeting and representatives from the Cabin and the Pendle Inn attended. We have been looking at various surfacing options for the car park over the last 12 months whilst progressing grant support applications which all proved unsuccessful. The Council have now decided to retain a rustic stone surface and accept that pothole repairs will be required once or twice a year. Parking in the turning circle has become a problem again and so we have had to bring the no parking sign and cones forward to become more prominent and ask local businesses to support the PC and not use it as an overflow or staff car park.

Finally, we have received a response to the query the PC sent to our MP regarding the cancellation of the mobile phone reception project. Essentially the project failed because of "protracted negotiations with the land owner" but I suspect there is more to it, with the press reporting issues between the government and Arqiva. There is a hint the project might still have some life but the PC is sceptical. Derek Heap

## BARLEY VILLAGE HALL REGULAR ACTIVITIES

CARD CLASS: Valerie ☎691850

CRAFT GROUP: Valerie ☎691850

KEEP FIT: John ☎611517

LINE DANCING: Thursday 7.30pm

COFFEE & CHAT 2nd Wednesdays 10am-12.

MESSY CHURCH 3rd Tuesday 3.30pm

PENDLE PATCHERS: Audrey ☎613280

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YOUNG FARMERS: ☎ 0781 166 6790

BEGINNERS GUIDE TO PAPER CRAFT 16 April

1-4pm. £25 includes materials and refreshments. Booking essential as places limited. Sally-Anne ☎0759 549 3289

CRAFTERNOON TEA 21 April at 1.30pm. Making rag flowers. £6 includes materials and refreshments. Booking essential as places limited. Sally-Anne ☎0759 549 3289

### St George's Dinner

SATURDAY 23rd APRIL 7pm for 7.30pm  
3 course meal including  
ROAST BEEF OF OLD ENGLAND,  
Britannia will be in attendance to lead the singing. Tickets £17.50 from Chris ☎691850.  
Please bring your own drinks.

SPRING BANK HOLIDAY Saturday 30th  
April, Sunday & Monday 1st & 2nd MAY

### 23rd MODEL EXHIBITION

Each year we welcome some new exhibitors who come & display their skills. The usual wide range of interests, Dolls Houses, Trains, Planes, Cars etc. will be on display. We are always looking for new exhibitors, if you have an interest in anything in miniature or can recommend anyone who maybe interested please phone Chris ☎691850. We are always looking to make each year an even better Exhibition. Homemade refreshments are on sale during the three days, come & visit & enjoy some time away from home. Steve & Tony will be there with their Scalextric racing track.

## GOLDSHAW BOOTH PC

Rural Bus Service - Council was pleased to note that although a large number of services have been curtailed, the Clitheroe-Nelson bus service has been retained, but will no longer serve Newchurch/Spennorth, passengers will have to board the bus at Barley or Happy Valley.

Parish Council to write to LCC to request to make available an early morning and late afternoon service to Newchurch and Spennorth, just to go the extra mile, as this service is well used especially by children going to and returning from Clitheroe schools.

Mowing of the Playing Field - Invitation to Tender notices are on the notice boards. Sealed tenders to Clerk to the Parish Council, 327A Wheatley Lane Road, Fence, Burnley BB12 9QA - closing date 5pm 10 April 2016.

The Planning department at Pendle has just informed us that the developers of Spennorth Mill have been in touch, informing them that they hope to start building later this year.

Planning Request from LCC/2016/0016 for the erection of a free standing canopy at St Mary's C of E School, Spennorth Road. The application has been granted and the Decision Notice has been issued.

Kathleen Wilkinson

## LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

[www.pendleforesthistrorygroup.co.uk](http://www.pendleforesthistrorygroup.co.uk)

Wed 20th April 7.30pm

Presentation by Alison Ermitage  
Wills and inventories  
7.30pm Barley Village Hall

## St. Mary's School

We held a school disco in February, during which the children completed a 20 minute 'Danceathon'. This was a sponsored event which raised a fantastic £703. The proceeds are going towards the funds we are raising to purchase 'Bug Club' books.

Fourteen very excited children left for Low Mill on Monday 8th February. Having arrived safely, making up their beds, they proceeded to get soaked twice -once during the afternoon walk, then again during the night walk. According to Miss Stelfox they thoroughly enjoyed it!!

Due to poor weather on the Tuesday they all went caving together. Thankfully the weather

for the rest of the week was much better. It was very quiet in school without the upper juniors! They all had a very enjoyable week and arrived back at school on the Friday very tired, including Miss Stelfox and Mrs Taylor!!

Some of our Reception Mums enjoyed an afternoon in school doing Chinese New Year activities with their children and had the opportunity to watch them interact with their peers and chat to the teachers about their son/daughter's progress.

We recently held a Super Athlete Day in school which was run by Soccer7 & Academy. During the event all the children were given the opportunity to compete against each other in four different sporting activities. The children received various prizes during a Presentation Assembly and the overall winner was Abigayle Harper winning a pair of football boots for raising an amazing £103.50.

To add to our fundraising, this half term, we held a non-uniform day in aid of the British Heart Foundation. We were pleased to be able to send them a cheque for £78.

For World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March the children came to school dressed as a character from their favourite book. We saw some wonderful costumes. Also, if they wished, they brought a book that they had enjoyed and swapped it with a friend.

KS2: Their current History topic is focusing on The Victorians, so to enrich the topic the children had a trip to Quarry Bank Mill. This was a fantastic place as it provided the children with the opportunity to explore local history, the Industrial Revolution and discover what it was like to be a factory worker or child apprentice. To add to the authenticity of the day staff and children dressed in appropriate Victorian clothing for the duration of the day.

KS1: As part of the Infant's Spring and Life Cycle topic one of our Mum's kindly brought into school a couple of lambs which had recently been born. The children had the opportunity to touch and cuddle the lambs, followed by a strict cleansing routine!!

Mrs P Nightingale

## ROUGHLEE

It does not seem like two minutes since I was composing the last newsletter and in this time village life appears (to me at least) to have run smoothly and quietly without anything to report.

We are still looking for a volunteer to tend the flower beds just outside and opposite the school. It is only a small area and should only take up a couple of hours of time per month throughout the summer weed growing period. So please step forwards any Percy Thrower impersonators.

The beginning of May will see us holding our Annual General Meeting and we will have a vacancy for a parish councillor to fill, so if you are interested in doing your bit and joining the team please let us know. June will also see us holding the Annual Parish Meeting, as I have written in previous years this is something that we are statutorily obliged to hold. Previous years have seen very poor attendance from the community, so once again I would ask for ideas on how to spice things up to improve the attendance and make it more interesting.

Martin Schofield

## Roughlee School

The children thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day, dressing up as their favourite book character and participating in various reading activities throughout school. Their costumes were fantastic! As part of this day the children watched the fabulous production of 'Handa's Hen' at the Burnley Youth Theatre. Later on in the month, they got the chance to perform themselves on stage at the theatre as part of our Drama Project and Arts Mark. Children of all ages performed their own special version of Alice in Wonderland, which I'm certain all the parents will agree was outstanding. The school has also become a member of the Music Mark, in recognition of our excellent music provisions here at Roughlee.

The Mayor of Pendle, Councillor Nawaz Ahmed, visited school and explained to the children what his role within our community is and how they can get involved with local politics. He also very kindly showed the children his splendid mayoral insignia.

Our school nurse came into school to speak to all the children about the importance of good oral hygiene. The PAIS Team and Bible students from Capernwray Hall, Cumbria, have delivered wonderful and inspiring worships in school linked to our focused value on 'forgiveness'. Our very supportive and dedicated FORS team have organised various Easter competitions for the children, ranging from decorating eggs,

Easter gardens/bonnets to family quizzes. They have also organised a 'Coffee and Cake' afternoon, which was well attended. Preparations for our FORS Summer Fair is already underway. We will be holding our end of term awards assembly at St Mary's Church on Friday 8th April 2016, at 09:20 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the children's many successes.

M Elliott

## Roughlee Village Centre Plant Sale & Dog Show Sunday May 15

Sunday Fun Day June 16



## Womens Institute

Barley Village Hall. 7.30pm.  
Wednesday 6th April  
Understanding the EU  
with Michael Hindley

theWI  
INSPIRING WOMEN

Life and death are serious subjects but there were many amusing moments when members of Barley WI refreshed their CPR skills. The arrival of Defibrillators in our three Pendleside villages prompted the WI to invite Trainers from Rossendale and Pendle Mountain Rescue Team to give training in the use of these devices. Elizabeth Hobday, who works as an Emergency Nurse Practitioner and Elizabeth Toft, a student Paramedic, explained that if somebody collapses from a heart attack, you should first dial 999, then start CPR to get the heart going and air into the lungs. Once the heart is beating, it often goes into a dangerously inefficient, irregular rhythm and this is where the Defibrillator comes in, to restore a normal healthy rhythm. The machine checks the rhythm before

**Well done Ian!** Former Roughlee graduate Ian Dobson has been excelling this week in the GP14 Sailing World Championships in Barbados! Ian went to Primet, then Nelson & Colne College, gaining 5 'A' levels in 2004, then on to Southampton University to study Maritime & Civil Engineering. He works at a Maritime Consultancy in London and lives in Guildford.



delivering an electric shock, which will not be given if it is not needed. WI members were reassured to know that they could not do harm with the machine and that it "talked" them through all the stages of its use. As one member pointed out, with many walkers, often elderly, taking on the challenge of Pendle, it was good to know how to do CPR and use the Defibrillator.



The WI have been "digging for Britain" again, although, truth to tell, there was a man doing a lot of the hard work!

Barley WI were allocated thirty trees by the Woodland Trust to plant at the side of the Picnic Area in Barley. The man was Frank Wilkinson, Barley Parish Council's official Lengthsman. Frank dug the holes while volunteers from the WI Committee planted the small trees, covering each one with a plastic protector to keep the rabbits out then using canes to hold them in place. The trees are Silver Birch, Rowan and Wild Cherry. It is hoped that they will provide Spring colour and Autumn berries, as well as helping to stabilise the bank. Later, the WI plan to plant Willow at the base of the bank, in a very wet area which should suit Willow.