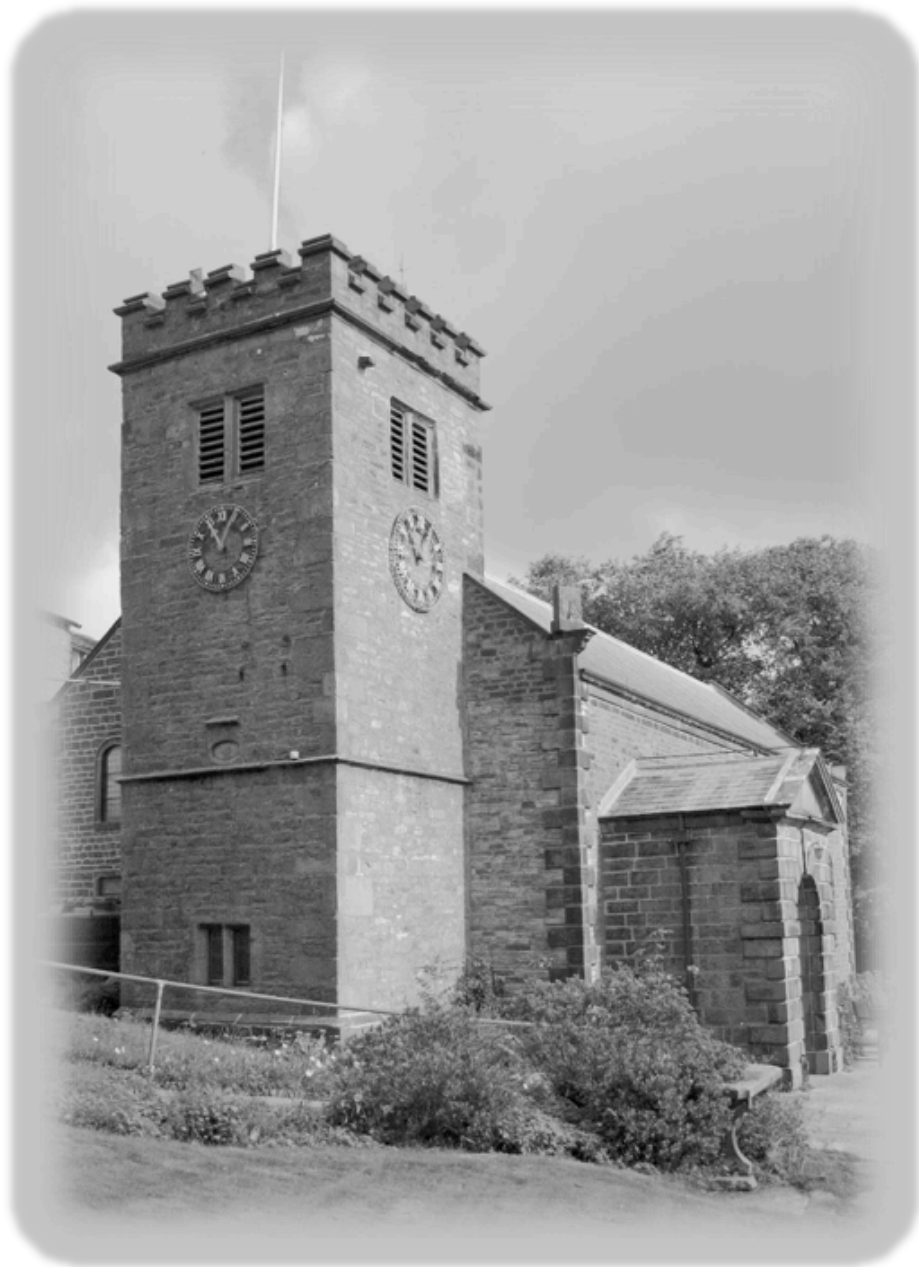


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St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

As I write this I've just returned from leading a Collective Act of Worship in Roughlee School. (I know which day of the week it is by which school I'm in! Tuesday is Roughlee, Wednesday is St Thomas' and Thursday is St Mary's). It is always a joy to worship with the children and staff (and parents sometimes) either in school or in church. Today we gave thanks for St Joseph the husband of Mary (19th March) and thought about how a £1 coin could help us think about Jesus and justice.



For many of us the £1 coin is something we don't think about very often it's just there in our purse or in a dish on the side.

There are other things in my home that I take for granted too. My shoes, toothbrush, kettle, chairs, alarm clock and Bible to name a few. Not anymore!

As part of my Lent discipline I've been reading a book called *At Home In Lent, An exploration of Lent through 46 objects* by Gordon Giles. As he writes in the introduction, 'this book seeks to open access to the spiritual significance of 46 objects that can be found in almost any home'

It has been a fascinating journey so far with much food for thought as each day there is a bible verse, an object to reflect upon and questions to ask and prayers to be spoken.

Unlike many Lent books this one also has a reflection for Easter Day and the object is dazzling light.

When we rise on Easter Day we rise to find that Lent is over. Whatever we gave up we can take up again. Once again we can tell the world about the resurrection of Jesus and declare 'Christ is risen'.

Gordon writes, 'For the Lord is risen indeed! He rises with us each and every day. Just as each night when we go to sleep we die a little death as we turn out the life-light, every morning the light returns and dazzles us with the dawning reality of our own daily resurrection. It is our daily rising that reaffirms our own existence and connects us to the greater light. In faith we see everything by the light of the Easter sunrise.'

Easter Day is the 21st of April this year but every single day is illuminated by Easter light. On Easter Day we do not say 'Christ has risen' we say 'Christ is risen'. For Christ is risen every day from then on and from now on. So in one sense every day is Easter Day and the day of resurrection is every day.

St Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 'Death has been swallowed up in victory' and asks the famous questions 'Where, O death is your victory? Where O death is your sting?' (1 Corinthians 15: 54b-55 NRSV). Christ is risen and death has been conquered so that 'all who believe in him may not perish but may have everlasting life' (John 3:16 NRSV).

May the resurrection light of Christ illuminate our past and our future and shine from everything we see and touch, this Easter and hereafter. For you, Lord, are risen. You are risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen. (Gordon Giles)

God Bless
Julie

Barley Parish Council

Whilst not everyone in Barley uses social media, many do. Those using it will be well aware of their capability to share information with family, friends, communities and much wider audiences. From famous people to football clubs, they all have huge audiences they can communicate with instantly from a mobile phone using text, photographs and videos. There are also many perils to be aware of including false news, the risk of being misunderstood and being pilloried for your views.

I say this because a "Barley Past & Present" Facebook site has been around for a couple of years and has generally been used to share news, photographs and to promote events in our community. From that has spawned a "Barley Residents Group" (BRG) Facebook page which is currently focused on gathering and sharing the views of residents regarding the issues arising from the increase in visitor numbers to Barley; I have joined. The three organisers of the group were able to encourage around 70 residents to attend a meeting at the Pendle Inn recently to discuss the said issues. Only 7 residents have attended the last ten Parish Council meetings. Clearly the power of social media offers a great platform to tell your community what you think and the Parish Council may have to re-think its policy of not engaging on social media despite its perils.

The organisers of the BRG met with the PC last week and we spent 1½ Hours discussing the issues and possible solutions they brought to the Council. Issues were summarised in four categories - Volume of Tourists, Parking & Congestion, Unauthorised Vehicles on Private Lanes & Control of Dogs.

As a first meeting the PC found it to be very positive and we were obviously aligned in our objectives. But both sides probably had some disappointments. The BRG organisers probably thought we were dismissive of some of their ideas (eg road barriers on UU roads) based on

our previous experiences and the PC were concerned about expectations being raised over what the PC can deliver when the solutions are in the gift of others such as LCC, PBC, and UU. In these cases, the PC can only try and influence.

The two main issues raised by the BRG were the future of the sculpture trail and road lines; most believe that the removal of the sculpture trail will significantly reduce the visitor numbers and so reduce many of the current problems.

On these important issues, the PC has been invited to meet PBC next week to discuss the sculpture trail over which they have responsibility and the minimum we will seek is no further development. The PC met the highway authority (LCC) last week and they have agreed to significant stretches of white hazard lines throughout the village but not to yellow lines at this point as we do not meet their policy criteria. This is a step forward for all those wanting road lines and a relief for the few putting out cones most weekends. The PC know that some would prefer yellow lines. LCC have said that due to necessary consultation periods it could be 3 months before any lines appear.

Derek Heap

Pendle Forest History Group

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Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm

Barley Village Hall

Business and Items of Interest

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

Last month I wrote that discussions would be starting about how the £28,000 awarded by the owners of Spenbrook Mill, under a section 106 contract to Pendle Borough Council, could be spent. Although Pendle BC will make the final decision on how the money is spent, they will work with Goldshaw Booth Parish Council to make the appropriate decision.

At the Parish Council meeting on 12th March a representative from Kompan, a company which is a supplier of playground equipment, gave a presentation to the Council of initial recommendations on the possible use of the £28,000. This is the first time we have had a presentation from a commercial company regarding how the money could be spent and we plan to have more. By the end of the year the Parish Council hopes to have drawn up a short list of the most appropriate plans. It is planned to circulate the short list of ideas to all residents and ask for their help in identifying the final choice. Although the final decision on the plan to be recommended to Pendle BC will be made by the Parish Council, we would welcome participation from the public in order to reach it. Although there was a large turnout at the last Parish Council meeting for the presentation by Laurence Daw of Cheshire Estates and indications from residents that they would attend for the presentation at this month's Parish Council meeting, unfortunately there were no members of the public present.

I think it would be a great asset to the Parish Council if residents were more involved and came to a Parish Council meeting to contribute their ideas directly to all Councillors in a public forum. I understand that residents would be more likely to get involved if there is an interesting subject that could directly affect them. This is such a time, as £28,000 is a great deal of money and has the opportunity of being transformational in the future of our parish.

Plans are ongoing about a CCTV system for Newchurch and will progress when further quotes have been obtained and will be discussed at next month's meeting. Other news is that we have appointed a gardener to look after the gardens in Newchurch and Spenbrook. He has already tidied them up and will start his regular maintenance soon. Finally we have again entered the Best Kept Village Competition and, as last year, all three hamlets will participate. Kathleen Wilkinson and Beccy Murrell are the two co-ordinators for the competition and there will be further information about this over the coming weeks. Chris Burt

Barley Chapel

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

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

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'50 years in the same 14ft square' was the title of an entertaining talk by Roy Porter from Porters Famous Butchers in Chatburn.

We heard not only about Roy's life story, but also a historic look at the local butchers that once were in every town and village in the Ribble Valley.

Porters success is attributed to adapting to the demand for different cuts of meat, change in cooking styles and shopping habits as more Women went out to work.

The evening was finished off by a selection of delicious Porters Pies and our usual tea & naughty cakes.

The Next Meeting is Wednesday 3rd April when we will be having a go at TAI CHI. There will be also a seed swap and plant shop.

New members welcome – please take a look at our facebook page or get in touch with Presidents Sally-Anne Middleton or Claire Milligan.

Roughlee Parish Council

After a hint of Spring at the end of February we are now back to the usual wet weather as March brings more typical weather conditions. This makes it more difficult to identify the source of the running surface water at the bottom of Pasture Lane but United Utilities have agreed to carry out further exploratory works to find the source of the problem. Although this may cause some disruption to road traffic a solution may be in sight!

The March Parish Council meeting was a routine affair. Comments were made on two current planning applications and in one case we are asking for the use of traditional stone rather than timber cladding as proposed. The final decision will rest with the Borough Council. The FoRA group reported on their recent meeting which was very well attended. There will be a litter picking day on 30th March as part of the Keep Britain Tidy, Operation Spring Clean, and initial work towards the Best Kept Village competition is underway. It would be very pleasing to build on last year's success in the competition but introducing new improvements is not easy. The new wild-flower planters which are currently being built will help to show that the village is not resting on its laurels.

As part of the work funded by the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership we received a further report from the Lancashire Wildlife Trust looking at grassland and woodland ecology networks within the Parish. This is part of the ongoing work aimed at raising awareness of habitats and to encourage the protection and enhancement of flora and fauna within our area. The provision of wildflower planting, including some by Roughlee School, will help to encourage and protect pollinators, many of which are in decline nationally. The next stage of this work is to identify linkages between habitats and, working with land owners, to look at ways to improve the protection of natural features in Roughlee.

Discussion on this item led to an interesting exchange about the need to balance work to raise awareness without attracting too much public access which could damage what we seek to protect. Sympathy was expressed for our neighbours in Barley where over exposure to visitors is undoubtedly damaging the enjoyment and amenity of residents. Evidence of this problem extends into our village where visitor parking reaches along Barley Road to as far as Happy Valley cross-roads.

Last year we organised a foraging walk to introduce villagers to nature's larder which is all around us.

Repeat walks are being arranged this year, the first of which is scheduled for Sunday 28th April. Details from Mary, our Parish Clerk.

Finally, congratulations to Roughlee school who have installed an impressive new sign which can be readily viewed from both directions. People have no excuse now for driving past the school without noticing.

Andrew Walker

Roughlee C of E School

During the Spring half-term holiday school continued with its refurbishment project, with all children now benefitting from the new 86" touchscreen Activpanels which have been installed in all the classrooms throughout school. We have also had our new school signs and outdoor cross installed. Our new outdoor worship area and interactive playground equipment will be installed under the cross during the Easter holidays. Following a very successful parents' workshop focused on how we teach Mathematics throughout school our children had great fun participating in the NSPCC's Number Fun Day. This involved the children playing a vast range of mathematical games and solving problems in a practical manner. School has also, following a successful trail and positive feedback from both parents and children, purchased TT Rockstars for all our children – focused on developing their times tables knowledge and rapid recall. The children have explored a variety of internet safety topics as part of our Safer Internet Day activities. This was then followed up with a very informative visit by the Police, who focused on a variety of online safety issues and the importance of children not being exposed to materials which are not age appropriate for them, i.e. computer games, etc. School celebrated World Book Day, with the children dressing up as their favourite book character and participating in various reading activities. Some children also attended school in their pyjamas, linking to our focus on the detrimental affect using an electronic device (ipad, mobile phone, etc) before bed can have upon your sleep and mental wellbeing. Bob, from Burnley Pendleside Rotary Club, visited school and very kindly donated a set of high-visibility safety jackets and £250.00 to school for our World Book Day activities – thank you. The PAIS Team and Ruth have delivered wonderful and inspiring worships in school linked to our focused value on 'Justice'. Bible students from Cape 'n' Rae have also led a practical act of worship linking to the Easter story, which the children

thoroughly enjoyed. School participated within various activities celebrating Red Nose Day, with all children receiving a complimentary Red Nose. Throughout the Spring Term we have had a focus on reading, both in school and at home. We have replaced a large amount of old reading material from the school library with books that children have selected themselves. We have updated our guided reading materials and ran a reading competition. The children were tasked with taking a photograph of them reading in an unusual place. The entries were spectacular, ranging from reading on a rollercoaster to reading with a lion! Reverend Julie has begun confirmation classes within school, with the confirmation service taking place at St Thomas' Church on Sunday 5th May 2019.

Our very supportive and dedicated FORS team organised a fabulous Mad Hair Day event, which raised funds for the school. The children were very creative with their hairstyles. FORS have also organised various Easter competitions for the children, ranging from decorating eggs to creating Easter gardens/bonnets. Preparations for our FORS Summer Fair are already underway – Saturday 29th June 2019. We will be holding our end of term Awards' Service at St Mary's Church on Friday 5th April 2019, at 09:15 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate the children's many successes. M. Elliott

St. Mary's Academy

Our school continues to offer a range of sporting activities, within the school day and also after school clubs: FUNDA sports coaching, coach Renco with lunchtime basketball training, Mr Whittaker's sports club, Miss Stephenson's Skills Development Club, Miss Morley's Gardening Club, along with out of school sporting competitions such as CVL Football and Netball matches. In addition Reception and Years One and Two children enjoyed their first session of tag rugby.

On World book Day we celebrated this special day by asking the children to bring into school their favourite book. We asked why this was a favourite and would they recommend it? Each class participated in fun, book related activities, during the day.

Red Nose Day was a lot of fun!! The School Council asked the children to dress in their pyjamas and to bring a donation towards this fundraising event. The money we raised will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide. We also used the day as a learning opportunity to help our pupils explore the issues facing young people across the world, and how the money raised can help.

Teachers and Year 8 Ambassadors visited school to talk about community cohesion. Our junior children were involved in fun activities that encouraged them to reflect upon all that our wider community has to offer.

Building relationships with the wider community is very important to everyone at St Mary's and we have been lucky to have Kathy, Paul and Janet from Padiham Rotary in school telling the children all about the valuable work they with a school in Uganda. Our Rotakids are hoping to do a fund raising activity soon to aid this fabulous cause.

We were very lucky to have the Fire Service visit school to talk to all of our pupils about child safety in the home as well as road safety.

Our fabulous Friends of Newchurch will be holding a Fashion Show on the 25th April 7.30pm for an 8pm Catwalk Show. The event is being hosted by the Pendle Inn Barley. Tickets are £10 which includes entrance and supper. Please come along, it should be lots of fun.

Best wishes,

Mrs P Nightingale

The 100 club

draw on behalf of St Mary's School took place for January & February. Winners were:

- Rosie Hudson with number 80, winning £25
- Claire Milligan with number 48, winning £20
- Gill Collins with number 19, winning £15

Thanks to everyone who supports the school with this. There are now only 2 numbers available.

Anybody wishing to get involved with the fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at rosie.hudson08@hotmail.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 & 4th Sunday: Holy Communion from contemporary service book with hymns and sermon

5th Sunday (when applicable) Morning Prayer

MESSY CHURCH is held in Barley Village Hall at 3.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of the Month

Rushbearing at St Mary's, 13th July, 2019

Malkin Morris, based in Roughlee and Barley,
and Newchurch St Mary's Academy

are working together to make this year's

Rushbearing

a traditional event but with a new twist.

The Rushbearing will take place as usual
but will be combined with Malkin's first day of dance
with visiting teams Belfagan from Cockermouth,
the Craven Flag Crackers, Kitchen Taps and Hebden Hill
Millies

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