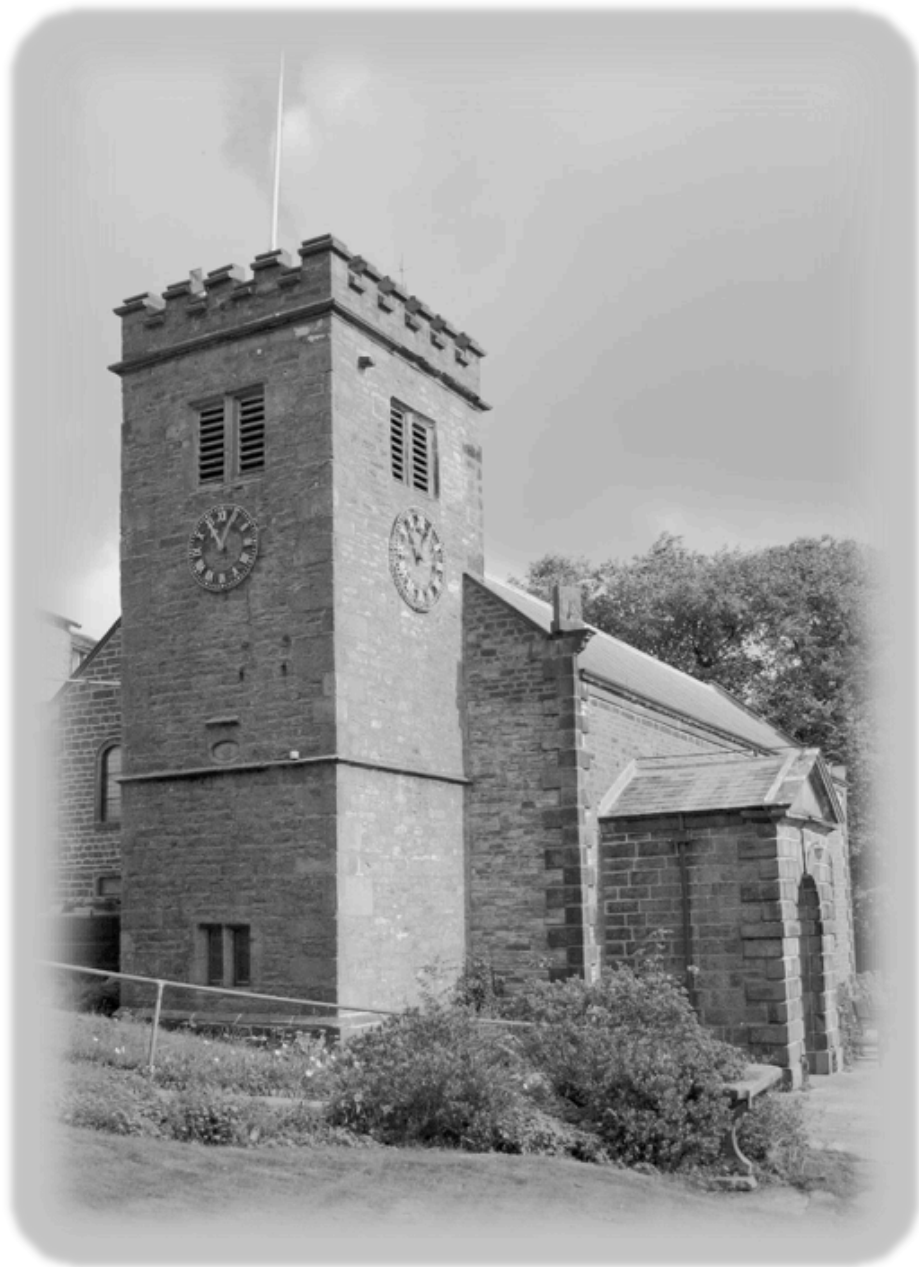


Parish News

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September 2019



St. Mary's Church

Newchurch in Pendle BB12 9JR

The Vicar's Letter

Church is....?

I wonder how you would answer that question. Is church a building or the people in it?

Can anyone go to church or is it reserved for only 'holy people?'

I'd like to suggest that the church is both building and people. There is the solid presence of stone and wood which make up the actual building of St Mary's and the people who meet there and have done for centuries.

During September we shall be honouring both the building and the people of St Mary's.

It is a joy and a privilege to be able to open the doors of St Mary's during the week. People come to visit from far and wide and for many different reasons. Some come to explore the history of the area or their own personal history and some come to offer a prayer for others in a time of need. They are all welcome as they have been for many years but one of the questions I get asked frequently is do people still worship here?

The resounding answer to that question is yes and everyone is welcome to come and worship in St Mary's. The church is not reserved for holy people the church is open to everyone saints and sinners alike!

St Mary's Church is undoubtedly a beautiful building that has been lovingly cared for by generations but consider this quote I found, 'God is not calling us to *go* to church: he is calling us to *be* his church, the hope of the world'.

The church building is a sacred place a place where we worship God, a place where we can draw nearer to Him and He draws nearer to us so that by His grace we may grow as His church. The building becomes a visible sign of our life together and a symbol of the service and witness that we offer in His name.

At the end of a service there is a part known as the sending out. We are encouraged to 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' To which we respond 'In the name of Christ. Amen'

This reminds us that it is Jesus Christ who is the head of the church a church that is also known as the body of Christ. As the body of Christ, we are to be like Jesus so that we too reveal God to the world. Michael Ramsay who served as the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury said, 'The duty of the church is to comfort the disturbed and to disturb the comfortable'.

My prayer for St Mary's is that we will be a church that fulfils that duty and that you will join us whether you worship regularly within the walls of St Mary's or have never been before.

Through all you do and all you are may Christ be present.

God Bless

Revd Julie

Barley

Barley has made it to the finals of the Best Kept Village competition and judging is underway as I am writing this article. The village has looked good all summer and the Council would like to thank Frank Grindrod who has done a sterling job of preparing and maintaining our flower beds and removing weeds around the village. Residents have done their bit of course and hopefully we will have more success.

Last month I wrote about CCTV being installed in the village and since then it has been reported that we had two burglars chancing their luck by trying house and car doors etc in the middle of the night with entry limited to cars only. Whilst some damage was done, I am not aware of any significant thefts but CCTV owned by residents proved to be useful and it is reported two people have been arrested. No doubt the distress to those involved was most unwanted.

The PC considered introducing CCTV at both ends of the village but realised there is much more to introducing CCTV into public areas than you might think in terms of purpose, privacy, consultation, individual councillor responsibilities, access to and storage of images etc along with significant penalties for breach of legislation. It would seem that private CCTV systems are at least as valuable as public systems. Councillors promoting this project are reviewing what we need to do to comply with legislation and guidance.

The Council are again looking to recruit a new Clerk who can take on the responsibility for administering our business and guiding the council. If you are interested please look out for an advert on the notice-board and on the Barley Past & Present Facebook page.

The Council has appointed a contractor to construct a tarmac road through the first sections of the car park. The road will reduce the future costs of pot hole repair and should encourage better use of the parking area. Works are anticipated to take one week and commence late September or early October.

Works are being undertaken to improve an old footpath to the rear of the car park and this is being funded by the Pendle Hill Landscape Project. Once the footpath is completed volunteers will work on removing scrub and the invasive balsam so encouraging the development of a better habitat for wild flowers and wild life as well as

opening a short walk for residents and visitors.

Finally, following my invitation to residents to take on responsibility for maintaining the village by *adopting a bench, a road sign, maybe a flower bed and keeping it tidy.*

The Council are grateful to have Janet & Bob Pemberton volunteering to look after two car park benches, Derek Oldham maintaining the Celtic bench beyond Narrowgates and Roger Clarkson the Cross Lane street sign. Any more volunteers out there? Derek Heap

Barley Village Hall

We are having some maintenance done at the hall over the next few weeks we are sorry for any inconvenience caused. Next Hall Committee Meeting 3rd September 7pm the position of chairman is available Tel 613280 Audrey

CARD CLASS: 1- 3pm. 1st & 3rd Monday, check with Valarie for classes Tel. 691850

PILATES: start Mon. 10th 6-7pm 07853176011 Catherine.

YOUNG FARMERS: Monday evening contact Hannah Duerden Secretary 07811666790

KEEP FIT: Monday 8pm weekly circuit training, Contact John Tel. 611517 for information.

PENDLE PATCHERS: 2ND & 4TH Tuesday 1 to 5 pm. Call in if you would like to see what we do. Tel Audrey 613280

COFFEE & chat: Wednesday 11th at 10am to 12 noon.

WI : Wed. 4th 7.30pm

LINE DANCING: Thursday 8.00 pm Sally-Anne 541303

PILATES every Thursday 10-11am. Tracy 07773785904.

YOGA: Thursday 7.30pm start 20th Sept Michelle 07710307563

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2019

"LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS" bring your own Picnic

6.15pm for 7,00pm. Tickets £5 contact Jenny 01282 695312

Claiming date 25th January 2020 BURNS NIGHT

MOBILE LIBRARY in Barley on 2nd & 16th September approx 10.30am, in Roughlee before & Newchuch after this time, new mobile no. David 07855 117674

Goldshaw Booth Parish Council

The Spenn Brook mill development is now underway but not without a few issues which have been reported by local residents. If I could ask that anyone who has any further issues to contact me directly or the parish clerk as I am in contact with the site owner. He has assured me that if I contact him, he will resolve the issues directly.

As part of the development, the parish has received a sum of money from the 'section 106 agreement', donated by the developer to be used to enhance the open spaces of the parish. This sum is in the region of £28,000. The council will shortly be delivering questionnaires to all properties within the parish to allow you to have your say on how this money should be used. Some ideas already been suggested and these will be shown on the questionnaire for you to choose from or for you to add your own ideas or comments.

The judging for the Best Kept Village competition is ongoing. We have not had any update at present but the final judging period is the 29th and 30th August. Thank you to all residents who are continuing to make the effort in keeping the villages looking good.

Finally, there is currently a vacancy on the parish council due to a recent resignation. If anyone within the parish is interested in becoming a councillor, please either contact myself, the parish clerk or by attending the monthly council meeting.

Bob Donovan

New Digital Grave Record for St. Mary's Church

It all began in May 2017 when Pendle And Burnley Branch of the LFHHS made an interesting out-visit to St. Mary's and were given an excellent talk about the church by John Parsons. He also showed us the Burial Register from 1857 onwards.

Many of my relatives are buried amongst the 2650+ in the churchyard so I asked if the register was available on the net; answer: "No"; but the Church Council were hoping it might be eventually digitised. Ideal combination as John gets queries from people wanting to know about their families.

Result was a datasheet listing all the burials. John took brilliant pictures of all the pages in the Register and I added them as individual entries to the datasheet after listing the burials in alphabetical order on a separate working sheet.

As I happened to have a list as transcribed in 1982, it seemed a shame not to link them in as well and from there to add births, deaths and marriages and other information where possible. After that, it seemed a good idea to link in pictures of gravestones where visible and this is currently being done. It is hoped to link in the Baptismal registers as transcribed by Dr Brenda Hustler later this year.

If you want further information as to access and availability of this new database please speak with John Parsons (john@spennbrook.co.uk)

Mike Smith

Burnley and Pendle Family History and Heraldry Society

Roughlee Parish Council

Much of the Parish Council focus over the past month has seen a continuation of routine items with an emphasis on keeping the village tidy. We are also progressing the work on habitats and the proposed village greenhouse. Perhaps more importantly our last meeting was dominated by a number of major planning issues.

In explaining these issues it is worth reminding villagers on the role of the Parish Council in dealing with planning matters. The Parish Council is consulted on all planning applications submitted within our area. We also deal with complaints on unauthorised development. In both cases we listen to representations from local people and send our comments and recommendations to the Borough Council who are the Local Planning Authority and make decisions on planning applications and enforcement matters. In most cases these decisions are taken by the Barrowford and Western Parishes Area Committee but some are referred to the Policy and Resources Committee. Any application refused can be the subject of an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, an agency of central government.

In dealing with planning matters the Parish Council's approach is very much determined by what we see as duty to protect the amenity of our beautiful countryside and the character of buildings. The Parish is wholly within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. This is a nationally designated area and is afforded a very high level of protection from development which threatens the character of the area. This protection is also reflected in the Pendle Local Plan.

Of the three planning issues on our last agenda one related to a large picture window on Dabs House, the new house at the junction of Ridge Lane and Blacko Bar Road. The design of the house was approved on appeal and included traditional mullion windows. The large picture window is unauthorised and out of character with the approved scheme and has been the subject of complaint locally. After representations from the Parish Council the

Borough Council have resolved to take enforcement action.

Two separate applications have also been made to build two large houses on open land outside of the village boundary. One involves development in the open land across the river to the south of Blacko Bar Road. The other is in the field off Barley New Road between Thorneyholme Hall and the Jinney Lane junction. This second application is an amended scheme. A similar application was refused in January 2019 and is now subject to appeal.

Both applications are made by local people and, in one case a local need justification was put forward. Having listened to the applicants the Parish Council decided to recommend the refusal of both applications. If allowed the schemes would result in highly visible and intrusive development in the AONB. Approval could also result in the development of similar sites throughout Pendleside. It remains to be seen what decisions the Borough Council will make but the Parish Council is determined to do all we can to protect our beautiful area from unjustified and speculative development.

Andrew Walker

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

In Pendle's Shadow Walk

To join the walk contact
Kathleen Wilkinson 617971

This year the walk will be on
Saturday 14th September
8am to 4pm

We need help to steward the walk.
Could you spare an hour or 2 to help on the
day?
We really would appreciate it if you could.
Please contact
Chris Widdas 01282 691850 or email
chriswiddas@gmail.com

Pendle Forest History Group

Wednesday 18th September 2019 at
7.30pm
Barley Village Hall

Presentation by
Virginia Crewe

"Clogs, Bells and Traditional Dance"

Members £2, Visitors £3

joan@spenbrook.co.uk or
wendy.stansfield@live.co.uk

All Souls' Service

Commemoration of the faithful departed
Sunday 3rd November 2.30pm

During this service the names of the
departed will be read out.

There will be a sheet at the back of the
church during October for names to be
included. Please add the name(s) of
anyone you wish to be remembered or
alternatively speak to either of the
churchwardens. Names may also be
submitted by email to:
chriswiddas@gmail.com

**All are welcome to attend this and
any other of our services**

The 100 club

The 100 club draw on behalf of St Mary's
School took place for August. Winners
were:-

- Davina Barraclough with number 6,
winning £25
- Gill Collins with number 19, winning £20
- Joanne Hunt with number 23, winning
£15

Thanks to everyone who supports the
school with this. There are now 11
numbers available (due to leavers).
Anybody wishing to get involved with
the fundraiser please contact Rosie Hudson
on 07790 167590, or e-mail her at
rosie.hudson08@hotmail.com .

Parish 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.barleyparish.uk www.barleyvillagehall.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7.30pm in Barley Village Hall on 2nd Wednesday in the month

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Parish Council Clerk Vacancy

Goldshaw Booth (Newchurch, Sabden Fold & Spenbrook) www.goldshawbooth.org.uk

Council meetings are held at 7pm in St. Mary's School on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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Roughlee Booth www.roughlee.org.uk

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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

St. Mary's Patronal Festival Weekend Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September from 11am to 4pm on both days.

The theme of this year's festival is

Our History

Mike Smith will be available on both days to demonstrate the new Burial Database

We will also have an exhibition of St. Mary's History.

9.30am Service led by the Dean of Blackburn Cathedral
Rev. Peter Howell-Jones
followed at 10.45 approx
by Mike Smith talking about the Burial Database and how it has been constructed

admission by donation

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