

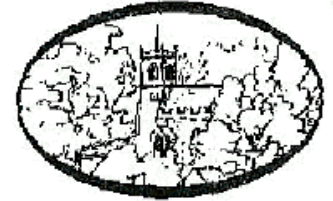


Parish Calendar 2015						
August			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Saturday	2.15 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	Entries 10.00 am/noon Judging 1.00 pm	
2nd	Trinity IX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
3rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	St Leonard Downham		
4th	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Village Hall Mgt Cttee	Village Hall		
9th	Trinity X	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mr I Walton	Mrs D. Braithwaite Mrs F Eldridge	
12th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B Lewis	New	
13th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
14th	Friday	12 noon	Wedding	Benjamin Laverick - Lauren Hind		
16th	Trinity XI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins	
17th	Monday	2.30 pm	History Group	Visit Stonyhurst College depart Bridge 1.50 pm		
		7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Martin Top Chapel, Rimington		
20th	Thursday	7.30 am	WI	Village Hall		
23rd	Trinity XII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr B. Lewis	Mrs Anne Chadwick	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
26th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr T McLean	New	
30th	Trinity XIII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell	
31st	Bank Holiday-Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church, Chatburn		
September						
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Bees and Honey—Carol Johnson	
6th	Trinity XIV	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Ms C. Raw
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud on Sabbatical Leave Revd Andrew Whitehead to September 01200 444734</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p> <p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210</p>						
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

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From **The Revd ANDREW WHITEHEAD**

Dear Friends

As Paul instructs in his first letter to the Corinthians, one of the great Christian virtues is 'hope'. There are many different expressions of hope: we might hope for an improvement in the Summer weather, or for the health of those around us. We might hope for our church congregations to thrive and to be sustainable.

Hope is a good thing, but it is a concept which is quite poorly understood. To many it might equate to blind optimism or to a feeling of confidence, but the reality for Christians is that 'hope' is more than all of these. Whilst we might share some of the day-to-day hopes I mentioned above, the notion of Christian hope is somewhat more profound.

Our hope as Christians relates to the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the promise of eternal life this brings. Our hope is not blind or uninformed. Rather, it flows from the good news of Jesus which we hear in church each week. Neither is our Christian hope confined to some grand cosmic scale! As Christians, we can also hope for the smaller things; for a break in the rain, for a run of good health, for the future of our church. And in the context of our faith, these are not merely 'wishful thinking', but aspirations which are grounded in our ultimate hope for eternal life.

This 'large-scale' hope gives the backdrop for our lives, and gives us confidence that, as Julian of Norwich put it 'all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.'

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Whitehead

LET thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	June	2015
COMMUNICANTS	63	882
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	187	705
VISITORS	142	209
DONATIONS	2,202	9,366
HOUSE BOXES	10	34
SPECIAL	897	2,011
TOTAL	3,438	12,325

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

Rachel Hall who is recovering from surgery.

Bob Swarbrick who has returned home after a spell in hospital.

FAREWELL & WELCOME

Stuart & Michelle and Olivia Winterbottom have moved from Redsyke, Twiston. We wish them good luck in their new home.

Alan Spensley has moved into Downham at Greengates, Brookside from Green Lane Farm, Rimington Lane where he continues to work until retirement in November. Welcome Alan.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

12th July **Holly Violet** daughter of **Rebecca and Ross Smith** of Brockhall Village

Holy Matrimony

6th June **Stephen Horrocks and Elizabeth Bloor** of Worston

18th July **James Akers and Caitlin Howard** of Worsley, Manchester

Interment of Ashes

22nd July **Constance Roberts**, aged 90, of Brierfield

SPECTATOR

WELL, would you believe it?....I have just discovered that I am a Pollyanna!

I've always tried to be positive and make people laugh as I discovered early on in Primary school that nobody wants to hit you if you're funny and being a clown can make you forget your own problems. As I got older I just wanted the people around me to be happy and one of the things that can raise a smile from most people is when I give them a crystal, which you hang in the window and which make the most wonderful rainbows dance around the room. They are an instant pick me up and I love them. I gave one recently to someone who showed the family and were asked to find out if I'd heard of Pollyanna? Well no I hadn't but I Googled it and I found the story of an orphan, sent to live with a stern aunt who lived in a town with some very stern people. Pollyanna wore them all down eventually with her unfailing optimism. Disney made a film and Hayley Mills played Pollyanna who gave crystals to make people happy. Well..here was a girl in a story, written in 1913, copying my idea about crystals and being even more optimistic and cheerful than me, what a nerve!

Pollyanna also played the "Glad Game" which is about seeing the positive in every situation. This was a game invented by her father, when one Christmas, Pollyanna was hoping for a doll from the "missionary barrel?" and got a pair of crutches instead (who puts crutches in a barrel for Christmas presents?) anyway, quick as a flash her father invents the Glad Game and the thing to be glad about when you pull a pair of crutches out of a barrel?... ***You can be glad that you don't need to use them.*** Well done Dad, a bit of quick thinking there, which possibly saved Christmas Day! Anyway—try the glad game and let me know if it works. I'm already playing it so much and am so optimistic, that Jon says I'm getting on his nerves! Hee hee!

Forest of Bowland Festival

THROUGHOUT the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the Festival includes an amazing variety of activities, many suitable for children in their holidays and some that are Trumper friendly too. Thanks to all-terrain scooters such as the Trumper, lovers of the countryside who have less mobility, can still enjoy the beauty of the Forest of Bowland plus the company of family and friends, thanks to specially chosen guided routes. Trumper friendly events are taking place at Bleasdale Country Park, Spring Wood Whalley, New Laund Farm. The website has all the information. For a full programme of Festival Bowland events visit <http://www.forestofbowland.com/festivalevents>

Nearer to us is this example of a festival event at Sawley, but note this is not a Trumper route.

Ribble Valley Ramble Monday **31st August** 10.30am – 4.00pm Sawley

Participants will meet at the Spread Eagle for a bacon sandwich and a hot drink before setting off on a guided walk. The route will be decided by our regular local walk leaders who will provide commentary. A refreshment stop will be made half way (please bring cash for a drink). Walkers will then return to the Spread Eagle for a two course meal. Morning sandwich and afternoon meal included in the price. Well behaved dogs on a short lead allowed.

Booking essential. Please contact the Spread Eagle manager on 01200 441202 or email spread.eagle@zen.co.uk **£14.99, 5 1/2 hrs, terrain guide 4, approx. 7 miles.**

500 MILES IN 6 DAYS

A journey of faith and thanks

ON 2nd July Jason Addy set off to cycle to Walsingham in Norfolk, England's national Marian Shrine, where he was joined by Helen, Joseph and Grannie Maureen. This was also a sponsored ride and Jason has written:

Jason Addy would like to thank villagers for their kindness and generosity in supporting his sponsored cycle ride to and from Walsingham in Norfolk. The final distance travelled on his trusty yet rusty bike was almost 600 miles!

A link to JustGiving and more about Jason's journey and the work of Crossroads Care Ribble Valley can be found at www.crossroadscareribblevalley.co.uk

THE DOWNHAM BANNER

THE Steering Group that represents the Parish in this venture is nearly ready to submit a second application to the Heritage Lottery Fun for a grant to conserve and display the banner of the Downham Benevolent Society.

The Society was around from 1785 to 1913 with object of helping its members in times of need, In 1885 to mark its centenary the Society commissioned a silk marching banner showing the Good Samaritan and the text from the bible story "Go thou and do likewise". After the society closed down the banner spent a hundred years in a box in the organ loft of the Parish Church, it is in need of conservation if it is not to fall to pieces never to be seen again.

More of its story is shown on the website downhambanner.com. Wish us luck!



Letter from June

June Rumfitt has written to the Gardening Club

Dear All

Many thanks for your gifts and a special evening send off. I have enjoyed many happy evenings with you all at the Gardening Club. I will enjoy looking after the birds in Loughborough, they will think they have found a bistro when I get the feeding stations up and running.

It was very hard to leave lovely Downham, but I feel the time is right to be nearer my girls and grandsons. I will be booking my holiday in Downham, hopefully in the Spring and hope to meet up with you then. Once more thank you for happy times together.
June x.

DOWNHAM HALL GARDENS OPEN

A GREAT Village event, this year in aid of the Parish Church of St Leonard and the Downham Village Hall. Sadly not blessed by the weather on both days—the Saturday saw record crowds and we all enjoyed a warm and sunny day plus good ice cream sales.

Not so Sunday. When exactly do you decide to move the band from the gardens into the church? How do you mend a wind-damaged gazebo in a downpour? Will anyone turn up? Well a number of stalwarts did and even more went into the concert in Church given by Barnoldswick Brass Band and the singing group, Octameron (who should have been romantically ensconced in the Rose Garden).

In spite of the weather the Gardens look great and the newly re-designed Kitchen Garden much admired.

The message from Olivia and Ralph sums up a good deal of what went on:

You have ALL done things so beautifully and supported our weekend, so just wanted to say a very heartfelt 'thank you' from all of us and the charities for all your very hard work.

Organised from the start, and largely staffed by Downham and Twiston's fantastic Village Hall Committee, + local residents and friends/family, the cream teas, ice creams, washing up, tours, fabulous Morris Men/great music and bands, funny human fruit machine and popular stalls, Garden Club Raffle, + WI cakes (what would we do without you?). All food delicious, great plants from Stanley House and Ribble Valley, pickles, cheese, handbags, lovely pots and all sorts of really good stuff... We hope it meets with approval.

Thank you guys (and you know who you are) for re-organising the tents/furniture/moving band to church when weather went well 'Lancashire' Sunday morning.. Oh and even worse – who got to do the washing up?

Don't know where to stop thanking you. I then forgot Eric Ainsworth who is probably the best keyboard guy on planet.... And Shaun and Brian.

It's a treat to welcome new, young talented artists to be involved in the weekend– Clare, Cassie, Caroline, Jonathon and Patrick. All I can say is wow! Hope you made money. You deserve it.

Andrea, Christine, All visitors loved the vintage cars on Saturday and everyone from the Pilling Old Car Club who supported us thank you too.

We want you all back next year without exception if you will come. Please let me know if you have any ideas to make the weekend better?

Errm.. No. We can't order the weather. All the very best,
Olivia and Ralph

Pendle Piano Trio Concert

Part of Ribble Valley Music Festival St Leonard's Church hosted the Pendle Trio

Gaynor Sutcliffe—Violin,
Paul Greenhalgh – Piano
And Robert Buller—Cello
who gave a magnificent

performance to a very full church on Sunday afternoon 19th July. The tea-deal with Assheton Arms was a sell out too.

The programme was such that all three musicians had the opportunity to show their skill in solo interludes as well as the major works—two Trios by Hayden and a truly epic Mendelssohn.

Thanks to Festival Organiser Clive Greenwood and Local helpers—members of the Downham St Leonard Concert Group—for their hard work making a really memorable and enjoyable event and to our regular organist James who kept the audience entertained before the performance started.

Nice to see Jill Cragg, former member of the Parish Church concert group, making a return visit to something that was right up her street.

A very enjoyable occasion in a Festival Calendar which may well become a regular event in Ribble Valley and, we hope, involving the lovely setting of St Leonard's Downham.

The event raised nearly £300 (net) towards Church Funds

THE PARISH CHURCH

JOYFUL NOISE on TOUR

AS reported previously, Joyful Noise continues to be out on Summer tour from its regular venue, the Chatburn Methodist Church. This month they are hosted by Downham St Leonard on 3rd August, Martin Top Chapel on 17th August and Christ Church Chatburn on 31st August. All Mondays at 7.30pm and billed as a Jolly Good Sing—all welcome.

NEW SERVICE

THE Pilot Scheme for a midweek communion service, on Wednesday at 10.00 am has been pruned back, partly because of Clergy holidays, to two Wednesdays instead of four, on 12th and 26th August. The whole period will form part of the review at the September Parochial Church Council.

COFFEE CLUB

IT WAS a funny start to the coffee morning. First of all June, of course, was missing, then we sat around until twenty past ten with just one customer, then again you couldn't call Di a customer more a helper, well perhaps half and half. Then they all started coming in and before long the room was buzzing. Edith was manning her usual stalls excellently. The books, jigsaws and bric a brac were all going well.

One big difference this week was only one Joseph Big Joseph had taken his mum Helen to meet his dad Jason who was on a sponsored bike ride in aid of Crossroads Care Ribble Valley. Well done Jason; a very good cause. All in all a good coffee morning. catching up on gossip, lovely cakes and good company.



DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

Downham & The Asshetons

THE June meeting took place on the evening of Monday 29th at the village Hall. We were privileged to have a presentation by Lord Clitheroe which concentrated on Downham Hall and the continuity of the Assheton family there and also stories of Pendle and some of the connections there.

In an often amusing presentation with many family anecdotes the speaker decided he had run out of time before running out of words. A fascinating glimpse into Estate, Hall and Family. We look forward to Part 2 next year.

The July Meeting was on Monday, 27th at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall when we heard from Sue Holden formerly of Lancashire Library Service. Many people will remember Sue as the helpful person in the reference library at Clitheroe.

Sue came to explain the Bowland Scrapbook which she had been commissioned to put together as part of the commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. She explained the reasoning behind the project, briefly to record the changes in life and farming within the forest, major events in the fifty years, the schools and village halls, shows and tourism are also recorded..

Copies of Sue's 36 page book are to had from the Tourist information service at Clitheroe at £5 a copy it is beautifully presented and full of interesting facts and pictures.

Our next meeting is on 17th August and is an afternoon visit to Stonyhurst anyone who has not booked should do so soon ring Tom on 445471.

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Visit

THE spirits were not dampened even though our coats were.



Casa Lago was a total surprise to most of our members. To say small is wonderful is no exaggeration. Not much bigger than a postage stamp they say, don't they? Well, maybe two!

Casa Lago has: Hostas, a succulent garden (brilliant), grasses, a huge variety of climbing plants, bamboos, acers, alpines and a prairie meadow. Also, there are two ponds with koi carp, we watched them being hand fed. Wonderful! All this is enclosed in what is really no bigger than a large back yard.

And so after welcome cups of tea and cakes we said our goodbyes to Carole-Ann and Stephen and their superb Casa Lago

Dont forget the Annual Show on Saturday, 1st August. Spare Schedules are available on the table in church. Entries to be at the Village Hall between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Judging then takes place and the show opens to the public at 2.15 pm.

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GARDENS OPEN

DESPITE appalling weather on Sunday the weekend 25th/26th July raised £4,391 net of expenses for the two charities nominated by Ralph and Olivia Assheton. On Sunday the Band was relocated to Church along with the Octameron singing group and a larger amount than usual was given by donation in the church wall safe.. BL.

Our thanks to The Parish Newsletter Sponsors for the August issue **Bowland Bioenergy Ltd**



MEMBERS of Downham WI went out for their July meeting, to Towneley Hall, Burnley, the trip having been organised by Mrs Barbara Lewis.

Members enjoyed a guided tour of Towneley Hall by two volunteer guides, Derek and Jemma. The group split into two, and each group was escorted around the Hall. The guides were a mine of information on the history of the Hall and the artefacts displayed. Members were fortunate to go to parts of the Hall not usually seen on a normal tour, going through the underground tunnel that the servants had used in past times, for the swift transportation of food from the kitchen to the dining room, and the attics where the male servants had slept. It was interesting to see 'behind the scenes' as well as seeing the many marvellous rooms, antique furniture, paintings, The Whalley Abbey Vestments and much, much, more on display.

Members then, after much walking, enjoyed a delightful supper of sandwiches and cakes, in the Servants Dining Room. Members all agreed it had been a most interesting and enjoyable evening.

As well as the excitement of the outing, members were getting their entries ready for the Clitheroe Area W.I. Show, which will be on Saturday 25th July at 10.00am at Edisford Primary School. Members will also be running the W.I. Cake Stall at Downham Open Gardens on Saturday and Sunday, the 25th & 26th July.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, 20th August at 7.30 at Downham Village Hall, when the speaker will be Barbara Charleson, showing members how to do flower arrangements. New members are always welcome.

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