



Parish Calendar 2016						
August			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Downham St Leonard		
6th	Saturday	2.15 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	Entries 10 am to 12noon	
7th	Trinity XIV	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon. Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
8th	Monday	6.30 pm	Management Committee	Village Hall		
10th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		
11th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
13th	Saturday	11.00 am/ 3.00 pm	Clitheroe Food Festival	St Mary's Hall Clitheroe	Children's Society Puddings	
14th	Trinity XV	11.00am	Matins Rev'd Ann Hardacre	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell	
15th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Waddington Methodist Church		
18th	Thursday	6.50 pm	WI	Stonyhurst Car Park	Visit	
21st	Trinity XVI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Brian Whiteley	Mr I. Walton	Mrs D Braithwaite	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
22nd	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Chris Topping Friendly Societies in Lancashire		
24th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P: McFall		
27th	Saturday	Noon	St Leonard's Gift Day	Assheton Arms	In Aid of Organ Appeal	
28th	Trinity XVII	11.00am	Matins Rev'd Ann Hardacre	Mrs A. Wallace	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker	
29th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Trinity Methodist Church Clitheroe		
September						
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	J. Sedgewick Allotments	
4th	Trinity XVIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs H. Brown
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From The Rev'd ANDY FROUD

Dear Friends

If I said the word 'opportunity', what would be the first word that springs to mind? 'Business'? Or maybe 'knocks'? Opportunity has become wedded in our minds to ourselves. When our politicians talk about 'opportunities for all' they are appealing to us to get on, increase our own wealth and well-being. And there's nothing wrong with that: but I do think it a shame that the word 'opportunity' has come to be defined in almost completely selfish terms. Opportunity knocks - the chance to become famous (for those of a certain pre-Britain's Got Talent age) or 'business opportunity'. You can be rich - or famous if you seize the opportunity.

But life is full of opportunities.

Take Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan. A man gets mugged on a dangerous road and is left for dead by his attackers. Three men walk past him but the first two, a lawyer and a priest miss their God-given opportunity to help him. Why? Because like so many of us, they are caught up in themselves and in the religious and legal excuses that we can all use for doing nothing but walking on by on the other side.

The Good Samaritan is a story of missed opportunities and the one man who saw his chance to do some good.

St Leonard's Church is giving everyone a great opportunity to be generous in our Gift Day on Saturday August 27th. We need to raise £20,000 to ensure that we have a working organ not just for the regular Sunday worship of the church but for the weddings, funerals and baptisms which we celebrate. Come along to the Assheton Arms from lunch-time onwards on Saturday 27th August and make your donation.

Every day we have opportunities to help others in need, however great or small that need may be. It may be time or money or help but every day in our human encounters we have opportunities for good. As Jesus tells his hearers: go and do thou likewise!

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	June	2016
COMMUNICANTS	32	347
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	112	1,131
VISITORS	25	95
DONATIONS	2,232	4,391
HOUSE BOXES	15	15
SPECIAL	1,203	2,450
TOTAL	3,587	8,082

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Helen Addy Tony Ashworth Linda & Jon Whitsey Rachel Hardbattle Norman Lund

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

9th July

Jonathon **Pratt** and Caroline **Leeming** both of Stoke Newington London.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Helen, Jason & Joseph Addy would like to express their thanks to the numerous people who attended the Stonyhurst Jesuit Gardens Tour and Picnic. The very generous donations on the night totalled £362, a splendid amount which has gone to the Rosemere Cancer Foundation at Royal Preston Hospital. We thank you all.

UK 4 PEAKS CHALLENGE

ORGAN APPEAL
HELEN Assheton has decided that her "Dad and Daughter" expedition this summer should try to raise money for The Organ Appeal. The duo are aiming to climb the four peaks of the United Kingdom, which (as you all remember) are Snowden (Wales), Scafell (England), Ben Nevis (Scotland) and Slieve Donard (Northern Ireland). As only one of the pair will be driving the car, they will not be attempting to do them all in 24 hours (as is possible for the mainland UK peaks), but rather spread over a week.

This did not seem too difficult at first glance, but Helen has worked out that the combined heights are the equivalent to half of Mount Everest! Hopefully she has got her maths wrong, as the training regime to date has consisted of a sweaty scramble all the way up the steep end of Worsaw Hill!

SPECTATOR

SPECCY is still awaiting a date for her treatment and remains on the sick note, In the meantime the Editorial Desk and Customer Services lines have been swamped with requests about whether the absence is permanent. Well, there was the one enquiry—from the cousin in Burnley.

I hope we will be able to give these young people a really warm Lancashire welcome and banish the post-Brexit blues. Andy Froud

Wednesday 27th July at 7.30 pm.

Braunschweig Youth Band

in Concert at St Mary Magdalene Church Clitheroe
There will be an opportunity to meet the young people from Germany after the concert.

**PARCEVALL HALL QUIET DAY:
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 23rd, 2016.**

APPRENTICESHIPS IN THE DALES

We are still looking for some motivated and enthusiastic young people (16-24) to join our team of apprentices. A new application round has begun, and all details can be found on our website here:

<http://www.ydmt.org/apprenticeships>

There are placements available with the Yorkshire Dales National Park in Hawes and in Grassington, Conservefor Ltd in Settle, Marsden AES Ltd at Hellifield (near Settle), Horton Landscaping at Horton in Ribblesdale, and Terra Firma near Oswaldtwistle.

Deadline for applications is Monday 5th September.

I am pleased to say that we have appointed several lovely apprentices already, and I'm sure they're all looking forward to starting their new jobs/college courses very soon!

Jo Boulter
Dales & Fells Trainee Scheme Co-ordinator
Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
Main Street, Clapham, via Lancaster
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WE are in process of planning this Quiet Day to be shared by members of St Mary's, Clitheroe, Christ Church Chatburn and St Leonard, Downham. We are looking forward to the Day being led by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Burnley.

The fixed charge per person for the Day will be £14 which includes hospitality for the Day (morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea and biscuits) For those who wish (but without obligation) there will be a collection on the day to cover outlay not covered by the fixed charge.

Until the end of August, the available places (25) will be allocated- 15 to St Mary's and 10 to Chatburn and Downham. After that date applications will be on an open basis. When applying please advise if you have your own transport or wish to car share; and also if you have any dietary requirements.

Applications should be made to Dorothy Bury 3 Butts Grove Clitheroe BB7 2PJ (tel. 01200 442247) together with cheque made payable to "PCC of St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe" (Applications can also be left at St Mary's Church office) AF

Thank you Gardens Open

THANK you to all the magnificent helpers who came and supported this year's Open Garden in aid of the Village Hall and Rosemere's appeal to raise £100,000.

Listing everyone's names would probably fill a good page of the newsletter and, as I'm writing this while packing up is still going on thanks to the Editor's deadline (ta very much Tom!), will make the report brief.

You slaved over hot kettles, overcame cream whipping disasters, washed up, manned the WI cake stall, kept everyone laughing at the human fruit machine, raised money on the raffle, ice cream and book stalls and helped with the set up – weeding, shopping, constructing gazebos and parking cars. Both charities are extremely grateful for the time and effort that you put into this year's event.

We also benefit from the support of our commercial stallholders, classic car enthusiasts and, of course, Rosemere who also provided extra volunteers to help out with 'our' end of things. But the person that really needs the most thanks is Shaun Roney who works tirelessly not only on the days, but in the weeks leading up to make sure that everything is organised.

At time of writing, we don't know exactly how much money was raised but as the weather was kind to us today (unlike Sunday last year), we are optimistic that we may beat last year's record. We'll let you know in the next newsletter.

Olivia Assheton

The PCC is grateful to Newsletter Sponsors. The Newsletter has been sponsored this month by

Downham Village Hall Coffee Club

downhambanner.com
saving a bit of Lancashire

Downham Banner has started its journey away from Downham never to return. Taken out of its storage place of 103 years in the organ loft at St Leonard's it has made way for the installation of the new organ – that's another story in the history of our parish church.

Partners in this venture, the Children of Chatburn Primary School came to assist and to see off the banner of the Downham Benevolent Society of 1885. Following research into bible parables as a part of their own banner project the children made their own mini banners in the spirit and design of the Downham banner,.

On their last day of term the children arrived in Downham and first explored the church before sitting down to listen to some of the banner story explained by the vicar, the Revd Andy Froud and Church Warden Ralph Assheton. The Children asked many questions about its purpose and conservation. The vicar, assisted by the children conducted the box containing the banner from its storage place. It was, he said, something like a funeral after which the banner would rise again when conserved and be seen and enjoyed by future generations.

The only disappointment of the morning was that the box could not be opened for a final viewing in Downham before its journey to the Manchester Peoples History Museum where it will soon start a nine-month conservation programme. This, it was explained, by Banner steering group member Mrs Clare Ashworth, is because it is too fragile and could be further damaged by being opened rolled out and then refurled for transportation.

Head teacher Mrs Emma Gardiner explained that the Downham banner group and Chatburn school intend that a banner project including research into the parable of the good Samaritan, the history of friendly societies and some form of art work will be an annual event in the calendar of school and church.

The mini banners are on display in the Church and www.downhambanner.com. They were judged by Caroline Assheton and a prize awarded to the most creative.



ANDY'S Leader on the front page tells us of the opportunity we have to support our Church and Parish, by calling in at the Gift Day on August Bank Holiday Saturday and making our donation.

Gift Days are a traditional means of raising money to either to plug the gap between a Church's annual income and its expenditure, or to fund major repairs and capital projects.

Our project is the organ which needs replacing after many years of loyal service. As it is a pipe organ, the cost of a full refurbishment was prohibitive and it was therefore decided to replace the old organ (it's actually staying exactly where it is) with an electronic organ which is a much more affordable £20,000 (!!). Price aside, the main advantage in having an electronic organ, is that there will be more keyboard players able to operate it compared to the pipe organ which will, like the hearing loop installed earlier in July, broaden the appeal of St. Leonard's as a venue for wider use.

The PCC has speculatively applied for a small grant toward the cost, and regardless of the outcome of this there will remain a very significant sum to raise. Plans are afoot to have some enjoyable fundraising events over the coming months – Car Treasure Hunt ,

a Race Night at the Village Hall, Sheep Dog Trial – but we are starting it all off with Gift Day, and the hope that the whole of our parish can make a contribution.

Weather permitting, Andy will be enthroned in all his clerical splendour, and a cardy if it's chilly, in front of the Assheton Arms from noon onward. Inside the pub itself if the weather is poor. He will have a suitable receptacle for donations and a supply of Gift Aid envelopes the use of which increases your donation by 25%, if you are a taxpayer to the benefit of the Church. You can potentially claim additional tax back via your annual tax return. Best to pay by cheque so you have a record of your donation.

Supporting the Church and the parish isn't all about bums on seats on a Sunday morning, and there are many ways in which all parishioners can support the parish in which we live. As well as the "thermometer" positioned on the church wall , future Newsletters will keep you informed as to the kind of support you can offer and the progress being made to help raise the £ 20,000 for the organ.

Meanwhile, to echo Andy's sentiments, don't miss this opportunity, and we look forward to seeing you Bank Holiday Saturday 27th August in the afternoon. IW

Message from the Chairman of the Whalley Deanery Fundraising Committee

The Friends of Chernobyl's Children Charity has finished in this area and one of their big fundraisers was the Pudding Fest at the Clitheroe Food Festival. I have booked the same venue and contacted the organisers to say that the Children's Society will run the event this year.



What we need: about 8 people from 11 - 3 (including set-up and clear up times) at the St Mary's Centre on August 13th to help serve cold puddings and cakes. And cakes and puddings to sell, of course.

We charge £5 on the door (for simplicity and to avoid food hygiene issues) - for that you get 3 raffle tickets to get three portions of whichever pudding you fancy. Sometimes people will share which is fine.

Please could you let me know if you would be able to help on the day and at what time - or provide a cold pudding ? (Please deliver to the Lower Hall, St Mary's Centre, York Street from 9 am onwards on the morning).
Andy Froud 01200 423317

THE PARISH CHURCH

THE SOMME REMEMBERED

AT 06.30 on the morning of 1st July five old soldiers of the village stood to attention for two minutes silence at the War memorial at the back of Church to mark the "Going over the top" of exactly 100 years ago. Andy Froud led the prayers; Ralph Assheton blew his whistle (still to this day part of the formal uniform of The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry); and Rachel Hardbattle laid a poppy cross in memory of her uncle who fought there. A small tribute on a day of many bigger occasions, but heartfelt none the less.

RCA

HEARING LOOP

THE Church now has a permanently installed state of the art "hearing loop". This allows those using hearing aids to listen to services in greater clarity than ever before. The system has been skilfully installed so as to be almost invisible. Please let the Vicar, Wardens or Sidesmen know if you experience any problems with using the system, in order that we can ensure it runs smoothly.

RCA

BELL RINGING

AFTER a pause of several years the Tuesday night bell ringing practice has been resumed. It is planned that this will be a regular occurrence between 7 and 9pm. This will mean that we are once more able to use our lovely old bells to celebrate Church services, including weddings, funerals and special events.

We are not immediately looking for more beginners (we need to get our current batch onto the next stage first), but if you have ringing experience already do come along and join us. If you are now (or might in the future be) interested, do get in touch with Ralph Assheton for more details. Tower Captain.

GARDEN CLUB & HISTORY GROUP



OH! What a night it was. It really was such a night. Elvis was right in his description of the night the Garden Club and the History Group met in the Jesuit Garden at Stonyhurst. The group split up a little bit as some wandered off to look at the building first.

The rose garden was looking beautiful as we wandered around it. The trees and the paths were fascinating, we didn't know what we were going to come upon.

One such path led us almost to the lake. After the garden we drove to the Cricket Pavilion where a wonderful supper was laid out before us, sandwiches, pork pies and a superb assortment of homemade cakes.

Dave Awbery gave thanks on behalf of both groups and a substantial donation was sent to Rosemere.

Thank you Helen, Jason and Joseph. CA

GARDEN CLUB

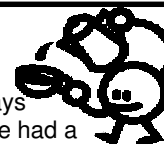
THE NEXT MEETING of the Garden Club is the Annual Show at the Village Hall on Saturday 6th August. Exhibits to be taken to the hall between 10.00 am and noon. The show opens for viewing at 2.45 pm. Spare copies of the schedule are available on the table at the rear of church. CA

HISTORY GROUP

AUGUST'S meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday 22nd at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall and is of particular interest to us as we are undertaking the conservation of the Downham Benevolent Society's Banner. Chris Topping's talk is 'Many scant streams: an introduction to local friendly societies in Lancashire, 1729-1835'. Non members are welcome.

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COFFEE CLUB



DESPITE being low on numbers (due to holidays and appointments) everyone had a good chin wag and enjoyed cake and a cuppa. Our thanks to Di for her contribution and hopefully everyone will be back in force next month. I must mention the beautiful flower arrangements on the tables. Frances very kindly arranged them before going on holiday and we relocated them to various homes and grateful members.

Looking forward to seeing you all next month, Thursday 11th of August at 10 o'clock, new members always welcome. We send our best wishes to Norman Lund who was admitted to hospital for a few days and is now back at Brake House. BL

GARDENS OPEN

BBETTER than ever. A great partnership between the regulars from Church and Village Hall and the Rosemere Cancer Foundation hoping to beat the previous record amount to be shared between Downham Village Hall and Rosemere.

Two bands, Clitheroe Town Band on Saturday and Barnoldswick Brass Band on Sunday provided the perfect background for visitors to enjoy the gardens and views. During the break for the bands piano music drifted across from the Rose Garden supplied by Bernard Davies on Saturday and James Robinson on Sunday.

The weather was good on Saturday and just about kind on Sunday. Volunteers provided dozens of scones for the delicious teas, and our usual stalls supplemented by Rosemere and the commercial stalls gave visitors a great variety of amusement and great value for the entry charge. This year the Kitchen Garden was especially good and a great credit to the Head Gardener..

PRESIDENT Frances Garner welcomed members to the July meeting. She presented Philippa with a lovely plant as she was celebrating a "special" birthday. Susan Whittaker gave a report on the trip to Oswaldtwistle Mills – a good time was had by all. Frances also read the report from our link delegate, Mrs Elizabeth Robinson from Rimington W.I, who had attended the AGM in Brighton.



Members were reminded of our trip to Stonyhurst on August 18th and the Clitheroe Area Show on 30th July at the alternative venue.

Our speaker was Mr Tony Maguire who gave a fascinating talk on The White Star Line featuring The Titanic. Over supper members had the opportunity to look at the many pictures and artefacts he had brought.

Our next meeting will be our summer outing. Please meet at Stonyhurst car park for 6.50pm. Supper will be at the Bayley Arms at approx 8.30 pm.

FESTIVAL BOWLAND CONTINUES

APACKED programme for summer in Bowland.

Keep children and grandchildren entertained on Wednesday's throughout August at Beacon Fell Country Park, Goosnargh; come and visit the AONB stand up at the castle during Clitheroe Food Festival on the 13th; take your pick from Pendle's Walking Festival which runs from 13th to 21st and enjoy a walk followed by a meal at Sawley's Spread Eagle on Bank Holiday Monday.

For details and booking information call 01200 448000 or go to www.forestofbowland.com/Festival-Bowland-Events

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