

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

AUGUST			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
4th	Saturday	2.15 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	Exhibits to Hall 10 am to 12.00 noon	
5th	Trinity X	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alfred Graham	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs C. Ennis
8th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall		
9th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
11th	Saturday	1.00 to 4.00pm	Pudding Festival	St Mary's Lower Hall	<i>Part of Clitheroe Food Festival In Aid of The Children's Society</i>	
12th	Trinity XI	11.00 am	Matins and Baptism Elsie Louise Dakin Revd Andy Froud	Mr I. Walton		Mr & Mrs B Lewis
13th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
16th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
19th	Trinity XII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Mrs A. Chadwick	Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
22nd	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
		7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Continue Downham School Work</i>	
26th	Trinity XIII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Ann Hardacre The Banner Sermon	Mrs E. Parker		Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
27th	Bank Holiday Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
		2.00 to 4.00 pm	Fun Day	Hare Green	<i>In aid of Marie Curie</i>	
September						
2nd	Trinity XIV	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
6th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Wild Orchids—Dr Irene Ridge</i>	

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends,

Let's play word association shall we? Biblical _____.

Did you get “proportions” or “disaster”?

The media coverage of the terrible events in Greece (and Brexit in some quarters) this summer would seem to indicate that people still know something about the Bible: it's full of bad things happening or predicted to happen.

And there is a truth in that: the Bible starts with the disaster of the Fall, with Adam and Eve expelled from the Garden of Eden. Graphic descriptions follow of massacres, the destruction of entire cities and supernatural plagues. And that's just in the first five books of the Old Testament. After the descriptions of more wars and the exiles, the New Testament looks forward to the destruction of Jerusalem and eventually to the greatest battle of all, Armageddon and the end of the universe.

But clearly the Bible is more than a list of disasters past and predicted. I believe that it also contains hope, indeed the only hope for humanity. In Luke's Gospel Jesus predicts “there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”

But then Jesus makes a prediction which has led Christians throughout the ages to treat disasters differently from those around them. “And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.” (Luke 21:25-28)

Yours in Christ

Almighty and merciful God, of whose only gift it cometh that they faithful people do unto thee true and laudable service: Grant, we beseech thee, that we may so faithfully serve thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain thy heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	JUNE	2018
COMMUNICANTS	17	248
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	402	2,272
VISITORS	100	365
DONATIONS	3,518	6,131
HOUSE BOXES	25	65
SPECIAL	1,042	4,344
TOTAL	5.087	13.177

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Bob Swarbrick, Kath Swarbrick, Anne Chadwick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Ian Chadwick, Bernard Gethins and others who are unwell .The Family of Edith Hart

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DOWNHAM BANNER

THE Downham Banner Sermon is on the Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity, 26th August. The Revd Anne Hardacre is preaching at the 11.00 am Matins Service on the story and text Go Thou and do Likewise..

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

18th July **Daphne Willow** daughter of Danielle and Benjamin Coates of Barrowford ,

HOLY MATRIMONY

27th June, **Paul Thornton and Sian Rowlands** both of Llangristiolus, Anglesey.

SPECTATOR

WHAT AN amazing run of hot weather we have had. It's been like living abroad, only we haven't had to fly anywhere! I've never eaten as much ice cream in my life and the little gang of ice cream shop followers is increasing weekly. A pleasant surprise was the Morris dancers. They had been dancing outside the Assheton and then came down for refreshments and some dancing on the green. I don't know if they were advertised in the parish mag but if they were, I missed it, so when my sister in law, who was up at Mum's, let me know, I rang Carol around the back but she was out so I left a message on her answer machine and set off with Jon's rollater, so that I would have my own seat, and as I got to the end of Gem's wall, Carol came at a fair pace around the corner shouting,

"I have been trying to ring you but you were out."

"Yes, I've been trying to ring you and you were out.!"

So we both limped and shook till we got a spot outside the ice cream shop and got tea and ice cream, which David kindly brought out for us, before the show started.

The dancers let us try on their hats, which they apparently made themselves, except for one chap who cheated and got his wife to make it and they were surprisingly heavy. There was a bit of the old Yorkshire, Lancashire rivalry as different groups danced and when they had finished, a dancer came up to me to say that we had something in common, and he pointed to my battery. "Oh, you've had the DBS operation?" I said " ah no, mine is a pacemaker"

So after chatting about battery replacements and the wonders of modern science, we agreed that just like the Duracell bunnies, we will probably go on longer than others on normal (or no) batteries!

Its a very nice way to spend an hour eating ice cream and it's a good way of getting Jon out of the house and into civilisation! He is very partial to a 99, though he only ever wants vanilla whilst I have had fads on strawberry, whiskey and marmalade and my latest, mascarpone and passion fruit which I encouraged Carol to try because it's gorgeous. You should have seen Carol's face when David told her there was none, honestly she put her little girl face on and her best pouting lips and in a fairly loud voice went "AW" she would have stamped her foot if she could have done it without falling over!. Then we took one look at each other and burst out laughing.

Then Norman and Sheila joined us and together with Di, we spent a lovely hour and a half talking about ailments, Christian names, the number of us who had wanted a middle name and not got one and the ones who did get one and wished they hadn't!, until Zoe came to pick me up for shopping.

What will we do when winter comes? I think we should have a raffle or fund raising to buy a canopy and an outdoor heater. Then we can smile at tourists as they walk past pointing at us and thinking we are mad for eating ice cream outside in winter when really we've found the meaning of life, good friends and ice cream....YAY.

JON'S UNCLE

IT IS with a very heavy heart that I tell you Jon's Uncle Gordon and Mum's "little brother" Rev D G Bellinger, died a few days ago and peacefully in his sleep. His family have lost a loving, kind and wonderful man and the world has lost a good guy when we can least afford to.

LW

Come and join our



DOWNHAM FUN DAY



**2-4pm on Bank Holiday Monday
27 August 2018
Hare Green, Downham**

****BBQ** **Tombola** **Book Stall** **Hook a Bag** **Brac a Brac**
****Raffle** **Name the Teddy** **Coconut Shy, Catch the Rat & more!**
****Photo Booth** **Name the Teddy** **Hook a Duck** **Lots of teddies**
****A few surprises!**********

**AND A VERY SPECIAL TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC
WITH MURIEL'S BEAUTIFUL BEARS!**




To find out more contact Diane on 07904 111 167 or Danielle
 on 07515 135 423

Care and support through terminal illness

GARDENS OPEN 2018

EVER SINCE Lord and Lady Clitheroe took the decision to open their Gardens for charity for two days rather than the Sunday only, things have worked very well. This decision was taken in the belief that we put in a lot of work for one afternoon and might as well take advantage of the arrangements and, for relatively little extra effort, to double the takings for the organisations concerned. The decision also meant that we could divide the proceeds between an inside the village charity and a big worthy cause outside our boundaries. The community works very hard at this time and we are lucky that the framework is there for putting our labours to a good and, very importantly, a satisfying outcome.

The additional hours are also an attraction to commercial stall holders and having two days is a kind of insurance if one day is inclement and the gate numbers down.

This year the weather was kind in that the threatened rain kept off. The gardens were not baking hot and the attendances were up on previous years. So without singling any one out—well done all of us. The back drop to the event, the garden itself, looked magnificent, a lot of extra work clearly being done and the special border of cornflowers and poppies chimed well with the centenary of the end of WWI.

THANKS FROM THE VILLAGE HALL

The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee, Shaun Roney, has written Dear Editor

I would like to thank all those who were involved in any way with the very successful Gardens Open at Downham Hall on 21st and 22nd July. Thanks to Ralph and Olivia for making the whole enterprise possible by loaning their Garden. The committee of the Village Hall worked hard to make all the arrangements for this annual opening for charity, and are becoming expert at delivering a good event. All the volunteer helpers make the event the success that it is, so, thanks to them also. Our combined efforts were successful in raising £7,800 to be divided between our village charity, The Village Hall and the Royal British Legion in the centenary of the ending of WWI, a worthy cause. Thank you all once again, Shaun.

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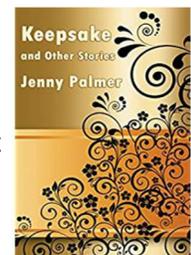


The Children's Society Fundraisers are running a Pudding Festival at St Mary's Lower Hall as part of the Clitheroe Food Festival on Saturday 11th August. We urgently need donations of puddings (including cakes and scones etc - basically whatever is not savoury) for August 11th. If you can help please contact Andy Froud andyfroud@gmail.com 07969576691 or 01200 422828.

If you can help on the day please use the above to volunteer - the Festival will be open from 1 pm onwards



OUR LOCAL AUTHOR Jenny Palmer has published her first work of fiction. "Keepsake" may be taken as a novel of 26 chapters or as a collection of 26 short stories. Each part of the intriguing work may stand alone or be read as part of the whole. The chapters have an individual conclusion - some of them spooky, some surprising and some mystifying. A good many of the incidents described have their origins in our locality. A satisfying and interesting read, Jenny's attractive book is available from Amazon or the Pendle Heritage Centre, Barrowford where she is attending a signing between 12 noon and 3.00 pm on Friday 17th August.



THE PARISH CHURCH



IN LATE August or early September the Downham St Leonard PCC plans to display their World War I commemorative Installation. Look out for the Banner outside Church announcing its opening. PN

TWO CONCERTS FOR PEACE



IN THE weekend of 13th to 15th July the Clitheroe Festival of Choirs staged 18 concerts in eight venues and welcomed audiences of almost 1,000 people to the Ribble Valley. The Festival's subtitle - "Festival of Peace" tied in with the centenary commemoration of the First World War.

The festival was launched at The Grand theatre on Friday night with a performance from its highly regarded choir and special guest octet *Octameron* (no strangers to Downham). The festival finale took place on Sunday in the evening light of Clitheroe Market.

At Downham St Leonard the church was host to two choirs. At 2.00 in the afternoon of Saturday 14th the children of Brookside Primary School performed a simply lovely programme and at 6.00 in the evening The Carleton Ladies Choir gave a good mix of favourites including an extensive selection of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

Roll of Honour - information appeal

IT appears that there may be no direct descendants within the parish to the seven servicemen who died during the First World War and are listed on the Roll of Honour in St Leonard's.

We have found something on the internet about all except John Lyon Smithies of the White House, Downham If any readers have information, photographs or other associated items about John or any of these men please contact Jason on 441015. JA

GARDEN CLUB

IT WAS a lovely evening as we drove to Bernard and Carolyn's .They had very kindly invited the Garden Club along to view their garden. They had previously shown us pictures of their garden, before and after, and explained what they had done. They didn't do it justice ! What a beautiful garden ! We were greeted first by a large veggie patch and steps that led down to a lawn that ended with a wonderful view of the stream and the incline opposite with rocks and wildflowers .

To our left we then followed the garden around a wonderful stone pergola and down to the stream. A few steps and you are going up through the beautiful garden to the courtyard where another surprise awaited us. We did say that we would bring our usual supper-biscuits, but in the courtyard was a big table and chairs and a pizza oven.

Bernard started making the pizza's, but kept burning them so the cook Carolyn took over. After the delicious pizzas came sponge cakes and fruit cakes and tea and wine.

We cannot thank Bernard and Carolyn enough for their wonderful hospitality. Many, many thanks .
p.s. we took our biscuits home!
p.p.s BERNARD WE ALL WISH YOU A SPEEDY RECOVERY
p.p.p.s. Don't forget the Flower Show. CA

COFFEE CLUB



THE July Coffee Club was cancelled out of respect for Edith and her family. Quite a few members went to Accrington Crematorium, where Andy Froud shared lots of family memories of Edith and invited everyone to sit quietly for a minute and remember her in their own way. June Ruffitt sent a lovely message about their close friendship over the years as next door neighbours and of the lovely holidays they spent together, some of which involved dog-sitting!

It was a very moving occasion and although we were sad to say goodbye, I'd like to remember her, drinking a cup of strong black tea and eating a slice of custard pie. We'll miss you Edith . BL

HISTORY GROUP Downham School

THE History Group is continuing its research into the history of Downham School and meets again on Tuesday 22nd AUGUST at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

We are designing a public event for Sunday afternoon 16th September in order to provide an opportunity for past pupils and others to come forward with more information. KEW



IN July, the Downham WI welcomed members, new members, and friends. We began by celebrating Olive's very big birthday with Prosecco! We then listened to a talk by George Korol, a blood biker. His talk was full of extraordinary facts. Blood Bikers North West started transporting blood for emergencies from hospital to hospital in the 60's, since then the bikers are still all volunteers, minded by voluntary controllers, who manage the phones.

They now not only transport blood, but samples, donor breast milk, medical notes, the list is endless saving the NHS about £2.5 million since 2011 in taxi fares. Blood Bikers North West now have 600 bikers, 7 Yamaha bikes – one of which was parked up outside. In the last 6 years they have completed over 50,000 runs that is about 26.5 times around the world! Did you know that you can't transport blood if it is below 3°C outside?

The evening was finished off with a delicious supper and a lively raffle which raised a handsome sum of £60.00, for the WI Centenary Fund 2020. A lovely evening was had by all.

Next month on Thursday 16th August is the summer outing to the Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival with Tea in the village Hall at 4.00pm and supper at the Bluebell Inn at 6.30pm. All are welcome. AW

Motown and Soul Night
Friday 14 September 7.30pm Downham Village Hall
£12 including hot supper
DJ Keith Harrison (Warner Hotels)
Bar available
To book ring Sue 01200 440912/ 07966 699 326
or Barbara 01200 440925