

## PARISH CALENDAR 2019

August			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Saturday	2.15 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	Take entries to Hall 10.00 am to 12 noon	Open tp Public 2.15 pm
4th	Trinity VII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs J Shepherd
8th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
10th	Saturday	12.00 to 4.00 pm	Pudding fest	St Mary's Hall	Part of Clitheroe Food Festival and in Aid of the Children's Society	
11th	Trinity VIII	11.00am	Matins	Mr I Walton		Mr & Mrs P Mercer
12th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatfurn Methodist Church		
14th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
15th	Thursday	1.00 pm	WI	Meet at Bridge	Outing To Howarth Art Gallery	
18th	Trinity IX	11.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud Banner Sermon	Mrs E Parker		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwic
	Sunday	2.00 to 5.00 pm	Alternative Gardens Open	Brookside Downham	In Aid of Parkinsons and Ataxia	
25th	Trinity X	11.00am	Matins	Mrs K Herron	Mrs A. Chadwick	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
26th	BH Monday		Fun Day on Hare Green	In Aid of Marie Curie Foundation		
		7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatfurn		
28th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
SEPTEMBER						
1st	Trinity XI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter

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### From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

I'm writing this from my own personal bunker, the cellars of the Vicarage Church Street. It's not because I'm getting ready for war with Iran, Brexit, catastrophic climate change or imminent asteroid strike.

It's just too hot and this is the coolest place to be this July.

"Bunker mentality" is a phrase that has been in the news recently, as Baroness Hayter was sacked from her position in the House of Lords after using it to criticise Jeremy Corbyn and his inner circle.

Whether it is antisemitic or not I think we can all agree that a bunker mentality is a bad thing and ultimately self-destructive. Symptoms of a bunker mentality include extreme suspiciousness and defensiveness and a feeling of being under attack by a hostile opposition.

But we can all fall into the trap of believing that we can hide from the worst that the world can throw at us. Never has this been less true than it is today as we face the real and urgent challenges of climate change. But despite the many ways in which we can now communicate with each other we seek out others who agree with our point of view and seek a metaphorical bunker to hide in. We cling to the hope as Ted Hughes said, that we can keep digging that hole.

After Jesus died the disciples hid away from the leaders of the Jewish people but Jesus appeared even though the doors were locked (John 20). There is no place in the world, whether it be a locked room, the belly of the fish or the tomb itself which is out of the reach of God's love. If we have a bunker mentality I believe God can open that up too

Yours in Christ,

O God of our pilgrimage,  
 who hast led us to the living water:  
 refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey,  
 in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	June	2019
COMMUNICANTS	38	164
COLLECTIONS		
SERVICES	528	2,521
VISITORS	70	268
DONATIONS	2,758	4,915
HOUSE BOXES	-	7
SPECIAL	2,405	4,184
TOTALS	5,761	11,895

#### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Olive Awbery and others who are unwell.

#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

##### HOLY MATRIMONY

28th June Matthew Tootle and Amy Appleton both of Bilington  
 20th July Christopheer Baron and Louise Gibson both of Bolton

##### FUNERALS

2d February Jean Whitsey  
 8th March Bob Swarbrick                      8th July Betty Mercer

#### DOWNHAM BANNER SERMON

The Annual Banner Sermon which celebrartes the story of the Good Samaritan and the Downham Benevolent Society will be given by The Revd Andy Froud on Sunday 18th August in the 11.00 am service.

## BETTY



Without fail, each morning, a blackbird, it's beak seemingly freshly dipped in gold, takes its place at the top of our ancient apple tree. From there it takes a moment to check its surroundings remain unchanged and that it has the attention of its audience. Then begins the most beautiful birdsong; a series of rich, tumbling notes and ever-changing contours, sometimes stolen curlew calls or chaffinch 'pinks'. This avian announcement to our sleepy village has caused my lateness for work on several occasions.

When the weather is fine and not too hot, my elderly neighbour Betty sits on the wooden bench her family made for her and silently soaks up her green surroundings. If I am lucky, I may chance upon her and we will begin a dialogue that revolves around the beauty and serenity of our secret gardens and our incredible good fortune. Tales of proper cycling adventures, both motorised and pedal-powered are regaled with a smile. She tells the history of each tree, bush and drystone wall seen from our vantage point; whether they were there when she was a child, climbing over fences to taste the fruit with her siblings. Betty hugged my wife when she heard we were expecting Ted. And so began a watchful period full of joy; the heavily-laden apple tree providing shade in summer for first steps, it's trunk a solid defender in endless games of football whatever the season. She would laugh out loud when he dashed off to school, forever late, only to return to kiss the confused dog, now later than ever. Homemade pies were traded from our backdoors, over the rickety fence, as well as unofficial dates for planting and pruning.

Her keen eye notices the colour changes of the trees, the names of which often escape her now, and the dappled light on Pendle from scurrying clouds. Whilst the blossoming cherry we planted for our first anniversary showed off its bright pink petals in May, the trunk of the apple tree began to twist and crack. This brought a whole host of birds from woodpeckers and treecreepers to gold finches and nuthatches all seemingly keen to celebrate the life of the tree, one side of which is weighed down with bright red apples.

This week, without fuss or dramatic displays, our all-seeing tree gently laid down and came to rest on the moss pillows that top the garden wall, it's roots still firmly planted in the heart of Downham.

Our blackbird takes up his position in the Cherry tree this evening, telling the world that he is still here, that all is well and there is no finer place to be. MC

## Ribble Valley Music Festival

### August Programme

St Ambrose Church Grindleton  
 Encore Opera Group 30th August at 7.30 pm

Tickets and enquiries 01200 441551 and 01254 384893

**MARIE CURIE** charity event      Bank Holiday Monday (26th August)  
 Fun day on Hare Green and Pendle Hill sponsored walk.  
 Please see inserted flyer for more details.

## RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2020

**THE MAY BANK HOLIDAY** next year has now been moved from Monday to Friday 8th May to commemorate 75 years exactly since the end of WWII in Europe and this will enable celebrations to continue during the weekend including street parties and other get-togethers on Saturday and a specially composed Tribute to the Millions read out at Church Services throughout the UK on Sunday.

Friday 8th May is the main commemoration in the UK and around the world when the last post will be sounded at the Four Peaks of the UK followed by bagpipes at locations around the world at 3.00 pm; the time 75 years ago that Churchill announced war was over, and then thousands of pubs throughout the UK will be asking their customers to raise a glass to the Nations Toast to the Heroes of WWII " *To those who gave so much. We thank you*".

## Bowland Foodie Foray

LOOKING ahead to September, why not enjoy a mouth-watering taste of the local landscape with Bowland's autumn Foodie Foray?

Local businesses and wild food enthusiasts from across the Forest of Bowland will be celebrating the area's natural larder next month – and inviting residents and visitors to tuck in with them.

Running from Sunday 22nd to Sunday 29th September, the week of exciting events follows last year's successful Pendle Hill Foodie Foray and includes walks, foraging and feasting from Chatburn to Barley and from Gisburn Forest to Goosnargh.

Whether you fancy finding food for free amongst the hedgerows, tucking into a locally sourced feast, mixing up an elixir or bottling nature's bounty, there will be an event to tempt your taste buds.

Information about the Bowland Foodie Foray, and booking details for each of the events, can be found on the Forest of Bowland AONB website at <https://www.forestofbowland.com/foodie-foray>, by emailing [sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk) or by calling Sandra on 01200 448000

## PENDLE LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

THE Year 2 window for applications to the Pendle Hill Fund will open on 18<sup>th</sup> August and close on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019. This is a community grants fund which can support projects between £2000 and £10000 for activity within the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership area, which are based around landscape, heritage and community engagement. Please see <https://pendlehillproject.com/project/pendle-hill-fund> for more information or call 01200 420 420 to speak to the Community Engagement Officer.

## Free Family Friendly Nature Events

JOIN us for a series of free family friendly nature events over the summer holidays! These sessions are aimed for children aged 5 – 12 years old and take place across the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership area. Booking is essential! Please find out more by visiting our website [www.pendlehillproject.com](http://www.pendlehillproject.com) or find us on Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/pendle-hill-landscape-project-18147397743>



## ST LEONARD'S

## CHURCH CONCERT

A packed St Leonard's Church on a Sunday afternoon in June enjoyed the latest Ribble Valley Music Festival concert when the Nelson Arion Male Voice Choir performed a wide range of songs from spiritual to secular including songs from the shows, Paul Simons classic Sound of Silence and a medley of the Kings of Swing.

Special guest, professional mezzo soprano Samantha Oxborough, thrilled the audience with songs by Mozart, Schumann, Copland and Schubert, and joined the choir in a moving rendition of When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.

Thank you to everyone who supported this church fund raising event and for the positive feedback. CG

## Downham and Twiston History Group

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July, Dr Stephen Counce gave us a detailed presentation on why the industrial revolution happened in the Pennines. Across this area of Yorkshire and Lancashire, described by Daniel Defoe as having 'God on its side,' the landscape was fairly barren and, in some cases, unsuitable for human habitation, but there was a plentiful supply of streams, flowing steadily from blankets of peat on the moors, of stone for building houses, of coal for power and iron for machinery. Technology developed in logical steps: in spinning it was from drop spindle, to spinning wheel, to Spinning Jenny and spinning mule. Production vastly increased but goods were sold at a price which ordinary consumers could afford.

The character of the people played a key role: they were busy working in the dual economy of farming and weaving. Yeomen (inhabitants of sturdy independence) operated as clothiers outside the feudal hierarchy and traded with merchants in huge cloth halls in Halifax, Huddersfield or Manchester. As the wool and cotton industry grew, a multiplicity of urban centres was created, running largely from East to West. An agricultural revolution developed, whereby more land came into use. It helped feed the ever-growing population. When people had time for leisure, Blackpool became the first, working-class holiday resort in the world.

The Group is now having a Summer break and reopens with a return visit from Brian Stott on Tuesday 10th September. He'll be talking about Rimington, its bygone industries, and the industrial revolution's impact on a rural community. JP

## Gardens Open 2019 - Thank you

### *The Chairman of the Village Hall Management Committee has written:*

I WISH to thank every body who assisted in any way, especially those who gave their time to help with the Gardens Open in aid of the Village Hall and the Prince's Trust. The weather was kind resulting numbers that were nearly as good as our best-ever year. The crowds who came looked as if they were thoroughly enjoying the afternoon's activities. There were many positive comments about the kitchen gardens which have come to play a part in recent years. We must also thank Ralph and Olivia for kindly giving their gardens and providing many of the facilities for the stall holders who support the charitable causes.

Shaun Roney

## Campanula latifolia

NOT rare, but what is described by botanists as localised and uncommon. There is evidence in an old photograph of its growing here on the side of Twiston Lane, at Forty Foot a hundred and twenty years ago. In the past forty years it has been variable in its gradually waning appearances.



Having reduced to one decent clump on Grindleton Road, Chatburn and a gradually diminishing group on Twiston Lane towards Brownlow, this year it has begun to reappear. One stem on Skelton Lane and six or so, spread out between New Close and Brownlow on Twiston Lane mostly single stems but with a couple of larger groupings. There is further evidence of its re-emergence with seven or eight clumps, a couple of them large, on quiet West Lane.

Nothing to get excited about when you can see masses in other places – there are lots at Garsdale near Sedburgh for example; we have a very welcome re-emergence in our lanes of this very beautiful British flower.

## TREES

AFTER the sadness of losing trees to disease during the last few months, there is now the reality of old age catching up (yes, even trees get old and die eventually). The latest to show catastrophic failure owing to how old they are, are two giant Beech trees at the Hall. One by the back gate dropped a huge branch days before Gardens Open, so had to have emergency surgery. A second one, adjoining the Churchyard has dropped branches this week. It will probably need to have all its remaining branches removed as the fungus obviously has a firm hold. The tree is so hard to get to with any wheeled machinery that the trunk may have to be left standing. At least it should be good to grow a rambling rose up.

RCA

## HONESTY BOX

SADLY the honesty box installed at the car park only weeks ago has already been broken in to and damaged beyond repair. The crooks will have worked hard to win their 80p! RCA

## GARDEN CLUB

THIS month the garden club went to visit Lower Dutton Farm at Ribchester and what an evening we had! The weather was lovely as we began our tour. We started in the Orchard and found among the usual fruit trees some beautiful roses and to my surprise a massive Salix I had just that week bought the same tree but in miniature. We then went through to another area with beautiful rolling lawns dotted with big trees all surrounded with shrubs and flowering perennials. Further on there was a big lake with wonderful seemingly overgrown trees and plants, but actually it was very carefully managed. We then went back to the house for a lovely supper of tea and homemade cakes. We all agreed it had been a superb evening.



On Sunday the 18th of August at 2pm until 5pm we will be holding an alternative Gardens Open at Brookside. Along with the gardens we will be serving Prosecco, strawberries and cream and cake. Don't worry about the weather, we have it covered! Please join us in raising money for **Parkinsons and Ataxia** and of course to have a good time! If any supporters out there would like to donate a raffle prize please deliver to Carole at Brookside.

## What is ataxia?

Most people have never heard of ataxia. But those who have will never forget it. Ataxia is the term used to describe a group of neurological conditions that gradually attack the brain. There are many different types of ataxia with different causes and symptoms. Most ataxias are progressive meaning they get worse over time. At first ataxia causes patients with balance co-ordination and speech. The symptoms can begin at any age. Sadly the loss of balance is just the tip of the iceberg. With most common ataxias the outlook is bleak, hearing disease, diabetes and other debilitating conditions can follow. CA

## COFFEE CLUB

WE WERE missing quite a few members in July, mostly due to Holidays, which meant lots more cake to go round, thanks to our generous bakers. When complementary second helpings were offered, along with brews, they were appreciatively accepted.

Could I make an appeal on behalf of Carole and Di, to help replenish the bring and buy stall please. We seem to go from feast to famine and at the moment it's looking a bit hungry! Anything you want to pass on will be very well received.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 8th August, at 10.00 am hope to see you there. BL



OUR NEXT meeting is Thursday 15th August it is our outing to Haworth Art Gallery, Accrington, BB5 2JS (meeting at Downham Bridge for 1pm) It will be a 1 hour tour followed by tea and cake. (No evening meeting at the Village Hall).

## GARDEN CLUB SHOW

Our next meeting is OUR SHOW  
Saturday 3rd August

open for viewing at 2.15 pm ,  
Entries to the Village Hall  
between 10.00 am and noon please.

Spare copies of the schedule are on the table at the rear of church.

## The Pendle Hill Song Fellowship – sing something a bit different!

THE Pendle Hill Song Fellowship is taking place in Downham this summer. Barbara Sanders who is a volunteer with the project, here explains a little more.

*"This is a project that celebrates Pendle Hill's radical heritage and amazing countryside in song. We will be looking back in time, but also thinking about our sense of community today. And what better way to celebrate community than through song?"*

*In the early Twentieth Century there was a strong link between the countryside and the changes that people wanted to make in their lives – this is something that we are particularly interested in because our project is focusing on two people who saw this link – the Rev Thomas Arthur Leonard who set up the Holiday Fellowship, and Ethel Carnie Holdsworth, a mill worker who went on to become a novelist and poet, writing especially about the way that the landscape made a difference to people".*

Learning sessions will be taking place on 10 and 17 August in Downham Village Hall. All sessions are from 10.00 til 12.30 except for the last session on 17 August. On this date we will stay on and enjoy lunch together (bring your sandwiches!) and then rehearse for a short performance starting at 3.00 in Downham Village Hall. Thanks to funding from the Pendle Hill Fund, supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund through the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership, all sessions are free and everyone is welcome to come and sing or come and listen! So thanks to all National Lottery Players!

To find out more please contact Barbara Sanders on 07747 898492. To find out more about the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership you can visit the website: [www.pendlehillproject.com](http://www.pendlehillproject.com)