

## PARISH CALENDAR 2020

AUGUST			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Trinity IX	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs C Ennis
9th	Trinity X	11.15 am	Matns	Mrs E. Parker		Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
15th	Saturday	1.00 pm	Wedding			
16th	Trinity XI Downham Banner Sermon	11.15 am	Matins Revd C Hale Highway	Mr T. McLean		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
17th	Monday	7.00 pm	Parish Meeting	Village Hall Car Park	Drive in AGM	
23rd	Trinity XII	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Mrs P McFall		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
Wednesday 7.00 am to Friday 7.00 pm 26th to 28th			Road Closure	Twiston Lane		
30th	Trinity XIII	11.15 am	Matins	Mr I Walton		Mrs J Feber Mrs A Wallace

### SEPTEMBER

6th	Trinity XIV	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Mrs K Herron	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs J Shepherd
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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

### DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter

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### From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends,

20 August, 573 was a date of great celebration for the people and church of Tours in France. A great celebration, that is, for everyone except one man. His name was Gregory, he was thirty four years old and the reason that he wasn't celebrating was the same reason that everyone else was: he had just been consecrated Bishop of Tours, much against his wishes, after the representatives of the people overtook him at the court of King Sigebert of Austrasia and pressed him to take the post. Partly it was his genuine Christian humility (one of the traits which recommended him to the people of Tours) but partly I suspect because being a bishop in those days was a hazardous matter.

Tours lay on borderlands. Gregory lived with one foot in the dying world of the Roman Empire and the other in the new culture of early medieval Europe. He also lived on the border between the Frankish culture of the Merovingians to the north and the Roman culture of the south of Gaul. He had to navigate the difficult and often violent politics of his time. And Gregory of Tours also faced the other danger of his time: bubonic plague.

Gregory drew his strength from his firm faith in Christ and in the communion of saints. He was particularly devoted to Martin of Tours, a predecessor of his to whose prayers he credited his recovery from a serious illness (possibly the plague)

In times of danger, fear and change I believe, we, like Gregory, can draw strength and courage from the lives of those who have gone before us with the sign of faith

Yours

GOD of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Pendle Hill landscape partnership is running its annual Gathering event on-line this year, in partnership with our friends at In-Situ Arts who are already very experienced at leading 'digital conversations'. At a Gathering we would usually show off lots of work the various LP projects have been involved in over the last 12 months, and invite people to get involved. However, this year being different (!) we are going to focus on 4 different aspects of the landscape and it's heritage, namely History; Conservation; Recreation and the future of communities. We will discuss what the issues are, what is being done locally by the landscape partnership and what can be added to our knowledge.

The aim of the Digital Gatherings is to have a conversation, and to learn from one another by sharing stories, knowledge and experiences. The conversations are held on Zoom, so you can get to see the other participants and to listen and contribute via an experienced facilitator. The event will also be 'live streamed' on our Facebook page for others to see at the same time and afterwards. All you need is a computer, you can even participate on your phone, as long as you have an internet connection!

We'd love you to contribute to the first of these events to be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 4-5.30pm, with a focus on 'Traditions, stories and folklore' it could be right up your street!

**We will be discussing:**

- What are we learning about Pendle's past
- Political radicals
- What is it about this area that makes people do the things they do?
- Clarion House and Hut
- Suffragettes
- Summit Stones iconography
- George Fox
- What the Hill Heard - stories and memories of Pendle
- Everyday stories and history

**Booking for the event is essential, just go to:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZMrceipqDgrGtRNRjuy903riCOxmUhuls1K>  
If you want to know any more about the event and what to expect, please get in touch with me

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DOWNHAM St LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	June	2020
Communicants	-	134
Collections £		
Services	-	526
Visitors	-	76
Donations	2,722	4,663
House Boxes	-	30
Special	175	2,361
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,897</b>	<b>7,656</b>

**IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS**

All who have or will be affected by the Coronavirus.  
In particular the most vulnerable -  
those subject to ongoing medical treatments and official "shielding".



**Downham  
Social  
Media  
Resources**

The public Facebook page -  
"Downham Village"

The private Facebook page  
"Downham & Twiston Residents"

Various Whatsapp groups including  
"Downham WI Here to Help"

**ONLINE CHURCH  
RESOURCES**

Regular worship is streamed by  
Revd Andy Froud on Youtube

via the St. Mary Magdalene's  
website:

[www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk](http://www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk)

## SPECTATOR

WELL. it's like living in a science fiction film with Lockdown, Lock in and now Lock out. The trouble is, the Lockdown was so successful, some of us are now worried about going out again!

I have been out a couple of times with mixed results. I thought I had better get used to wearing a mask before they became compulsory, which they are now, and I have two or three different ones. Mostly they are very hot and uncomfortable but at least they are presentable. I saw a young lady with a large round pink one the other day which looked like a monkey's bottom. Oh dear! She can't have checked herself in the mirror before she left surely?

Also, I can't get used to the signs all over the place, left and right, social distancing, card payments only, cash only, stand behind the line, use the sanitizer...I want to scream, "but I only want a loaf,"

I went up to one assistant to ask about the price of an item and as I took a step towards her, she took a step back, I took another step and she went back two steps, I was just about to get into a who can catch the assistant game when Zoe hissed at me "Mum, social distancing," whilst explaining to the assistant that I didn't get out much.

Yes, shopping has definitely lost its appeal for me and the TV has not been a comfort either. There are so many subscribing channels like Netflix, Amazon Prime, Britbox, Disney Channel so we are paying more and flicking through the hundreds of channels which make my eyes water and you still can't find anything to watch! Thank goodness The football is back so at least Jon is happy, especially as he can have an ice cream in the afternoon now that the Ice cream shop is open, We just need some good weather. Good weather? Us? look up there, what is it you ask?  
A FLYING PIG.



NOW the school holidays are here, why not join the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership for a family-friendly online bird session especially for novices? Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August, 5.00 pm till 6.00 pm. Learn simple tips around colours and calls to help you identify common birds in your garden or local park – and share what you've been seeing with the team!

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6.30pm, take a virtual trip to the top of the fells with Forest of Bowland AONB Farming and Wildlife Officer, Sarah Robinson. The wild uplands of Bowland, including Pendle Hill, are dominated by peat - internationally important for biodiversity and carbon storage. But its very isolation means that many of its benefits go un-noticed. Join Sarah to find out what makes our peatlands so special and how the work of the AONB and partners is helping to restore and revitalise this key habitat.

These online Zoom events are free but places need to be booked in advance. Find all the details at:

<https://www.forestofbowland.com/online-events-learning>

From the Clitheroe Newspaper 1899

### FRIENDS—OLD AND NEW.

A race which had previously been arranged, to run from the top of Pendle Hill to Smithfield, Downham, in or under 15 minutes, took place last evening (Thursday). Great interest was aroused in the event and it was astonishing to see the large crowd of people from the surrounding district who had assembled to witness the event. The distance of the race is estimated just above two miles, and the opinion as to the result was divided. The runner was a man named George Coward, from Cumberland, but who is now living in Downham, and we learn he has won some races of this kind. He was started from the top of the hill punctually at 8 o'clock and came down the hill at a great speed, reaching Smithfield in 10½ minutes, this being ½ minutes under the time allowed. There was a large crowd awaiting his arrival, and he received a warm reception.

## CAROLE ASHWORTH 1947 - 2020

CAROLE'S family would like to say thank you to the vicar, The Reverend Martin Duerden who did a great job of the service at such short notice.

To everyone who turned out to show their respects, "Mum would have been amazed at how many people came out to say goodbye".

To Alison and Mark who were brilliant before, on and after the funeral. to everyone who gave donations, in fact to everybody thank you!

This was the best place mum could have moved to with amazing friends and neighbours so we want to say a big thank you to everyone. Keep safe, keep well and most of all keep smiling!

## DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING 7.00 pm 17th August

DUE TO what appears to be a bizarre result of Covid19 legislation, Parish Meetings are the only level of central or local government that is forbidden to hold a virtual meeting! They are also the only part of Government that is required to hold elections during 2020. At the same time they are required to meet before 30<sup>th</sup> August (at a time when we are advised to stay at home) in order to formally vote on the fact that we have no financial accounts! (Failure to do so will generate a £60 fine).

The venue for any meeting is complicated by the Church and Village Hall still being shut. Advice has been sought from our MP, who has passed the matter to the relevant Secretary of State.

In anticipation of silence from the Secretary of State it is proposed to hold the Parish Meeting at a socially distanced "Drive in" on the Village Hall carpark. In the event of rain, a gazebo will be provided for non drivers. If restrictions allow we will be inside the Village Hall (not in our cars!)

It is quite understood that this arrangement will not suit everyone, but our options are limited. Should you be unwilling to attend, please let the Clerk have details of any business you wish to raise at [jason.addy@ic](mailto:jason.addy@ic)

## TWISTON LANE— ROAD CLOSURE

BE aware that Twiston Lane from Downham to Lowergate will be closed for road repairs between 0700 on Wednesday 26 August until 1900 on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August. The signed diversion is via Annal Cross.

From the details provided by the Highways Department the work appears to be planned for outside Smithfield, so access to Hey House and New Close will involve the longest detours.



**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**WHITSUN HYMNS**

ON WHIT Sunday Catherine Hale-Heighway organised a virtual Songs of Praise, in which representatives from each Parish chose a favourite Hymn and said why they had chosen it. The filming was expertly done by Catherine's husband and Downham featured with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside finishing with the brass band and Hymns on the Green from a previous year. To access the video go to [www.ChristchurchChatburn](http://www.ChristchurchChatburn) Songs of Praise. PM

**GETTING BACK TO NORMAL**

WE WERE glad to assemble at 11.15 am on Sunday 19th for a slightly abridged version of matins. Cheered by hymn tunes from the robot, organist on entering and leaving, which went some way to make up for no singing.

Every one was pleased to see Andy and to enjoy each other's company, albeit at the required distance.

Our senior Wardens had done a fantastic furniture moving job in preparation and the Mercer family had done a sparkling clean and polish.

It is really good to get back to some semblance of normality and our hearts are unfeignedly grateful for that. PM

**GUEST PREACHER**

The Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway has accepted our invitation to preach the 2020 Banner Sermon on 16th August at the 11.15 am service upon the text emblazoned on the banner of the Downham Benevolent Society "Go and do Thou Likewise".

The sermon was established three years ago as part of the conservation and presentation of the Benevolent Society Banner which was originally commissioned in 1885 to commemorate the centenary of the society and may be viewed at Clitheroe Castle museum (when it reopens).

**CHURCH GATE**

A FORWARD thinking member of the congregation had the presence of mind in early March to plan a "Lockdown project". The result is the most beautifully repaired Church gate. As when repairing a shovel, a certain amount of new wood was required, but everything else about the gate is identical to its predecessor.

As with its former incarnation, the gate wood comes from Oak grown on the Estate. (In fact John Faraday remembers helping his father Bob to source the last batch of Oak back in the 1960s). Billy Todd (husband of the indomitable Betty) made the 1960's model, but the latest version has been meticulously crafted by an individual who would rather not be publicly identified. I am sure that I echo everyone's sentiment when I say thank you for creating a masterpiece that should outlast us all (apart perhaps from Joseph!) RCA

**CHURCH AND CHURCHYARD OPENING**

THE decision to start worship on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July came too late for the last edition of the Newsletter. As it presently stands we will have a Sunday morning service at 11.15 each week. Please note that Diocesan advice is that face coverings be worn inside Church The service will be shorter than normal as there will be no singing. Numbers are restricted to 24, so please book in advance, or take the slight risk of being turned away at the door, should we have a sell out!

The Church will remain closed for the rest of the week, except the facility for individuals to book a time for personal prayer in the Assheton Chapel on a Wednesday by contacting the PCC Secretary, Philip Naylor at [philip\\_m\\_naylor@msn.com](mailto:philip_m_naylor@msn.com)

The Churchyard will now be open every day from around 8.00 am until 6.00 pm.

Please ensure that you maintain social distancing, follow hygiene instructions and help us to keep everyone safe. RCA

**VICAR FREED**

ANDY Froud and family had to self-isolate for 14 days after Beccy tested positive to Covid19.

Thankfully the whole family are now cleared of the virus and are no longer under "house arrest"!

**GARDENS OPEN**

FOR once Covid may have done us a favour! The Hall gardens should have been open on the weekend of 18-19 July. The week leading up to that had been dreary and at times downright wet with Saturday being a dismal affair. The organisers would have been fretting about whether or not to cancel for days beforehand. As it was none of us got wet!

However, do remember that the Village Hall is usually the beneficiary of several thousand pounds, thanks to the takings over the weekend. Perhaps you might consider a donation to the Village Hall in lieu of the scone baking flour that you might have otherwise donated, or the hours of time that you would have volunteered?

The Treasurer would welcome any donations to "Downham Village Hall". Yorkshire Bank, Burnley. Sort code 05 03 78. Account Number 39090830.

**THE ASSHETON ARMS**

Following the shock announcement last month that the Seafood Pub Company had gone into administration the Assheton Arms has remained closed when many other hosteleries have begun to open their doors. Administrators have been appointed and they are no doubt working hard to achieve the best outcome that they can for the creditors. Would-be drinkers and diners will have to wait for a while yet for a resolution.

**COFFEE CLUB**

HI EVERYONE, thought we'd better touch base with you all ,as we havn't seen most of you for ages. Hope that you're all keeping as reasonably fit as can be expected considering none of us is in the first flush of youth!

As things stand at the moment,we're probably not going to resume Coffee Club this year, even if the Village Hall re-opens .The main reason being ,the safety of our members.

As Autumn and then Winter approaches, Brian and I feel that we'd be taking unnecessary risks both with your health and our own. We hope you understand why we've taken this decision We will keep you posted on any future developments .In the meantime, take care and we hope to see more of you when shielding ends.

On a sad note I know how much we're all going to miss Carole, sitting behind the bring and buy stall, trying to part you from your money in her own unique style, "LISTEN TO CAROL! " When we do meet again ,we'll raise a glass in memory of a very strong ,funny and feisty lady who's main aim in life was to "keep smiling. BL

**LOWERHALL INFORMATION CENTRE**

THE long-disused bull-box next to the WCs at Lowerhall has acted as an information centre for many years. Sadly the design of the display cases made them very difficult to open, so much of the information on show was years out of date. The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership has funded a well deserved upgrade.

The room now includes updated information, simple benches to allow walkers to tie their boots or eat their sandwiches on a wet day in more comfort and a new window to allow natural light. There are also a few bicycle stands to allow their secure short term storage and a bicycle "repair station" to allow riders to fix punctures or tighten their nuts. The final improvement will be LED lighting, which is awaited.