

## PARISH CALENDAR 2019

December			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Advent Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	<b>NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT</b>	Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick
5th	Thursday	6.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Christmas Party</i>	
8th	Advent II	11.00 am	Matins Rev Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	<b>NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT</b>	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
9th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>		
11th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
12th	Thursday	7.00 am/ 10.00 pm	General Election	Village Hall	<i>Polling Station</i>	
		7.30 pm	WI	Greendale View	<i>Christmas Party</i>	
13th	Friday	12.00 noon	Coffee Club	Village Hall	<i>Christmas Lunch</i>	
15th	Advent III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	<b>NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT</b>	Hon Mrs RAshton Mrs C Naylor
21st	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church	<i>All Welcome</i>		
		6.30 pm	Carol Singing	<i>Ashton Arms Car Park</i>		
22nd	Advent IV	11.00am	Christingle Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
25th	Christmas Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		
29th	Christmas I	11.00 am	Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols	Hon R Ashton		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
JANUARY 2020						
1st	Christmas II	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace

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The Clergy and PCC, Choir and  
Congregation of the Parish Church of St Leonard  
Downham and Twiston wish all our readers  
a very Happy Christmas

## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

### DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter

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### From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends,



THEY'VE had the Christmas stuff out since SEPTEMBER! Given that this must be one of the most common complaints I hear, it might seem a bit of a push to celebrate the 12 days of Christmas. It's easy to forget that the Twelve Days of Christmas is not just a seasonal song but that Christmas is really 12 days. Because the shops get their junk out earlier and earlier every year quite a lot of people are ready to breathe a sigh of relief and call Christmas a day by Boxing Day.

Complaints about the commercialism of Christmas are nothing new. During the late Middle Ages the Twelve Days of Christmas were notoriously times of drunkenness, carousing and conspicuous consumption during the middle of the winter. Ironically this and its association with Catholicism led to Christmas being briefly "banned" by the Puritans during the seventeenth century.

I hope you have a happy, peaceful and blessed Christmas: this is my Christmas list, not of presents but of things that think will make for a better Christmas for all over the 12 Days of Christmas: Make some time every day to be quiet; light a candle and say a prayer if you can. Mary and Joseph will be doing the rounds with Posada and can help you with this during Advent as we prepare for Christmas and during the 12 days as we look forward to Epiphany use the booklet Follow the Star! Give to charity: we all fall into the trap of giving people things they don't want or don't need. Plenty of charities accept donations instead of a gift. Reflect on the most precious gift that we have - our time. How do we use it? Do we waste it selfishly or use it bring joy to others?

And one final thought: one of my mother's sayings (which she in turn got from her Sunday School days) "every day is Christmas, every day is Easter". Each day may we celebrate the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Happy Christmas and a blessed New Year.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
Accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

## PARISH CHURCH of St LEONARD

### CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

WE start the festive season at the end of advent with an invitation to all to help, with decorating the parish church.

At 2.00 pm on Saturday 21st December.

Carol Singing is on the Assheton Arms Car Park from 6.30 pm on 21st  
Our Christingle Service led by the Vicar Revd Andy Froud will take place at our morning worship on Sunday 22nd December at 11.00 am

Holy Communion will be celebrated at 11.00 am on Christmas Morning  
The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols will be at 11.00 am on Sunday 29th December

Midnight Communion will be celebrated at Christ Church Chatburn and at St Mary Magdalene Clitheroe on 24th December

### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

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

## THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LEONARD



### Bell inspection

TAYLOR'S bell foundry inspected the bells recently. A full report is awaited, but all essentially well. A refurbishment of all the clappers would be very beneficial. The bells would be out of action (but not the clock) for about 4 weeks. The work could be done in January.

### Service Timings

FOLLOWING the circulation of a letter from Clitheroe St Mary's PCC, regarding a review of Sunday Service Timings it was agreed by St Leonard's PCC to offer to commence our Sunday Service at 11.15 am and that this should take place after the Assheton Sermon

The  
Children's  
Society

Whalley Deanery Fund Raising Committee

## Candlelight Supper

**At The Kings Centre Millthorne Avenue  
off Henthorne Road Clitheroe BB7 2LE**

**soft drinks available**

**vegetarian option available**

**and a selection of salads**

**delicious puddings**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2020 at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm**

Entertainment by

CLITHEROE GRAND CHOIR

Why not come along and enjoy the evening  
Support the Society by making a donation at the Supper

**Further information and bookings**

Your Children's Society Committee representative  
Tom 445471 , Philippa 441484 Brian 440925



## Burns Night 2020



Thank you to everyone who was so quick to support our  
2nd Downham Burns Night all set for  
**Saturday 25th January from 7.30pm.**

The tickets SOLD OUT via the Downham Facebook page in less than 24 hours! (there is a 'reserve list' in case any tickets become available).

For more information, menu dietary requests and to pay/collect tickets please contact Helen Addy on 441015

It promises to be a fun night for a good cause -  
All profits and donations will go to the  
**ABF - The Soldiers' Charity.**

Parish Church  
of St Leonard  
Downham

## CAROL SINGING

6.30 pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019

on THE ASSHETON ARMS CAR PARK

Clitheroe Christians in  
Partnership  
**ADVENT CAROL  
SERVICE**

Sunday 1st December 2019  
at 6.30pm  
Parish Church of St Mary  
Clitheroe



**The Management Committee membership** has changed; Jason Addy resigned from the committee at the September meeting but is to continue as a volunteer. Jason was thanked for his work particularly in relation to the fabric of the older part of the building. The Committee welcomed the appointment of Jaqui Shepherd to their numbers.

**Fabric Exterior** New windows have been made and are due to be installed as soon as the contractors are available. Five have been manufactured at a cost of £475.00 each, for the front of the old chapel part of the building.



**Gardens Open** Thanks to all who participated in any way was repeated and it was announced that £2500.00 is to be donated to the Prince's Trust. Next years dates 18th/19th July. More advertising will be seen much nearer the event including greater use of social media. Number and variety of stalls is to be expanded.

### Bonfire extravaganza

EVERYONE who attended enjoyed the bonfire at the village hall on the 5th. The weather was kind and the occasion appreciated by old and young alike. The event ran like clockwork thanks to the unsung heroes and backroom boys that worked so hard behind the scenes. The firework display was spectacular and the evening culminated with a lovely supper in the village hall. On behalf of all the spectators, thank you very much to the organisers and workers for another enjoyable event.  
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## A SALUTE TO *Christmas*

THE BAND OF THE YORKSHIRE REGIMENT  
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2019 3-5PM

ST MARY MAGDALENE'S CHURCH CLITHEROE BB7 2DD  
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE IN THE INTERVAL

TICKETS: £8 ADULTS £5 CHILDREN  
AVAILABLE FROM ST MARY'S CENTRE CLITHEROE  
01200 425522

IN AID OF THE POPPY APPEAL OF THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



### History Group

ON Monday 4th November Brian Jeffery outlined the fluctuating fortunes of Sabden in his talk called 'Heyhouses and the Calico Printers, 1790-1930.'

Starting out as a Royal Chase in 1086, the area was under populated and given over to just eleven vaccaries (cow farms). These passed through the ownership of a succession of local families until the 18th century. Industrialists from Accrington called Bury, Fort and Taylor saw an opportunity in Sabden's ready supply of clean water to develop this 'Hidden Valley' into a major manufacturing centre for calico printing. Overseeing the development of new methods of treating and dying, they produced high quality prints which were exported all over the world. Unfortunately, due to a misunderstanding over Churn Clough reservoir in 1885 and a subsequent dispute over access to water, there was a court case which resulted in an unfavourable decision and the printworks were closed, leaving 2,000 people jobless. The new Sabden Cooperative Printing Company was set up in 1904 as a joint venture between the owners and 110 villagers, but the printworks burnt down in 1912. Today little physical evidence remains of the previous industrial activity on the site, but the history of both the calico printworks and the later cotton mills have been photographically documented in the book 'Sabden Past and Present' by Audrey Barrett and David Eaves.

The next meeting of the group will take place on Tuesday 7th January, at the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm. when Shirley Penman makes a return visit when she will give a presentation on the Clitheroe Mayoral regalia. JP

## SHOE BOX APPEAL

THANK YOU for helping us to send 43 shoe boxes to International Aid from the four parish churches in our benefice. DH

## Greetings from Loughborough

JUNE RUMFITT would like to wish all her friends and neighbours in Downham and Twiston a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Clitheroe Christians in Partnership*

## JOY TO THE WORLD

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS  
AND RECALLING THE EVENTS  
OF 2019 IN MUSIC, DANCE AND  
POETRY INCLUDING CAROLS  
FOR EVERYONE  
RIBBLE VALLEY CHOIR  
& ORCHESTRA

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019  
at 6.30pm St James's Church  
BB7 1HH

Admission Free  
Retiring Collection for Christian Aid

*All Clitheroe Churches are involved*

## GARDEN CLUB

IT WAS with great pleasure this month that we welcomed Phil Dykes from the Wildlife Trust to speak to us about Badgers. Love them or hate them they are the most fascinating of creatures. Phil took us through not only their habitats and lives but also how their numbers had grown over the years despite efforts to restrict them. Phil was very informative about the subject. The usual supper and raffle then followed.

The next meeting, would you believe, is the Christmas dinner! Please don't forget your gift and any drink you might want. See you there! 5th December 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm CA

## Halloween Spooktacula

THE ICE CREAM Shop was transformed as lots of young witches and adults too descended to enjoy the pie and peas then delicious parkin!!! Games were played!! Then the raffle was drawn with lots of prizes won. It was a fine but chilly night much enjoyed by the young and not so young!!

A grand total of £280 was raised for the Children's Society.

Michelle and Dave thank everyone involved for making the last night of the season such a success.

The ice cream shop will reopen on 1st February 2020 look forward to seeing everyone again. DP



## COFFEE CLUB

WE were missing the chief cook and bottle washer at our November meeting. My better half didn't feel well, so Philippa very kindly stepped in. It was a busy morning too. Thank you to everyone who helped with baking, flowers, setting up and clearing away, it was really appreciated. The list for our Christmas party went round again, the date is now Friday, December 13th, at 12 noon, due to the hall being used for voting on Thursday. If anyone hasn't put their name down yet, please ring Carole as soon as possible, on 440112.

Footnote...for those who don't know, Brian went in hospital that day with a chest infection and although much better is still in, hopefully he'll be home by the time of publication. Thank you for all your good wishes and cards.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on December 13th BL



AT Downham WI's November meeting there was a fascinating talk by Caroline Eames, a Forensic Scientist. **theWI INSPIRING WOMEN** Caroline gave a candid insight into her job and had us guessing at some of the clues that could be left at a particular crime scene. Best of all, she asked for a volunteer to don the clothing that she is required to wear in the lab every day. Frances was game and it was definitely not at all glamorous, as so often portrayed on the television.

There is no meeting in December as it is the Christmas Party ON 12th at Greendale. The next meeting is Thursday 16th January, 2020 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

This will be the first meeting of Downham WI's Centenary year with an exciting programme ahead so make a note in your diary to come along. The first speaker will be Roy Porter with a talk entitled 'Fifty odd Years in the Same 14' by 14'.

New members and visitors will be made very welcome and if you'd like to find out more, please ring either Diane on 07904 111167 or Dawn on 07969 460930. KB

## "Save the date"

## Sensational 60s Disco

Saturday 7 March 2020  
Downham Village Hall  
**Let's Twist Again!**

