
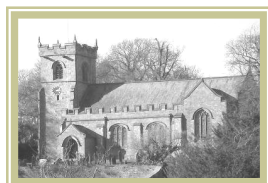
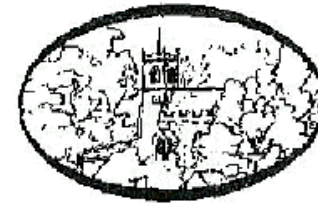


Parish Calendar 2015						
February		Event		Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Presentation of Christ Assheton Sermon	8.30 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Christ Church Chatburn	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead The Bishop of Blackburn	Mr T. McLean		
2nd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
8th	2 nd Sunday before Lent	8.30 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs D. Wilkins		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
		11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		
9th	Monday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Management	Village Hall	Committee Meeting	
11th	Wednesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Church	Meeting	
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Sunday before Lent	8.30 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Christ Church Chatburn		Mrs G.Cragg Mrs K Brown
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mrs P. McFall		
16th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
18th	Ash Wednesday					
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Yvonne Pinder—Pinny's Pots	
22nd	Lent I	8.30 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs E. Parker		Lady Clitheroe Ms C. Raw
		11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
23rd	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	Helen Wallbank—Limekilns	
March						
1st	Lent II	8.30 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean		
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

2015 Issue 2 February

From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

Seven whole days not one in seven, I will praise you. George Herbert's hymn 'King of glory, King of peace' reminds us that the Christian life is not an exercise for Sundays, it is rather something in which we seek to immerse ourselves at all times, and in all places. But Sunday has always been a special day for the church.

What does Sunday mean for you? A lie-in? A day off? Sunday roast? Or just another day? For many people the last is the closest to the truth: as more shops open for a normal day's trading on Sunday, work for many has for many become a regular feature of Sunday.

What it means for myself and many other Church of England clergy is leading perhaps three or more services on a Sunday morning. What it will mean for me in the next year, when Andrew Whitehead and his family have moved on, is an impossible schedule on Sunday morning. While God may be omnipresent, his clergy have not yet mastered the trick.

When I looked at the schedule of services for the three parishes I now serve, one thing struck me very forcibly: despite all the services on a Sunday, only Clitheroe Parish Church, St Mary Magdalene has a "midweek" service - on a Friday morning. All the other services at Christ Church, Chatburn and St Leonards Downham fall on a Sunday morning.

The challenge for all of us is how we live out the seven days (including the Sunday) as individual Christians and as a church. But George Herbert's hymn points us beyond even the whole of our earthly lives and reminds us that our worship in this life is but a small part of our eternal destiny: "e'en eternity's too short to extol thee."

Yours in Christ

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown ". And he replied "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.
W. Louise Haskins—1908.

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	December	2014
COMMUNICANTS	73	649
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	398	2,530
VISITORS	5	304
DONATIONS	235	17,468
HOUSE BOXES	20	54
TOTAL	653	20,356

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

Some Parishioners who have been in hospital and who are all recovering
Carole Ashworth, Betty Mercer and Sheila Knowles.

CONGRATULATIONS

Chris and Roberta Swarbrick are very pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter Sarah to Richard Middleton of Lane Side Farm, Mitton. Congratulations from the whole family and the Parish.

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GARDEN CLUB

WE meet again on 5th March. We wish our Secretary Carole a speedy recovery.



GARDENS OPEN 2015

Very early warning for Gardens Open in aid of DVH and St Leonards Downham, Parish Church fabric fund. This will be 25th and 26th July. Olivia will be getting in touch about teas etc People might either, a) want to volunteer PLEASE, or b) book a holiday so they have a good excuse when she rings up to badger them.

Any ideas for 'stalls' and 'attractions' parishioners would like to see are very welcome though we can't promise anything. OA

VISITORS

THERE will be a meeting of Friends of the Historic Houses Association here on the morning of Tuesday 23rd June to look at the Hall and possibly the village, though we won't need access to anyone's house.

NEWSLETTER

REALLY sorry that I forgot to mention one of our regular and traditional events last month. So this time the Newsletter has to be early (or prompt— whichever way you look at it) in order that people get a reminder, in time, to come along to the Assheton Sermon. It is always something of a treat to hear a stranger rather than our own and we have had some really good ones in the past.

This year our new(ish) Bishop has been invited and we look forward to hearing which of the two texts he chooses. Ed.



On a very cold and extremely windy evening, Downham WI members braved the elements to attend their January meeting. President Mrs Frances Garner, welcomed

members and the guest speaker, Mr Joseph Byrne, of the well -known Clitheroe wine merchants, D. Byrne & Co. Mr Joseph Byrne is a fifth generation member of the family working in the company, which started 130 years ago as a grocers shop.

Members then enjoyed cheese and biscuits and a wine tasting of a selection of red and white wines, which Joseph talked very knowledgeably about. There was quite a bit of discussion about the use of corks versus screw tops, and Joseph explained that the most expensive wines still use corks. Some middle range priced wines now use both. In an experiment they have laid down two identical bottles of wine, one with a cork and one with a screw top, for five years to see if there is any difference in taste.

Members asked a wide range of interesting questions about wine and the ensuing answers from Joseph increased everyone's knowledge of the subject. When asked which was the most expensive bottle of wine they had sold, it turned out to be a bottle of port they sold before Christmas, which was one of only two in the country and cost £1000 pounds! It was very clear that, whether you want an inexpensive bottle of wine, or something for a more special occasion, you would get excellent advice at D. Byrne & Co.

It was reported by the treasurer, Mrs Marion Courtney, that £268 profit had been raised from the popular Bingo Evening in December. The money raised goes towards a bursary for a course at the NFWI Denman College.

There are many interesting events and courses coming up, in this, the NFWI's Centenary Year. Our next meeting will be at 7.30, in Downham Village Hall, on the 19th February, the speaker is Yvonne Pinder, talking about 'Pinny's Pots. AK

ROUND AND ABOUT

THE PARISH CHURCH

APOLOGY

TO Andrew Lopiccolo of Twiston, whose name was left off the list of readers in last month's report of the Nine Lessons and Carols Service. He read the sixth lesson.

THE VILLAGE HALL

Improvements have continued. In October the lighting of the main rooms was changed from old fluorescent tubes to modern square fittings let into the ceilings. These give a less harsh light as well as being more pleasing in appearance. Continuing the upgrade Stage 2 Downham has also done a great deal to improve sound and lighting on stage.

BM

She will kill me for mentioning it—but I have just had such an optimistic conversation with Betty.

She was wondering how I was, and had rung a couple of times. We talked about Christmas and families and having a happy time with all of them. We talked about how lucky we are round here with our NHS. We both wondered where this service is that does not care about older people. We certainly haven't seen it. During the whole conversation there was not one grumble (from Betty), a great example to us all from our older resident!.

CANDLE LIGHT SUPPER

THE Children's Society is the beneficiary of the Annual Lasagne Candlelight Supper (see advertisement on Page 3.) This event is a jolly get together, where members of about six local churches sit down to a delicious meal (the puddings to die for) supplied by committee members and friends.

This year, following the retirement of head lasagna cook, Rodney Nicholson, the Committee has opted to buy-in from Tim's Country Kitchen at Waddington—so the quality will be maintained.

This year at 7.00 for 7.30 pm the supper will end with the entertainment which will be provided by Christine Thistlethwaite—Lancashire Poetry and Peter Moorhouse—Accordion.

COFFEE CLUB

Januaries coffee club was down in numbers due to illness and appointments, myself and Brian included.



Fortunately Philippa and Frances very kindly came to the rescue and along with Carole, June and Edith, made sure everyone was catered for, thank you ladies. Thanks also to Molly and Philippa for your delicious cakes. Oops I'd better not forget Carole's custard tart or she'll shout at me! Thanks Carole. The next meeting is February 12th from 10am, hope to see you all there. BL

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

THE group's January meeting will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday, 26th, when the speaker will be Peter del Strother on his new book, History of Clitheroe.

In February the subject is Limekilns and Lime burning. The presentation on Monday the 23rd at the Village Hall, is being given by Helen Wallbank, who has written a book on this topic with fellow author Frances Margison.

THE ASSHETON SERMON 2015

IN HIS WILL Sir Ralph Assheton of Downham, who died on 30th January, 1680 gave £4 a year towards "gratifying two able ministers, other than the present Incumbents, of Whalley and Downham, onely for the better occasioning of a fuller congregation of people being willing, for the most parte, to heare strangers rather than their owne (though perhaps better), each of them to preach a sermon upon two several days, at Downham on the day of the month it shall please God to call me from this transitory life, upon one of these texts, Job 19: 25-27 or Colossians 2: 3-4."



The Downham Texts are: Job "I know that my redeemer liveth" and Colossians: "When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory".



The sermon is preached on the Sunday nearest the date of Sir Ralph's death. This year, the 334th since Sir Ralph's death, the preacher is Bishop Julian, Bishop of Blackburn. The sermon will be preached at the 11.00 am service on 1st February.

Whalley Deanery



Fund Raising Committee

Candlelight Supper

The Kings Centre

Millthorne Avenue off Henthorne Road Clitheroe BB7 2LE

on

Sunday 8th February, 2015 7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE (and your glasses) Soft Drinks available
Vegetarian Option available Great Selection of Salads Delicious Puddings
AFTER SUPPER

ENTERTAINMENT by Christine Thistlethwaite and Peter Moorhouse
Why not come along and enjoy the evening
Support the Society by making a donation at the Supper

Our thanks to The Newsletter Sponsor for the February issue
Mr Shaun Roney

SPECTATOR.

I am touched, "we knew that already" I hear you cry....yes very funny... Tut...as I was saying, I was touched and amazed by the sheer number of people who were concerned about my missing smile and who wanted to make sure it doesn't happen again. Thank you so much both of you! No, seriously, I feel very humbled, a sincere thank you to all. I am now back and ready for whatever life throws at me because no matter what, it is still a 'wonderful life' and to use a line from the film, "no man is a failure who has friends" Well I am certainly blessed with the best family and friends anyone could ever have and we are so pleased that my daughter Zoe is intending to move over here to help us, it will make such a difference. Yet another reason for the smile to stay put! I had to laugh though when Zoe told my 10yr old granddaughter Emma that she was going to move away to live with grandma and granddad. Emma said, "but where will you live when they die Auntie Zoe?" "Will, you come and live with my mum," Thanks Emma but I lived with your mum for 18 yrs and that was enough," Zoe replied, with a pained expression crossing her face as she remembered sharing a bedroom with a an annoying little sister who swiped all her stuff. Well don't worry we're not planning to check out just yet Emms!

Then I remembered something funny I had read aloud - Children's Thinking - and as the 'church typing errors' were so popular in December's Parish Newsletter, I thought I would follow a similar formula and help to keep your smile in place throughout the cold month of February.

A first grade teacher collected well known proverbs, gave each child the first part and asked them to come up with the remainder. Some of the answers are hilarious. Enjoy x

"You can lead a horse to water".....	Answer.....	how?
"Don't bite the hand that".....	.....	looks dirty
"You can't teach an old dog".....	.....	maths
"The pen is mightier than".....	.....	pigs
"If at first you don't succeed".....	.....	.get new batteries
"Twos company, threes".....	.....	the musketeers .
"Laugh and the world laughs with you, cry and".....	.....	you have to blow your nose
"Don't put off until tomorrow what".....	.....	you put on to go to bed
"A penny saved is".....	.....	not much
"Happy is the bride that".....	.....	gets all the presents
And my favourite,		
"There's none so blind as".....	.....	Stevie Wonder!



MISSION & EVANGELISM

for the Perplexed!



Are you interested in the future of the Church?

Then You **YES YOU!** are invited to an

Open Vision Meeting

for YOU & YOUR CHURCH in Whalley Deanery

Monday 2nd February 2015

At St. James Church Clitheroe

Coffee from 7:00 p.m.

7:20 p.m. Worship followed by

a Presentation / Discussion

led by Andy Gray

exploring together Mission & Evangelism.



WE need to physically *do something,*
now, and not just wait for it to happen!