

PARISH CALENDAR 2018						
FEBRUARY			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
4th	Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
	Sunday	6.30 pm	Candle Light Supper	Community Church Clitheroe	In aid of the Children's Society	
5th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
6th	Accession of HM Queen Elizabeth II 1952					
8th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
11th	Sunday next before Lent Quinquagesima	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr I Walton		Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
14th	Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
15th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
18th	Lent I	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker		Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
19th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
25th	Lent II	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall		Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
28th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
March						
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall		
2nd	Friday	7.00 for 7.30 pm	Quiz	Village Hall	Sponsorship for Scout Jamboree	
4th	Lent III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S Marlow Mrs E. Parker

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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter

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### From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

I SEE a lot of doors in my work: not as many as the average postie but still quite a few. A door can be an obstacle: the front door of St Mary's Vicarage has had so many locks fitted to it over the years that it looks like we have something worth stealing (secret - we only use one) Doors may have signs on them warning off the doorstep seller, the charity collector warning of a dangerous dog and otherwise giving the message that you should leave it and the owners well-alone. A door has the practical function of keeping draughts out and the heat in. It can also be welcoming - we've all had the experience of walking through stormy weather and seeing the light of welcome and warmth ahead of us.

Our church's doors are kept open during the day for anyone who is interested in prayer, the history of this beautiful building or simply in finding peace and sanctuary from our increasingly hectic and stressful world.

Jesus tells us that he is Himself, the door to the sheepfold; giving sanctuary and shelter to those who come to him. In the Book of Revelation, St John has a vision of an open door: "After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven". As we approach this season of Lent (Ash Wednesday is February 14th) I pray that you will find an open door at church and will open the door of your heart to welcome the love of Christ.

Yours, in Christ

**A**lmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES			
	November	December	2017
COMMUNICANTS	42	49	475
COLLECTIONS	£		
SERVICES	185	360	3,922
VISITORS	18	20	424
DONATIONS	192	192	7,266
HOUSE BOXES	12	13	198
SPECIAL			5,036
TOTAL	404	585	16,846

### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick, Ann Chadwick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown

### ALAR FLOWERS

APART from Advent and Lent there are always fresh flowers on the altar at St Leonard's Church.

A list for 2018 hangs at the back of Church. If anyone wishes to arrange the flowers or have flowers arranged, for particular date, possibly on an anniversary or in remembrance of a loved one, please fill in your details in the appropriate slot on the list.

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### SPECTATOR

As it's February, I was thinking about Valentines Day, and how when I was young I so wanted a valentine card but never got one. I was friends with another girl called Linda only she was gorgeous and I was the ugly friend. Not just ugly, I came with 3 smaller siblings who I had to take with me everywhere otherwise I couldn't go out...tut. My friends used to hide when they saw me coming down the street with one sister on my hip and another holding my hand. I was truly cursed!

Still, back to Valentine's Day, I Googled the origins on my ipad to see what I could find and there was lots, but I would take it with a pinch of salt, though an interesting pinch nonetheless Apparently, it goes back to the Romans.....so what doesn't? ...From 13<sup>th</sup> to the 15<sup>th</sup> Feb, the Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalier ( which sounds like it should be followed by "fragelistic....exbi...Ali...doshus ) and on this feast the men would sacrifice a goat and a dog and whip the women with the hide from aforementioned goat and dog....AND allegedly they had women queuing up as they believed it would make them more fertile! Now I love my children, most of the time! but I'm not sure I would want to be whipped to get them!

Back to the Romans, Emperor Claudius executed two men, both called Valentine on 14<sup>th</sup> February of different years in the 3<sup>rd</sup> century and their martyrdom was honoured by the Catholic Church with the celebration of St Valentines Day. Later Pope Gelasius muddled things in the 5<sup>th</sup> century by combining Valentine's Day with the feast of Lupercalia to get rid of the pagan rituals. Around the same time, the Normans celebrated Galatins day (Galatins meaning lover of women)which may have got confused with Valentines as they sound similar

. As years went by, Valentines became more romanticised with Chaucer and Shakespeare writing about love and home made cards being popular in Britain and the rest of Europe in the Middle Ages. Then the Industrial Revolution and along came Hallmark with their mass produced cards that were the beginnings of the multi million business we have today. phew. So do il get Valentines cards now?....no....Jon said we didn't need to participate in all the commercialism because we know we love each other, and he believed me when I quietly agreed. Hmm, now where's that goat hide.....Jon?!!!

### Festival Bowland 2018

THIS month sees the launch of a brand new Discover Bowland guide and Festival events programme.

With everything from walking routes (including a Downham circular!) and wildlife features to traditional countryside skills, archaeology and local food, the 2018 guide is packed with information about the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

You'll also find a whole host of events between February and October - from nature rambles and history walks to creative crafts and stargazing evenings. Why not join the RSPB for one of their Moorland Walks from Slaidburn during spring, discover the meadow flowers at Salthill quarry with Lancashire Wildlife Trust in summer or brave some spooking storytelling in Gisburn Forest in September? The Festival Bowland programme is a great opportunity to explore this beautiful part of Lancashire and North Yorkshire.

The new guide will be launched on the 8<sup>th</sup> February and is available from local TICs or by visiting [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com)

## Friday Night Fever

### 1970s Disco

Friday 16 March 7.00 pm - 11.30pm  
Downham Village Hall

Fish and chip supper

£10 Bar available

Tickets available from

Barbara 01200 440925

Sue 01200 440912

IS anyone from the Parish willing to assist by giving an hour of their time for a CHRISTIAN AID collection in Tesco on Saturday, 17th February? If so please let Philip Naylor know, so he can pass on the names.



## RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

THE Programme for this event across Ribble Valley from March to December has now been published; copies are available from church.

The Downham event is at 2.00pm on Sunday 24th June

The Newsletter will promote the festival with month by month advertisements

The opening event is at the St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe on Friday 10th March at 8.00 pm and is entitled Musicals in Concert

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## Candlelight Supper

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

SUNDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 - 6.30 for 7.00 pm

soft drinks available  
vegetarian option available  
and a selection of salads  
delicious puddings

Entertainment by

### OCTAMERON

Singers

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

**Further information and reservations from**

Your Children's Society Committee Member  
Philippa 441484 Brian 44925 Tom 445471-

**T**WISTON TEENAGER JOSH PALMER has undergone an intensive selection weekend to be offered one of thirty six places in East Lancashire to attend the World Scout Jamboree 2019 in West Virginia, America. This is the biggest scouting event in the world, only being held once every four years with over 40,000 scouts from over 200 countries attending.

The cost of the trip is £3,900 and the scouts are encouraged to raise this through donations and fundraising events. He is hoping to raise some of this by holding a Quiz night at the village hall on Friday 2nd March.

For any donations or information / tickets please ring Denise on 01200 445079 or Carol on 01200 445293. Thank You

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## QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 2nd March 2018

Downham Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 Quiz starts at 7.30

Licenced Bar

Tickets £5.00 pp inc. Pie and Peas

Teams of up to 4

Prizes and a Raffle

All proceeds to World Scout Jamboree

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## THE PARISH CHURCH

### Lent

LENT is the period of 40 days which comes before Easter in the Christian calendar. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, Lent is a season of reflection and preparation before the celebrations of Easter. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians replicate Jesus Christ's sacrifice and withdrawal into the desert for 40 days. Lent is marked by fasting, both from food and festivities.

Whereas Easter celebrates the resurrection of Jesus after his death on the cross, Lent recalls the events leading up to and including Jesus' crucifixion. This is believed to have taken place in Roman occupied Jerusalem.

The Christian churches that observe Lent in the 21st century (and not all do significantly) use it as a time for prayer and penance. Only a small number of people today fast for the whole of Lent, although some maintain the practice on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is more common these days for believers to surrender a particular vice such as favourite foods or smoking. Whatever the sacrifice it is a reflection of Jesus' deprivation in the wilderness and a test of self-discipline.

This year the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is 14th February.

### ASSHETON SERMON 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

THE Assheton Sermon was preached this year in the 11.00 am Matins service, by the Dean of Blackburn, The Very Reverend Peter Howell-Jones who took as his text the verses from Job, laid down by the founder of the sermon Sir Ralph Assheton in his will of 1680.

## KATH BROWN

KATH, our choir member and church cleaner has finally decided to hang up the brooms and hoover and retire from church cleaning. She was an original member of the current rota, (about twenty five years service) and we are grateful to her for her reliability and dedication. During the past few years she was joined by Harry who helped Kath to fulfil her wish to carry on for as long as possible.

Working in pairs, with about twenty people on the cleaning Rota the job doesn't come round too often and we have a nice, regularly tidied and clean church for our main service each week.

If anyone would like to join the happy band please speak to Lady Clitheroe, the rota organiser.

Thanks again Kath and Harry for your regular contribution, and thanks to all the people who take part in this rota of voluntary work for the benefit of the parish.



## COFFEE CLUB

THE first coffee morning of the year was very jolly even though our ranks were a little depleted. One little girl was a ray of sunshine. Olivia brought her great-grandma Philippa for coffee.



There was the usual offering of books, jigsaws and bric a brac thanks to Di and Carole.

Where was Barbara? skiving again! but I have to say she baked every cake that was available that morning and it was greatly appreciated, thank you Barbara.

The next coffee morning will be on the 8th of February and all will be welcome.

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## THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

THE Group is in hibernation (rather like the Gardening Club) until March,

## GARDENS OPEN

THE dates for the Parish's annual party and fundraiser for charity have been announced by the Hon Ralph and Olivia. They will be 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Given the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ending of the first World War in June 1918, the thinking is that we will be looking at something related to military/remembrance. We will be planting up two borders with remembrance flowers - poppies for Britain, cornflowers for France and Forget-Me-Nots for Germany.



At the first meeting of the year Downham W.I. business was kept to a minimum with the collection of annual subscriptions and voting on the nationally proposed Resolutions. The Competitions Trophy for 2017 was presented to Susan Whittaker. Three new members were welcomed.

The highlight of the evening was the return of 'Spellbound Productions' with their double-bill travelogue entitled 'Home & Away. Anne is a long-standing member of Downham WI and for the last 15 years she & her husband Gordon have been creating wonderful videos from all over the globe. However, 'home' was their latest release 'The West Riding' which completes their trilogy of The Ridings. Whereas the 'away' comprised of two contrasting films, the first showing the main tourist attractions in China and the second, Slovenia & Lake Bled in winter. To conclude they showed a short 'funny' called A Great Escape'.

The next meeting is on 15<sup>th</sup> February with the speaker, Giles Bridge, presenting 'A Mock Court' with member participation. Do come and join us, you will be most welcome.

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