



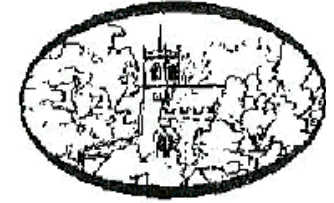
Parish Calendar 2016						
January			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Epiphany	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
4th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
7th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall		
10th	Epiphany I Baptism of Christ	11.00am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mr I. Walton		Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
17th	Epiphany II	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd A G	Mt T. McLean		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
18th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Michael Southworth</i>	
24th	Epiphany III Septuagesima	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr B Lewis		Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
25th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Andrew V. Stachulski & Helen Shaw The Forrest of Bowland</i>	
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean		
31st	Presentation of Christ in the Temple Sexagesima	11.00 am	Assheton Sermon Revd Andy Froud The Rt Revd Philip North	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
February						
7th	Quinquagesima	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs P. McFall		Mr & Mrs H. Brown
		7.00 pm	Candle light Supper	Community Church Clitheroe	<i>In aid of the Children's Society</i>	
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

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From **The Revd ANDY FROUD**

Dear Friends

Years ago the police were called to investigate some suspicious activity in a leafy London suburb. A man was sat in his car down the quiet road and would slowly drive the car forwards and then back again repeatedly. When the police asked what he was doing he pointed to the mileometer: it was just on 999999 and when he drove forward it returned to 000000. He was watching the clock go back to zero and was very excited by seeing it pass the 1,000,000 miles point.

Now some people (they generally, though not always, go by the name of "women") will find this kind of behaviour mysterious. Others may find it interesting to consider that the world record for car mileage is over 3 million.

I mention this story because in a sense in the New Year we pass a point on the mileometer. Not that we can keep going backwards and forwards to keep enjoying it of course. It will simply pass.

Time goes by completely outside of our human control. But some will find the New Year a time of excitement and significance: for some it will simply pass. We make of it what we will.

I try to remember that every day I wake and can get up is a new gift from God, filled with His love, life, forgiveness and grace. Every day can be a New Year's Day if we remember the amazing gift of miracle of life which we receive from our Creator.

Every blessing for every day of 2016!

Yours

ALMIGHTY God, who hast poured upon us the new light of thine incarnate Word; Grant that the same light enkindled in our hearts may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	November	2015
COMMUNICANTS	44	1,257
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	55	1,900
VISITORS	24	563
DONATIONS	295	12,609
HOUSE BOXES	8	62
SPECIAL	100	3,625
TOTAL	482	18,759

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Bob Swarbrick, David Awbery, Olive Awbery, Helen Addy

ALTAR FLOWERS

WE at St Leonard's aim to have fresh flowers on the altar every Sunday except at two periods of preparation, Advent and Lent. Some people offer to do the flowers as an annual commemoration for a loved one or as a thanksgiving for an anniversary or similar event. Some for no reason in particular. Fresh flowers on the altar are maintained by our flower volunteers Philippa and Molly, who are happy to arrange the vases for anyone who would like to sponsor the flowers but do not wish to carry out the arrangements themselves.

There is a list at the back of church which is available for anyone to enter their name against any of the available dates.

The Parish is grateful to Philippa McFall and Molly Roskell for keeping the flowers fresh and watered, this is particularly necessary after a festival or wedding when we have rather more than usual floral art in place.

Visitors to St Leonards quite often comment favourably on the well kept church and the fresh flowers. The PCC feels very strongly about having an unlocked and welcoming building.

SPECTATOR

ACCORDING to last years January Spectator, I had lost my smile, had a glass half empty and couldn't think of anything positive to start off the New Year. We were also in talks about the possibility of Zoe, eldest daughter moving in with us. Well I am pleased to report that this January, I have my smile firmly in place, a glass half full and my life has been much easier since Zoe made the move to Downham.

Zoe is such a big help with everything and we have all adjusted well to living together, most of the time, although we can have our moments and one of the things she enjoys about living here is the birds. It's quite funny to see her watching them out of the kitchen window. She buys them coconut shells filled with seeds and nuts, only good quality mind, as they turned their noses up at cheap ones! So, the birds love Zoe being here too. life has never been so good. They come to call for her now, they look in the window and right past me, "not you, we want the other one, where is the nice lady". I can see it in their faces... "she feeds us regularly, you were always hit and miss" ...get Zoe for us" cheek!

When I was younger, I used to laugh at my mother in law who loved watching the birds out of her kitchen window, I was only interested in young people things, then I got older and started watching the birds and my children laughed at me. Now they are watching the birds! Life just goes round and round really and the following, which is kind of on the same lines, made me smile.

A group of girlfriends all aged 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. It was agreed that they should go to The Ocean View Restaurant as the music was good and the waiters were very handsome and attentive

10yrs later, at 50, they chose the Ocean View Restaurant to meet up because the food was good and wine selection excellent

Another 10 years past and at 60, the friends decided to meet at the Ocean View as the restaurant had beautiful views of the sea

When they met at 70, they discussed where to have lunch and decided on the Ocean View because the restaurant was wheelchair accessible and had a lift.

Ten years later, the friends were all 80yrs old and there was much discussion about where to meet for lunch. Finally it was decided that they should go to the Ocean View Restaurant.... because they had never been there before.

And whilst people are making resolutions and perhaps thinking about dieting after all those mince pies, I thought you may be interested to hear about a recent study which has found that women who carry a little extra weight definitely live longer than the men who mention it!

Happy New Year X

Our thanks to The Parish Newsletter Sponsors
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Candlelight Supper

The Kings Centre

Millthorne Avenue off Henthorne Road Clitheroe
BB7 2LE

on

Sunday 7th February, 2016
7.00 for 7.30 p.m.

BRING A BOTTLE OF WINE
(and your glasses)
Soft Drinks available

Vegetarian Option available
Selection of Salads
Delicious Puddings

ENTERTAINMENT
AFTER SUPPER

Why not make up a table from your church?
Enquiries Hon Sec 445471

come along and enjoy the evening
Support the Society
by making a donation at the Supper



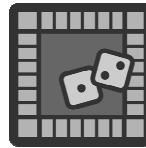
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DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

PARISH BOARD GAMES AFTERNOON

**Mid winter get together in our
cosy Village Hall**

Fed up after Christmas
in a cold, dark January?



Come and join the Board
Games afternoon and
have some fun and
laughter.

**Bring some favourite board
games and cards or
join in with others**
Toddlers bring your own toys

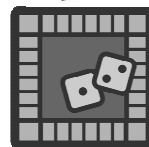
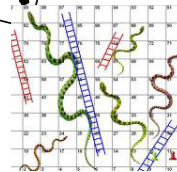
**Tea and other drinks including
hot (non Alcoholic) Punch
provided**

**bring some cake or biscuits
to share**

SUNDAY AFTERNOON
24th January
2.00 to 5.00 pm



**Adults £2 Children
free**



HISTORY GROUP

ON Monday 30th November Roger Frost treated us to a very thorough and entertaining talk about the Calder Valley. With the use of extensive photographs. Roger described the route the Calder takes from its source in Todmorden to its confluence with the Hodder and the Ribble near Whalley, outlining historical features and giving interesting facts en route. How many of us knew, for instance that Dr.T.D. Whittaker, famed for his 1801 book on the history of Whalley, was at the same time an ecologist, who planted 480,000 trees on his estate, larches mainly, for the construction of ships' masts? Or that there are more deer in Burnley now than there were in the days of Henry IV when it was a hunting ground? Or that the origin of Barley is bare field, because nothing would grow there? Or that rare plants from India and China, brought over by the Townleys, are being sent back to China because they are extinct there? If you missed the talk or would like to learn more, Roger's book. River Calder is available on Amazon.

Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm on Monday, 25th January at the Village Hall. we have authors of a new book The Forest of Bowland, by Dr. Andrew V. Stachulski, a senior research fellow at University of Liverpool, and keen walker who has written for many walking publications together with award-winning photographer Helen Shaw, who lives and works in the Forest of Bowland.

This book with its stunning photographic depiction of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty reveals many secret landscape gems.

New Members and visitors welcome JP

FROM NORFOLK

Becca Whitehead has written to us

To everyone at St Leonard's

Thank you for our wonderful leaving gift . It is a beautiful picture of the church We have tried to have a painting of each place we have lived in to remember our journey through life and this is a wonderful addition to our gallery

We are settling in well at Cawston and our house really feels like home after a very short space of time. We have an open fire and a good source of wood so

we will have a warm winter ahead of us.

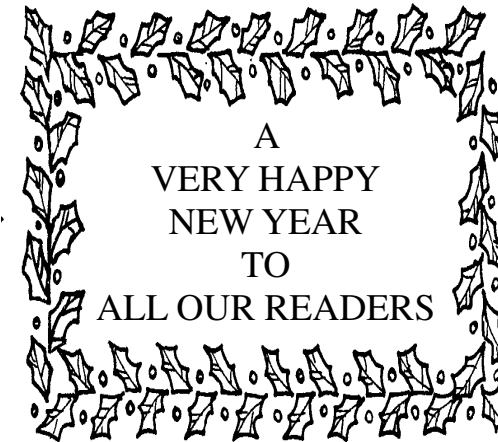
Andrew's licensing went well and it was lovely to be surrounded by friends old and new

We miss Downham and the wonderful views of the hills and think fondly of Ella's time at pre school there. She has settled in well into her new school here which

is a five minute walk from our house and she's enjoying seeing Andrew at assemblies.

Joseph has changed a lot since we moved and now runs everywhere—we struggle to keep up with him!

Thank you for all the care and support you have given us and do keep in touch with us in the future. With love,
Becca, Andrew. Ella and Joseph.



THE PARISH CHURCH

THE ASSHETON SERMON

THIS annual event in the church calendar at St Leonards takes place this year on Sunday, 31st January at the 11.00 o'clock service of morning prayer. We are very fortunate to have Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley to preach the Sermon and to dedicate the memorial plaque to Nicholas Assheton, our Patron's brother. Bishop Philip is a lively preacher and we hope as many people will join us for this very special historic occasion.



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 severall days, upon the 5th February upon one of these texts 2 Sam. 23.5 or Habac. 3.17,18 and 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 Coll. 2: 3-4."

The Downham Texts have been preached in almost equal measure down the years. The Job is "I know that my redeemer liveth" and the Colossians: "When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory". We shall see which Bishop Philip has chosen on 31st.

We are joined by guests from the Blackburn branch of the Prayer Book Society.

CAROL SINGING AT TWISTON

ALL Twiston neighbours are welcome by kind invitation of Neil and Anya Wallace to Carol singing at Red Syke with the Downham St Leonard's choir on Sunday Evening, 20th December at 7.00 pm.

GARDEN CLUB

It's been round again ! The Garden Club Christmas Dinner. Funny how it comes round every year, and it seems to improve with age. Forty two people arrived at the Village Hall, well I say 42 but some people came late , not to mention names but they all came from Chatburn ! After a welcome drink we all sat down for a wonderful three course Christmas dinner provided by Tim from Country Kitchen .



After the meal a buzz went round the room. *The Gardeniers* led the Carol singing and we had two amusing readings but of course the self-entertainment was followed by the visitor we were all waiting for. At last it was Father Christmas time , he was accompanied by Mrs Christmas who then proceeded to draw the raffle, there was a prize for everyone, how fortuitous!

Of course it was also a little sad as our Chairman was retiring . A presentation was made to Shaun who had been Chairman for Twenty years with many thanks and best wishes.

Our thanks must go to everyone concerned, Barbara & Brian, Francis & Peter, Molly, Lynne, Tim, Diana and Mr & Mrs Christmas and of course yours truly.

We meet again in March. CA

COFFEE CLUB

THE weather was kind on the day and a few of us wore our festive outfits. Dave and Olive had Christmas jumpers on and I'd bought a special necklace (at great expense) that lit up. Carole wasn't happy though, I'd bought the last one and she was a bit miffed. I've told her she can borrow it when she celebrates her next special birthday which isn't very far away???? The hall looked very welcoming and the tree sparkled. Each table had Christmas tablecloths, crackers and a beautiful flower arrangement, kindly made by Frances. Everyone was offered a drink when they arrived and there was soft drink on the tables. As usual we started with delicious home made soup and rolls, generously provided by Dave and Olive. We had a variety of sandwiches, courtesy of Country Kitchens at Waddington, followed by warm mince pies and delicious cakes and novelty biscuits.

Thank you Molly and Philippa for your time and effort. We were down on numbers this year due to illness and holidays but the atmosphere was jolly as always.

Oh I nearly forgot .we had five late-comers, who had been at the wedding in Downham Church, but we saved them plenty of food so they didn't miss out.

Carole, Brian and myself really enjoy running Coffee Club and we think that rounding off with a party is an excellent way to end the year.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2016 on January, 10th at 10.00 am. PS thank you all for your generous donations, they really helped to defray the costs. BL



W. I. President , Frances Garner welcomed members and guest film makers, Anne and Gordon Sharp of Spellbound Productions, to the December meeting.



There were a number of reports, which reflected what Downham W.I. members, have been involved in recently. Eileen Parker reported on the wonderful evening she had enjoyed at Lancaster University, listening to five different W.I. choirs at the 'Lancashire Sings for Joy' event, marking the Centenary Year of the W.I. Marion Courtney reported on how a number of members , husbands and friends, had got together to weed the Village Hall Car Park. They were rewarded with hot soup and coffee, provided by Olive Awbery and Eileen Parker. Frances Garner reported on the decoration of a Christmas tree with home-made crafts made by members of Downham W.I., for the Trinity Methodist Church, 'Christmas Tree Festival'. Mrs Garner reported how wonderful all the trees looked. Rosemary Norgrove was presented with the Competition Cup.

President ,Frances Garner , presented Christine Newhouse with flowers and a card on behalf of Downham W.I.,in thanks for the huge contribution she had made over many yearsto Downham W.I. Christine will join a W.I. nearer her home.

Long standing Downham W.I. member, Anne Sharp and her husband Gordon, presented a wonderful series of films they had made. They have been making films for thirteen years and the first film they ever made was shown at a Downham W. I. meeting. They showed a marvellous film which was a compilation of clips from different Downham W.I. events over many years. It was a film which gave much pleasure, but also sadly reminded us, of the many wonderful members we have lost over recent years. It did encapsulate the enduring values of the W.I, and was a fitting, final show, for the Downham Centenary Year.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30 on the January 21st, at Downham Village Hall. The speaker will be Michael Southworth on the subject of 'Tax. Care and Toy Boys'. AK