

PARISH CALENDAR 2011

July		Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Trinity II	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Chatburn Christ Church	Wedding Lady Clitheroe Mrs C. Ashworth
		11.00am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr B. Lewis	
7th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	At the Bridge	<i>Aureol Gardens Sabden</i>
10th	Trinity III	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D Wilkins	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs J. Aspinall
		11.00am	Matins Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs P. McFall	
14th	Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
17th	Trinity IV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Chatburn Christ Church	Mr T. McLean Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
		11.00am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Wrigley	
18th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Find the history of your house</i>
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Joyce Plumridge Dolls Houses</i>
24th	Trinity V	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Miss R. Newton	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
		11.00am	Matins Revd Alan Reid	Mrs B. Lund	
28th	Thursday	5.00 to 6.00pm	Art Competition	Church	<i>Bring Entries to Church</i>
30th	Saturday	10.00am 2.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Annual Flower Show Exhibits to hall 10.00 am to Noon Public Opening 2.30 pm</i>
31st	Trinity VI	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs E. Parker Mrs J. Whitsey
		11.00am	United Family Service Revd Anne Hardacre	Christ Church Chatburn	
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7th	Trinity VII	8.30am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Chatburn Christ Church	Lord & Lady Clitheroe
		11.00am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr. B. Lewis	
		2.00 to 6.00pm	50th Anniversary Event	Village Hall	<i>Whistle Down the Wind</i>

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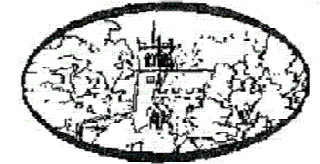
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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint

KENNETH Clarke, the Justice Secretary, provoked a storm last month by suggesting that there were different degrees of rape. The Labour leader was quick to make political capital out of Ken's "ill-conceived" remarks, whilst the prime minister sought to repair the damage done. But surely Kenneth Clarke was right to say that, although all rape is a serious crime, not all acts of rape are the same. A rape which takes place within a relationship, for example, is not the same as that committed by a stranger who stalks a woman, then assaults her at knife-point on some waste ground at night.

A similar principle applies to other offences. All theft or arson is wrong, but there are degrees of seriousness. To burn down someone's tool shed, may be a punishable crime, but is hardly the same as burning down a hospital. It has, for a long time, been recognised that there are different levels of murder, and this is one of the many arguments against capital punishment. How do you decide which murders carry the death penalty, and which do not?

Some people are naturally "black and white" in their thinking, whereas others see shades of grey. Each attitude has its strength and weakness. Prejudice, however, runs deep in human life. It showed itself in those residents of the Paulsgrove estate in Portsmouth eleven years ago who marched in order to have paedophiles named. It showed itself in Northern Ireland when Protestant employers refused to employ a Roman Catholic. It shows itself in those who utter sexist or racist remarks. And maybe it showed itself in some of the negative reactions to Kenneth Clarke's observations. We can think emotively and be swayed by popular headlines.

Prejudice means "pre-judging" - making a judgement before thinking the issue through. It is lazy, unkind and cowardly. All praise to those who refuse to follow the crowd and will say unpopular things, although unpopularity and rightness may not always be the same thing.

Some people are prejudiced towards real Christian faith. They make up their minds that it's a lifeless thing and don't want much to do with it. Jesus Christ is a "pale Galilean", the bible is dull and God irrelevant. That is sheer prejudice: a reluctance to take seriously the living, glorious God who by his Spirit can bring faith alive, and come close to us by word and sacrament. Let's move from prejudice to openness and from spiritual stagnancy to new life in God's love.

Robert N. ...

O GOD the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy; Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy, that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	May	2011
COMMUNICANTS	35	220
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	189	978
VISITORS	96	432
DONATIONS	1,500	3,877
HOUSE BOXES	62	105
TOTALS	1,847	5,392

OUR PRAYERS are said for

Bob Swarbrick who was taken suddenly ill two weeks ago and is awaiting surgery very soon.

Dave and Olive Awbery and the families of Philip and Mildred Kay, and the family of **John Hudson**.

FAREWELL

Cliff and Joanne Wright-Phillips, William and Alexander who have left Chestnuts Cottage, Downham to live in Chatburn, we hope to see them at the Coffee Club, and are pleased that Joanne has agreed to continue as Hon Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

4th June: Jonathan **Rumboll** and Gillian **Scott** of Worsaw Hill Farm, Worston

HOLY BAPTISM

12th June Spencer Robert, son of Barrie and Sarah **Davies** of Whalley Road, Clitheroe; having connections with Chatburn Parish through Barrie's parents, Trevor and Marilyn Davies of Worston.

CONGRATULATIONS A first in Clitheroe

THE first wedding to be held at Clitheroe Castle was that of Caroline **Palmer** and Dave **Collinge** of Hill Foot Farm, Twiston, on Sunday, 29th May. The rain held off and despite blustery conditions there were plenty of opportunities for photos after the ceremony, against the splendid backdrop of Pendle and the Ribble Valley. The reception was held at The Alma Inn, Laneshawbridge where the couple were joined by family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues, after which they spent a few days in the Lake District. We wish them every happiness in their future life together.

St Leonards Centenary Art Competition

One of the events to mark the centenary of the refurbishment of St Leonard's Church will be an art competition. There will be prizes!

Entries will be displayed at the Village Hall on the day of the Flower Show (30th July). Winning work will be displayed in Church at the special Centenary Service on 30th October.

The competition is open to all resident children and to the pre school children

Four Age groups:

Preschool 7 and under
12 and under 18 and under

Entries can be in any medium & should have one of the following titles:

*100
Alleluia!
A Century of Worship
Seen at St Leonard's*

Please bring entries to Church between 5 & 6 pm on Thursday 28th July

CHRISTIAN AID PRAISES DAVID CAMERON

CHRISTIAN Aid has praised the Prime Minister's "principled approach on aid" after he announced last week that the UK would contribute an extra £814m for vaccines for children in developing countries. David Cameron admitted that the pledge would be "controversial" at a time of austerity but believed there was a strong moral case for keeping our promises to the world's poorest.

Earlier there had been a lobby organised by Christian Aid and similar organisations, which prompted Andrew Mitchell, the International Development Secretary, to say: "Your voices are being heard and the Government is taking these issues forward." Recently CAFOD had taken Mr Mitchell to Uganda where he was hugely impressed by the passion of a British NGO (non-governmental organisation) working with the world's poorest people.

Labour MP, Lisa Nandy, commenting on the lobby, wrote, "It was inspiring to see so many people take an active interest in the plight of some of the world's poorest countries."

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.SMITHFIELD PLANNING APPLICATION

BOWLAND Bioenergy Ltd, who turn the various piles of timber stacked around the parish into wood chips, have applied for planning permission to put a roof over the former silage clamp at Smithfield. This will enable work to carry on during the wettest and coldest of weather. Demand for wood chips for heating boilers continues to grow, so the company needs to be able to produce a quality (ie dry) product throughout the year.

The new roof will match the existing, adjoining one, but will be a bit higher. To see the plans contact Ralph Assheton, or the RVBC planning department. RCA

"Make it Difficult for the Burglar"

THE Ribble Valley Community Safety Partnership have produced the above leaflet with advice from Lancashire Constabulary. Copies are available from RVBC. For example; apparently most burglaries are committed by opportunist thieves, and 2 out of 10 burglars do not have to use any force, merely walking in through an open door or window.

CHIEF STEWARD OF FOREST

IT WAS announced earlier in June, that Michael Parkinson FRICS, recently retired partner at Clitheroe chartered surveyors and land agents Ingham & Yorke, is to become Chief Steward of the Forest of Bowland.

Michael, former resident of Twiston Mill, a longstanding adviser to Lord Clitheroe and Sir Simon Towneley, who has been involved in Bowland affairs for more than 40 years, is being appointed to the role by the Lord of Bowland, as part of a continuing drive to promote Bowland and its distinctive identity.

For the past two years, William Bowland, as the camera-shy 16th Lord likes to be known, has been spearheading a campaign to raise Bowland's profile as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

In April this year, he unveiled a new-style Bowland road sign; in 2009, he revived the ancient office of Bowbearer of the Forest, a role dating back almost nine hundred years.

Former Chief Stewards of the Forest - once known as Master Foresters - have included a duke, sixteen knights, a baron and an earl. Michael will be the first Chief Steward appointed since 1922.

Formerly Steward to the Honor of Clitheroe and currently Steward to the Manor of Slaidburn, Michael Parkinson, commented: *"I am honoured that the Lord of Bowland has appointed me Chief Steward of the Forest of Bowland. More than four decades spent as a land agent in Bowland have given me a unique insight into the Forest and its unique character. As Chief Steward, I will be working hard to champion Bowland as one of England's finest Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty"*.

Chestnuts flood

A slurry of activity at the beginning of June saw a clutch of LCC drainage experts and Northern Electric technicians attempting to sort out "The Chestnuts Flood". The road was excavated, the drain and offending cable duct exposed. After much cutting, relaying, splicing and back-filling the road was reinstated. Fingers are now crossed that the problem is solved. If not, excavations will move to Shaun's garden!

Stan the Van

THE van duly arrived in Downham and parked several hours parked up next to the bridge. The staff seemed happy with the level of interest shown and various villagers appeared happy with the help they had received. RCA



DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL
WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND
50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION
EVERYONE WELCOME
Free admission
Donations gratefully received to be divided
between Downham Village Hall
& Help for Heroes
DISPLAYS OF MEMORIBILIA
Sunday, 7th August 2.00 to 6.00 pm
FILM SHOWINGS 2.15 & 4.00 pm
A chance to meet up with long-lost friends
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We would like to thank everyone for the many cards, telephone calls and messages of sympathy we received following our recent family bereavements. Dave's brother-in-law Philip and Olive's sister Mildred died within two days of each other and your support and kindness has helped us so very much during this sad time. It has reminded us once again how lucky we are to live in such a wonderful community.
Olive & Dave Awbery

JOHN HUDSON

Canon John Hudson who was for many years Vicar of Clitheroe, St. Mary's and, after his retirement, took up the post of inter-regnum priest at Downham in 1988 until 1993, died on 16th June aged 88. We remember his period of service here with affection and gratitude.

A private cremation will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Mary's Parish Church, Clitheroe at 2.00 pm on Monday, 27th June, 2011.

UNEXPECTED GUESTS?

Rodney Nicholson

THE LAST wedding, on June 4th, almost saw the congregation swollen by a coach load of Japanese students, conducted by Clitheroe's Simon Entwistle. The bridal car, bearing Gillian Scott, of Worsaw Hill Farm, had pulled up as punctually as Kate Middleton's limousine, but one difference marked out the Downham wedding from its royal counterpart: an awkwardly parked car made it impossible for a full-sized coach, full of visitors from the Far East, to get past the church.

One of the young bridesmaids thought it would be unusual if all the visitors attended the wedding service but the group agreed with me that every wedding is a public occasion, open to all. I boarded the coach and explained to the students that a wedding was about to take place, and that the bride was on their right. At this they cheered exuberantly, but by this time Ralph Assheton had discreetly found the owner of the car, who promptly moved it, allowing the coach to proceed to Stonyhurst.

As I returned to the church I thought how lovely it was that Eastern visitors had had their day enhanced by the sight of a bride at St Leonard's. Our church can make a global impact! I thought too about how much better things are today in so many ways. 65 – 70 years ago the Japanese were at war with us. Today they enjoy visiting our country.

DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING

THE annual Parish Meeting will take place in Downham Pre-School at 7pm Tuesday 9th August 2011.

The meeting is open to all residents of Downham Parish. It is the bottom tier of local government and fills the same niche as Parish Councils do in slightly larger communities. The meeting is primarily to elect a Chairman and Correspondent for the year ahead, and then to discuss any matters raised from the floor. Anyone interested in learning more about the Parish Meeting, or is interested in standing for election, can talk to Ralph Assheton (Chairman) or Di Braithwaite. (Correspondent), or Jane Horsfield, (Electoral and Licensing Officer, RVBC).

