

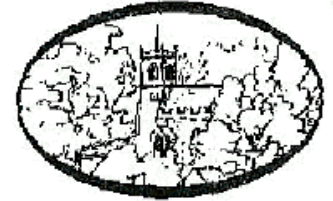


Parish Calendar 2015						
July			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B. Lewis	New	
2nd	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Downham Bridge	Visit Casa Lago Whalley	
5th	Trinity V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		2.00—6.00	At Home	Lower Smithy Fold	<i>Diana & Steve Leaving Twiston</i>	
6th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn, Christ Church</i>		
8th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs P. McFall	New	
9th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
12th	Trinity VI	11.00 am	Matins/ Baptism of Holly Smith Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mr I Walton	Mr & Mrs H. Brown	
14th	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Village Hall Mgt Cttee	Village Hall		
15th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs P. McFall	New	
16th	Thursday	6.45 pm	WI	Townley Hall		
19th	Trinity VII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mr B. Lewis	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
		2.00 pm	Concert	Church	<i>Pendle Piano Trio</i>	
20th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Waddington Methodist Chapel</i>		
21st	Tuesday	9.00 am to 1.00 pm	Sally Naden Show Radio Lancashire	<i>The Programme is coming from Downham with topical items</i>		
22nd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr T. McLean	New	
25th 26th	Saturday & Sunday	2.00 pm to 4.00 pm	Gardens Open	Downham Hall	<i>In aid of St Leonard's Parish Church & Downham Village Hall</i>	
26th	Trinity VIII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs A. Greenhill	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis	
27th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Sue Holden 50 Years of the AONB</i>	
29th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean	New	
August						
1st	Saturday	3.00 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	<i>Entries 10. am to noon</i>	
2nd	Trinity IX	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs B Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
3rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	St Leonard Downham		
5th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr B. Lewis	New	
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud on Sabbatical Leave Revd Andrew Whitehead to September 01200 444734</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p> <p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210</p>						
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

2015 Issue 7 July

From The Revd ANDREW WHITEHEAD

Dear Friends,

DESPITE the evidence of our recent weather, the summer is finally here. Typically in the church this is a quiet time, with many people seizing holiday opportunities and travelling across the globe. The holiday season sometimes means that churches are very subdued; just ticking-over through the warmer months. But one look at the diary suggests that this isn't really the case for us in 2015.

When I think about the responsibility of providing cover for Andy's sabbatical, this level of activity could be somewhat daunting. But I take great comfort in people's readiness to pitch-in and help with the busy life of our churches.

Paul instructs the people of Corinth and Ephesus with his famous metaphor of the church as 'the Body of Christ'. One of the points he seeks to convey is that as members of the church, we are all distinctive and all essential. This diversity is essential to the healthy functioning of the church and it allows each of us to play our part in God's mission for the world. Each one of us has talents and gifts which others do not have. In working together and sharing our skills and passion, we ensure that the church gets closer to its potential.

Of course, the summer should also be a time of rest and refreshment, so we need to strike a balance between work and recreation. As Christians, we also need to factor in opportunities to be together for prayer and worship. So whilst I look forward to seeing you over the summer as each of us plays our part in our busy calendar of weddings and events, I also look forward to the many opportunities for time together in worship, reflection and prayer as we attempt to recharge our batteries.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Whitehead

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	May	2015
COMMUNICANTS	90	819
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	90	746
VISITORS	56	103
DONATIONS	275	1,742
HOUSE BOXES	23	23
SPECIAL	-	-
TOTAL	444	2,614

FAREWELL

DOWNHAM villagers are saddened to hear that June Rumpfitt has decided to move nearer her daughters. With her late husband, Vic, she ran the Post Office for many years. The Post Office also had a shop, cafe and B & B, they also delivered newspapers. A founder member, The Garden Club gave her a jolly send off after the Annual Chairman's Walk with supper in the village hall. The members thanked her for her work as treasurer for the club from the start until recently, and presented her with a bird feeding station with the appropriate food to put in it. June thanked everyone and said she was very sad to leave, but couldn't have asked for a better present.

The Coffee Club also thanked June for her sterling work on the bring and buy stall from the start, with her friend and next door neighbour, Mrs Edith Hart. Members gave June a M & S voucher and a plant. She said an emotional farewell, but hoped to return for holidays when she was settled in her new home. DB

DIANA and Steve Wilkins of Lower Smithy Fold Twiston are downsizing but not moving too far away. So we hope to keep in touch through the St Leonard connection. We wish them good luck in their new home. Diana and Steve are inviting all friends and neighbours to an *At Home* on Sunday 5th July between 2.00 pm & 6.00pm. "Do come and join us for a glass or two and some nibbles".

Our thanks to The Newsletter
Sponsors for the July issue
Downham Village Hall

**JULY EVENTS IN THE
RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC
FESTIVAL**
19th July St Leonard Downham
Concert with the Pendle Piano Trio
31st July Whalley Abbey
Colne Orpheus Male Voice Choir

SPECTATOR

I WAS VERY SAD TO SAY goodbye to my friend and fellow crafter June, who, after much soul searching and consideration, has made the difficult decision to leave Downham and be nearer her daughters. Tut. I don't like change, but hopefully, thanks to modern technology, we will keep in touch via Skype, E-mails or Messenger. June could even carry on reading the newsletter every month as she now has an iPad, though I think she's not had it very long as it took her 10 minutes to take my photo the other day. I started off with a smile and a good pose and ended up draped on the settee with a frozen grin!

Number one daughter Zoe asked me recently how long ago it was before Spectator, (a name given to me by my first Editor, the late but great Michael McFall, "thank you Michael") came out of retirement after a 10 yr break and would you believe it was April 2013!

In my first contribution, I had a good old moan about there being no mobile signal in Downham and consequently I could not receive messages from friends until I left the village. In the four years since it was written, my mobile phone has become virtually extinct and I keep in touch with those I love (and some I don't!) From the comfort of my own home via the internet, which is so slow, it drives me up the wall sometimes. Good to know I still have something to complain about!

I totally love my Apple iPad and the only time it is not about my person is when I am in bed and even then, it is the first thing I go to when I get up, after the kettle and teapot of course, and the last thing I see at night before I go to sleep. It would be a case of, 'Poor Jon' except he has one too, a full size one not a mini like mine, not that I'd swap. Size really isn't everything and anything Jon can do on his, I can do on mine, only a smaller version.

Anyway, the second piece I wrote for May 2011 Newsletter was about the Jersey wedding we attended and the reading from Ecclesiastes, chapter 4 verses 9-12 *Two are better than one because they have good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him that is alone when he falleth for he hath not another to help him up* finished by saying that I thanked God every day for Jon, a loving family, supportive friends and for kind and caring neighbours. Thank goodness some things haven't changed.


DOWNHAM is to have a Post Office "hosted outreach service" which will be opening soon at the Ice Cream Shop on Hare Green. The service will open on Mondays from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm as soon as the Post Mistress has completed the training.

GARDENS OPEN update 25th and 26th July

ALL offers of help gratefully received, please ring Olivia if you have an hour to spare on either day. Radio Lancashire's morning show on 21st July (Sally Naden – 11 to 1) will be coming from Downham if any of our readers wanted to listen in. It promises to be a good mix of items including a preview of the Gardens Open. The Gardens are also featured in the July issues of both Lancashire Life and The Lancashire Magazine. OA

HISTORY GROUP

THE report of the June meeting will be in next month's Newsletter. The July meeting is on Monday 27th at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. The speaker is Sue Holden her topic Scrap Book and 50 years of the Forest of Bowland AONB. All welcome. TM

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC

The Pendle

Piano Trio

Gaynor Sutcliffe Violin
Paul Greenhalgh Piano
Robert Buller Cello

A programme of best loved classics
and more

2.00 pm Sunday 19th July at
St Leonard's Parish Church Downham

Tickets £8 from Roy Porter
or by calling
01200 441484 01200 440925
or 01254 384893

Or book ticket with tea deal at the Assheton
Arms for £5 more on 01200 441227

PINNACLE PARTY

CLITHEROE Civic Society held a fundraiser for the restoration of the Palace of Westminster Pinnacle that has adorned the Rose Garden in the Clitheroe Castle Grounds since 1937. This took place by kind invitation of the Hon Ralph and Olivia Assheton at the Gardens of Downham Hall on Saturday 20th June and was part of the campaign to raise several thousand pounds for the project.

In a marquee kindly donated by the Seafood Pub Company (it had been used the night before for a separate fundraiser for the Clitheroe Food Festival) guests had cheese and wine, or beer, the usual (and massive) raffle, a great atmosphere and music by Eric Ainsworth.



GREYHENS

THERE has apparently been a sighting of a Greyhen on Pendle. This was not a geographically embarrassed chicken, but rather the female partner to a Black Cock, who together are called Black Grouse. They have not been seen on Pendle for many decades, but their numbers have been increasing slowly in the north Pennines over the last few years, due to careful land management and now breed as close as Pen-y-Ghent. Hopefully this visitor will stick around, but as there are no male display grounds or "lecks" on Pendle, we will probably have to wait a few more years before there is much of a chance to see one.

Black Grouse are a little bigger than Red Grouse. The Black Cock is the only large black land-bird with a white wing bar and lyre-shaped tail. They like to live on open moorland, but close to scattered woodland where they can shelter in harsh winter weather. RCA

The Lime completely blocked the road and could not be cleared until the following morning due to the continued danger from falling branches. By 8.30am the road was clear, although the remains of the huge stump had to be lifted out by crane a couple of weeks later (happily one was passing en route for Bowland Bioenergy).

In the weeks following the storm the Church and Estate's roadside tree management plans have been accelerated. Dramatic surgery has taken place in the Churchyard after consultation with Richard Davis (tree surgeon) and Dave Hewitt (RVBC Tree Officer). More surgery and a number of tree fellings will take place around the Parish over the coming weeks and months, especially near roads, paths, public access areas and buildings.

Although it is always a shame to lose a familiar old tree, it does often open up views (as Top Row have discovered) and give the opportunity to plant new trees for generations to come. RCA

500 MILES IN 6 DAYS

A journey of faith and thanks

ON 2nd July Jason Addy is cycling to Walsingham in Norfolk, England's national Marian Shrine, where he will join Helen, Joseph and Grannie Maureen.

The 500 mile round trip (yes, he is cycling home too) will not only be a personal pilgrimage and time of reflection but also a sponsored cycle ride to support **Crossroads Care Ribble Valley**, a charity which has helped Jason's parents enormously since their move to Clitheroe.

Jason would appreciate any donation, no matter how small, to support this worthy organisation. Monies will be collected later this summer, alternatively you may support him through the Crossroads Care Ribble Valley website —simply hit the Just Giving button there.



TREES

THE recent storm caused considerable damage to trees, mainly because they were in full leaf. A number of branches fell on roads, including Chatburn Road and Twiston Lane. The biggest shock was the blowing over of the Churchyard Lime tree on the roadside opposite Hillcrest. Mercifully Glen Wright had driven away minutes before, so he and his car were not crushed. The tree even managed to fall between the Parkers' gate posts, thereby avoiding any wall damage (though the gate itself was flattened) and was inches short of hitting the house. Thankfully the wind was from the south west, as a northerly gale would have landed the tree squarely on the Church!



Downham Garden Club



The Annual Flower Show at the Village Hall Saturday, 1st August

*Exhibits to the Hall
between 10.00 am & 12 Noon.
Judging from 1.00 pm
Public Opening at 3.00 pm.*

Spare copies of the show schedule are
available on the table in Church.

BLUEBELL WOOD

INSPIRED by the Garden Club Chairman's Walk a member has written this poem:

We take a walk along sun-baked mud
past the brook to bluebell wood
The grass is wet from April showers
The trees hold out their ancient bowers
On pastures new we set our feet
This walk, for us, is a rare treat
The park is hidden on all sides
It's hard to get your whereabouts
From here nothing can be seen
no factory chimneys, just green on green
As we approach with good intentions
the sheep run off in all directions
In olden times here deer would graze,
wolves howl and men give chase
But tonight it's just an evening stroll
in this haven, to escape life's toil

Jenny Palmer

THE PARISH CHURCH

JOYFUL NOISE on TOUR

DATES for future joyful noise are 6th July at Christchurch, Chatburn, 20th July at Waddington.

'Make a Joyful Noise' is coming to Downham on Monday 3rd August, at 7.30pm at St Leonards. All are welcome to join us, to sing or just to listen, as we sing many well known hymns. Tea and biscuits are also served during the evening. All musical abilities are invited, to swell the numbers and raise the roof, and most of all, to enjoy the evening.

CONCERT

PART of The Ribble Valley Music Festival, a Concert is being staged at St Leonard's on 19th July in the afternoon from 2.00 to 4.00. All proceeds are for St Leonard's Church Funds.

The Pendle Piano Trio, a group of professional musicians are to perform best-loved Classics and more, making an idyllic Sunday afternoon's enjoyment. More details on page 6.

OPEN DAY OF CHRIST CHURCH CHATBURN

WITH BACON BUTTIES, cakes, teas and organ music and a great and interesting historical exhibition of documents and photographs, Chatburn showed off the newly ordered Christ Church. The removal of the old pipe organ and replacement elsewhere with a new instrument left a space that has been utilised for a new Vestry. Space at the rear has been converted into accessible toilet facilities and a kitchen. The font has been moved to enable this change, it was nice to see Rodney over from York with Kathleen to view the completion.

BROOKSIDE SUBSIDENCE

AT LAST LCC have sprung into action with a site meeting planned in the next few days to look at their plans to repair the brook side damage. Let us hope that the dust cart does not fall in before they act!
RCA

COOKERY CLUB

THE Village Hall-based Downham Cookery Club has restarted its regular get togethers with an interesting and informative session on Monday 8th June, when Giles Shaw of Wellgate Fisheries in Clitheroe gave a demonstration and talk about fish preparation. He made Salmon Coulbiac which included rice, boiled eggs and 'bought' puff pastry, making it an economical and easy dish to prepare. He also used leftover pieces of fish to make canapés, which the twenty-two members present sampled before sitting down to enjoy the main course, served with salad from a local garden.

The new Cookery Club members were grateful to receive a grant from the Ribble Valley Village Halls Association via its 'Food Poverty Project' which encourages the use of local and inexpensive ingredients, home-grown if possible.

Members will be alerted to future meetings via email and the Newsletter, OA

COFFEE CLUB

COFFEE Club members thanked June Rumfit for her sterling work on the bring and buy stall from the club's start, which she has run with her friend and next door neighbour, Edith Hart. Members gave June a M & S voucher and a plant. The next Coffee Club is on Thursday, 9th July at 10.00 am at the Village Hall,



GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN Club Chairman, Shaun Roney conducted members on his Annual Walk. This year we were shown, first of all, the walled gardens of Downham Hall where Head Gardener Ian has been working hard on the new layout of vegetable and fruit beds. After an interesting tour and chats with Ralph and Ian, members moved on to be shown the bluebells growing in some parts of the estate not normally open.

The evening ended with supper at the Village Hall and—you've guessed it a Raffle.

Our next meeting on Thursday, 2nd July is a visit to a small garden in Whalley, called Casa Lago. It has koi ponds, acers, bamboos, hosta collection, grasses, bananas and a succulent garden, black limestone wall, oak pergolas, and a secluded haven encased in glass. A raised decked area surrounded by a pebbled beach with box insets, alpine display and a beautiful green, white and lemon prairie meadow.

We depart from the bridge at Downham at 7.00 pm please meet there for car share. CA
And don't forget the Show on 1st August!

DOWNHAM W.I. enjoyed a very informative meeting in May when they had a drama presentation by L.C.C. Trading Standards. The play was introduced by Julie Waddington. Although we all tend to feel we are well informed about doorstep crime, we all learned something new and extremely useful from the dramas, which presented situations we are all familiar with. The message is, **don't get into conversation with doorstep sellers and don't let them in.** Cont.....



Eileen Parker gave a report on an ACWW Luncheon she attended with other members, where they enjoyed a delicious meal, and a talk on Water Aid in Tanzania.

June has been an extremely busy month for WI members, in this, it's Centennial Year. In early June, three members, Margaret Smalley, Eileen Parker and Margaret Smith attended the W.I. Buckingham Palace Garden Party in the presence of HRH, The Duchess of Cornwall. Eileen gave a marvellous report about the occasion, conveying the excitement of the event, and explaining what a vision it was, entering the beautiful gardens and seeing over 8,000 ladies in colourful dresses and hats.

Julie Parker was our official delegate at the Centennial AGM at the Royal Albert Hall in the presence of Her Majesty, The Queen, HRH, The Princess Royal and HRH, The Countess of Wessex. Julie had travelled down on the train with 80 ladies from Lancashire. She said what a privilege it had been to be our delegate and gave an excellent report on the event.

Judith Nixon gave a report on the a live screening of the Centennial AGM at the Mytton Fold Hotel for some of the many W.I. members who were unable to go to London. On a beautiful summer's day, members enjoyed a picnic lunch and a piece of a Centennial Birthday Cake and felt very much part of the proceedings. In the spirit of the day, members were in colourful dresses and hats.

Also in June, at our monthly meeting, members enjoyed a very fragrant talk by Anita Heys on the history of perfume. As well as the fascinating facts Anita shared with us, she also generously, allowed us to try her vast range of perfumes. The village hall has never smelt so delightful! Our next meeting is at 6.45pm on the 16th of July, at Townley Hall, where we will enjoy a guided tour and tea. AK