



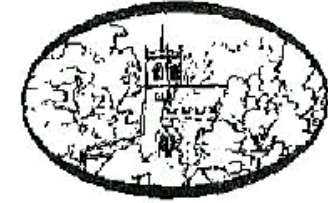
Parish Calendar 2016						
July			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Trinity IV	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Brian Whiteley	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
4th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
		6.30 pm	Meeting	Village Hall	VH Management Committee	
7th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	Meet at Bridge 6.20 pm	The Jesuit Gardens at Stonyhurst & Supper	
10th	Trinity V	11.00am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
13th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
17th	Trinity VI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Brian Whiteley	Mr I. Walton	Mrs P. McFall	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
18th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Tony Maguire—The White Star Line	
23rd / 24th	Saturday/Sunday	2.0 pm to 4.00 pm	Gardens Open	Downham Hall	In aid of Downham Village Hall and Rosemere Cancer Care	
	Trinity VII	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		Mrs D. Briathwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
25th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Lord Clitheroe -		
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P: McFall		
31st	Trinity VIII	11.00am	Matins Rev'd Ann Hardacre	Mrs A. Wallace		Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
August						
1st	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Downham St Leonard		
6th	Saturday	2.15 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	Entries 10 am to 12noon	
7th	Trinity IX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

newsletter

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From **The Rev'd ANDY FROUD**

Dear Friends

As I write this letter the result of the EU referendum is unknown. But I will have a gaze in my crystal ball. Firstly, none of the wildest predictions of either the remain or leave camp will have come to pass. World War Three will not have broken out (or if it has it won't be because of the vote.) Both sides have ramped up their rhetoric to lead people to believe that the the vote will have calamitous effects if their side doesn't win.

Secondly, and partly because of this, there will be plenty of grudges left on both sides. If this campaign has been marked by one thing, in my opinion, it has been a lack of awareness that there will be a June 24th after June 23rd. A lot of what has been said will be remembered and much of the hurt and anger will continue for a long time to come.

James 3:3-12 reminds us of the power for evil and destruction that words can have. Words can be so easy to say but not so easy to take back: even an apology cannot unsay what has been said.

I am constantly aware of the destructive power of the email. Partly this is because in an email it is difficult to judge nuance: was that intended tongue-in-cheek? Or are they really serious? Partly it is because you can't judge the reaction of the other person. But mainly I think that people can write appallingly destructive things in email because they are isolated from its consequences.

Words, of course, can also be sources of encouragement and healing. Human language and its richness and variety distinguishes us from the rest of God's creatures.

But not for nothing is God's creative action before time described as "the word". God says, "let there be light" and there was light. Words can also create, joy, healing and life. May our words be channels of God's light and blessing in this world.

Yours, in Christ

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you;

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	May	2016
COMMUNICANTS	52	264
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES		768
VISITORS	25	70
DONATIONS	1,232	2,159
HOUSE BOXES	-	-
SPECIAL	645	1,247
TOTAL	2,016	4,495

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Helen Addy Tony Ashworth Linda & Jon Whitsey Anne and the Family of Mary Locock Rebecca and the Family of Philip Loftus

MARY LOCOCK Nee WATSON (1924-2016)

MARY was the eldest daughter of four girls born to Edith and Tom Watson who lived at Chestnut Cottage, in the village.

During the last war Mary worked on the Estate as a land girl, before enrolling at the Harper Adams Agricultural College in Shropshire, where she met Malcolm and they married and eventually lived in Haselmere, Surrey. The marriage produced three girls. Like her Mother Edith, Mary was a family girl to her daughters, but she still retained her inherent love of the countryside, and her visits to Downham were very precious to her.

She died on June 4th 2016 only four months after the death of her nearest sister Joan. We send condolences to Anne (Musson) and her sister Barbara at this sad time.

PHILIP LOFTUS

PHILIP and Geraldine and Rebecca lived at Wilkinson's Fold, Twiston for a number of years in the nineties and early noughties. Philip moved away about 2003 after a period with Rebecca and alone following the early death of Geraldine in 2000. We are sorry to hear that Philip died recently. Twiston people have happy memories of him as a jolly neighbour.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

19th June Olivia Kate daughter of Christa McFall and Alexander Silverwood and great grand-daughter of Philippa McFall.

HOLY MATRIMONY

28th May Adele **Dyson** and Christopher Paul **Jenkins**

30th May Gabriela **Wright** and Quincey **Ernest** both of London

SPECTATOR

SPECCY is still waiting for her surgery which is designed to relieve the symptoms of Parkinson's. There is a waiting list and Linda is keeping strong—an inspirational example to us all. We are looking forward to her return to the column in the Autumn. Ed.

THE BOWLAND FESTIVAL

Continues and much of it organised by our very own Sandra Silk. Full details on the website www.forestofbowland.com/festivalevents Here are just two events from the listings for July.

St. Mary's Church Tour, Newchurch in Pendle Saturday 23rd July, 2:00pm – 3:30pm

A chance to discover the heritage of this local church when guides will share findings from the historic research they have been carrying out over the past six months. Complimentary tea and cake will be served after a tour of the church and grounds. **The event is free** but donations are welcomed.

Pre-booking needed. Please contact Sandra Silk on 01200 448000 or email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

Open Garden – Clearbeck House

Sunday 3rd July 11.00am – 5.00pm

Clearbeck House, Mewith Lane, Tatham, near Bentham

"A surprise round every corner" is the most common response as visitors encounter fountains, streams, ponds, sculpture, boathouses and follies. A two acre wildlife lake attracts many species of insects and birds. Garden planting includes herbaceous borders, bog plants, grasses and many roses. Vegetable and fruit garden. Free entry and quiz for accompanied children (please note open water). Please enquire re wheelchair access.

Light refreshments at additional cost. Dogs allowed on a lead.

Just turn up. For more information contact Peter and Bronwen Osborne on 015242 61029.

£4, terrain guide 3

DOWNHAM HALL GARDENS OPEN 2016

By kind permission of the Hon Mr and Mrs Ralph Assheton

In aid of Downham Village Hall and Rosemere Cancer Care

Gardens will be open on Saturday and Sunday 23rd and 24th July
2.00 to 4.00 pm

Wander in the Gardens inspect the updated kitchen garden

listen to the band

Saturday Clitheroe Town Band

Sunday Barnoldswick Brass Band

Teas—cake stall—stalls—classic car show –local food
children's stalls -Bouncy castle— Art Exhibition

Admission £5 children under 12 free

RIFLE TRAINING

Over the weekend of 16 – 17 July the Deer Initiative will be running two firearms safety training events at the Village Hall. This will include some closely supervised shooting in the field across the road from the Village Hall and running up to Gerna Hill. Therefore any sounds of gunfire do not represent a terrorist event, or Beat Herder crowd control. RCA

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Saving a bit of Lancashire

AT LAST the banner project has Heritage Lottery Fund permission to start. Having received, in October last, a generous grant from the Fund for the conservation and presentation of the 1885 processional banner (made to celebrate the centenary of the Downham Benevolent Society) the Lancashire County Council announced the closure of Museums. This included the Museum of Lancashire at Preston, Downham's partner in the venture.

It has taken some time to arrange an alternative home for the banner which includes an agreement that, should the Museum of Lancashire stay open, then we revert to the original plan and donate the banner there.

Arrangements are in hand to transport the banner to Manchester for conservation on 28th July. On 21st July our primary school children are coming to see the banner removed from its lodgings in the organ loft at St Leonards.

Chatburn Cof E Primary School has been a partner in the enterprise since the start, seeking to involve the pupils in the bible story of the banner and history of benevolent societies.

More on the web site downhambanner.com



HIGHWAY COMPLAINTS

LCC have a web based system for allowing people to report Highway problems, such as pot holes or blocked culverts. This seems very efficient, in that three recent reports were inspected within 36 hours. Sadly the inspecting engineer has to report on what he sees, which is easy for pot holes, but trickier for blocked drains that may have dried out by the time of inspection. Therefore anyone who feels moved to report a blocked drain might be wise to photograph the problem and give it to Ralph Assheton who will try to get it onto the desk of the engineer.

Of course once the inspector has made his report there is no guarantee if and when remedial work will take place! RCA

BUTTERFLIES Ralph Assheton

FROM April to September I carry out a weekly butterfly survey for the charity Butterfly Conservation. This involves walking the same fixed route (transect) once a week (weather and diary permitting) and recording all the butterflies I see within the imaginary 5m x 5m cube that I am pushing in front of me. This may seem an unlikely pursuit as Downham is not renowned as a haven for Lepidoptera, but in the 15 years since I started I have only once seen no butterflies. It has to be said that I seldom see more than a handful and never more than 35.

I have no expert knowledge of butterflies, but chose them because there are so few species to get to know (57 in Britain of which only 22 are ever likely to be seen around Downham), this is unlike the hundreds of birds or wildflowers that are designed to confuse the beginner.

The prettiest (and to me most exciting) to find is the Common Blue, which is not very common in Lancashire. I have seen several on the footpath at the bottom of Worsaw Hill behind the farm house.

"JOYFUL NOISE" is a gathering of folk from various churches, and no particular church, who enjoy joining in the singing of Hymns, we most definitely do not profess to be a choir!

It all started in the summer of 2011 when Roy Porter went home after service one Sunday morning at Chatburn Methodist Church and said to his wife, Daphne, "we've had another Hymn this morning that no one knew" only for Daphne to reply "it was exactly the same at Christ Church" so together they thought that it might be an idea to get together with other like minded folks and try to learn some of these newer Hymns, and some not so new ones. And so Joyful Noise was born. Roy thought that maybe a dozen or so would be interested, but to his amazement we average at least double that.

We meet once a fortnight on Monday nights, regardless of Bank Holidays. Throughout the winter months we alternate between Christ Church and the Methodist Chapel, during the summer when the nights are lighter we go out "On The Road" to Waddington Chapel, St. Leonard's, Downham, Martin Top Chapel, Holden, in fact anywhere that we are invited!

We aim to start at 7.30pm by singing Hymns selected from the 'suggested hymns' sections of the hymn books for the two following Sundays with a few new ones thrown in by Roy, we break at about 8.15 for light refreshments provided by Daphne and her team of helpers, or members at the Churches we visit. The second half is purely made up of 'requests from the floor', where we all get to choose our favourites to belt out. Usually finishing at about 9.30pm.

We consider ourselves very lucky to have several able accompanists, in Geoff, Anne, David, Roy himself and Andrew on the violin at times, and are usually kept in some semblance of control by either Roy or Anne.

If you enjoy a good sing or like to listen to people enjoying a good sing do come along and join us, we are a friendly bunch, I promise! And remember, singing has proven health benefits too!

We will be coming to St. Leonard's on Monday 1st August feel free to join in or just come to listen, have a brew and a chat.
Diana Braithwaite

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I would like to give my thanks to all my friends who supported my great granddaughter on her walk in Alkincoats Park, Colne. We raised £245 for Hannah's little friend who lost both legs and several fingers to Meningitis. The full total, thanks to the internet, was almost six and a half thousand pounds,
Thank you all.
Carole Ashworth

Please can I express my sincere thanks to everyone who sponsored me in the Cancer Research UK 'Race for Life', which I did on June 19th. It was a fantastic day with a great atmosphere. I am delighted to have raised almost £2,000 for the cause.
Helen Addy

The PCC is grateful to Newsletter Sponsors.
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THE PARISH CHURCH

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT 19th June

ENCORE Opera Group surpassed all expectations with a wonderful performance to the full church of 101 people. There has been an absence of opera in the Ribble Valley and this event was somewhat an adventure, but one that has unearthed a demand for more from Encore Opera Group.

They gave us soulful performances with drama in the delivery of the classic opera pieces as well as the wit in the Gilbert and Sullivan songs. They acted the parts whilst giving perfected vocal delivery. Descriptions of the characters and plots brought each number alive, and the marvellous acoustics of St Leonard's Church was the bonus that enhanced the professional renditions, providing us all with a roller coaster ride of emotions.

One of the aims of Ribble Valley Music Festival is to bring quality music and song to the area in order to overcome mobility difficulties. It also promotes the arts by presenting the opportunity to introduce a whole range of music genres for people to discover, and for it to be performed in appropriate settings. That is all in keeping with our logo mission "Music to bring people together"

In addition to that, proceeds from the events are donated to the host venue, and on this occasion your contribution through ticket purchases raised £520 for the church after expenses.

Thank you for your support. Clive

ORGAN and HEARING LOOP

At long last the required consents have been received to enable us to take both Organ and Hearing Loop projects forward! Now all we need is the money to pay for it. To that end the PCC fundraising group will be springing into action in order to enable work to commence. RCA

FLAG HOISTER

JOHN Faraday has kindly agreed to take over as the Church flag raiser. Many thanks to our stalwart Editor who has been filling the role for many years, but whose knee has got fed up with all the tower steps! RCA

GARDEN CLUB & HISTORY GROUP

THE Garden Club meeting was a bit different this month, as it was the Chairman's walk. Fourteen members set off for the pack horse bridge and on their return to the Greendale Kitchen Café were joined by another twelve. It was a bit different because it was led by our new chairman Dr. Dave Awbery. The walkers were very pleased with their excursion with a new leader and are looking forward to the next one. We ended the evening with a very tasty homemade pie and peas, for which our thanks must go to Trevor, Louise and Ashley, a lovely time was had by all.

The 7th July meeting is of course at the Stonyhurst College, where a wander round the Jesuit Gardens after which a cottage tea party will all be provided by Jason, Helen and Joseph. We are meeting at the ducks at 6-20 pm to share cars. We are being joined by History Group Members for **this visit. Anyone who wishes to go on this trip please please telephone Helen Addy by July 4th on 441015 for final catering numbers, thank you.**

ALSO Please remember that the August meeting on Saturday 6th is in fact the Garden Club Show - we would like to see plenty of smiling faces and hands carrying loads of entries between 10.00 am and noon. The show opens for viewing at 2.15 pm with the prize giving at 3.00 pm.

Spare copies of the Schedule are available from the table at the back of church. CA



COFFEE CLUB

ONCE again it was a nice morning when we all gathered for our once-a-month coffee morning. It was a well attended meeting and as usual the book and bric-a-brac stall did brisk business.

Joseph brought his parents again, along with his toys and had a lovely time chatting and playing. Barbara and Brian were busy at school and so Frances and Peter stood in for them. Our many thanks must go to them and also to the bakers, who once again excelled. We next meet on Thursday 14th July at 10.00. CA

COOKERY CLUB

THE next meeting of the Cookery Club Will be on Monday 26th September at 6-30pm. We are fortunate that Antony Shirley from the Assheton Arms at Downham, has agreed to do a demonstration. Early booking is advisable as there are strictly limited places, Book with Olive on daveandoliveawb@onetel.com OAwb



VILAGE HALL MANGEMENT COMMITTEE

THE next meeting is on Monday 4th July at 6.30 pm and will be finalising arrangements for the Gardens Open later in the month. Assistance with teas and some scones for the teas still needed if anyone has time to help with this please ring Olivia on 440492. or email olivia@asshetonpr.co.uk

DOWNHAM W.I. members Were pleased to see the return of President, Mrs Frances Garner, after a recent accident. Mrs Garner thanked Mrs Barbara Lewis, the Vice – President, for standing in and doing an excellent job during her absence.



Members enjoyed an interesting and entertaining talk by Pat Osborne on the subject, 'The Brontes Behind Closed Doors'. Pat Osborne does intensive research on the subjects she talks about and this was brought home in her presentation of less familiar facts about the Brontes. She also presented more modern insights and interpretations, based on her research, on some of the events and conditions in the Brontes' lives. Members really enjoyed the evening and even if they knew quite a lot about the Brontes, they learned something new. Everyone was appreciative of Pat doing a 100 mile round trip to present her talk to Downham WI!

Rosemary Norgrove and Mrs Anne Sharp reported on a most enjoyable evening at Grindleton WI, where there were celebrations and entertainment to mark, HM The Queen's, 90th Birthday.

After the recent cancellation of Edisford School, for the Clitheroe Area WI Show, due to the need for urgent building work, it was good news to find the organising committee have got a new venue. The show is on the 30th July, 10-4.30, at All Saints Primary School, Winckley Road, Clayton Le Moors, BB5 5HS. Tickets are £2 in advance and £2.50 on the door.

Downham WI will be running a cake stall at Downham Open Gardens, on the 23rd and 24th July. Any contributions of baking for the stall will be much appreciated.

Our next meeting will be on the 21st July at 7.30 in Downham Village Hall. The speaker will be Tony Maguire on the subject of 'The White Star Line' talking about the Titanic.

We always welcome new members, please feel free to attend one of Downham WI's monthly meetings, you will be assured of a very warm welcome. AK