


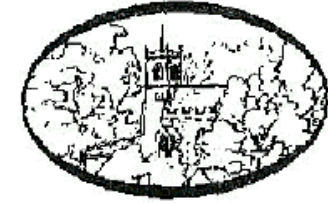


Parish Calendar 2016						
June			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Greendale	Chairman's Walk & Supper	
5th	Trinity II	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
6th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
7th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church		
8th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
9th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
10th	Friday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Management Committee	Meeting and Decorate Hall		
11th	Saturday	12.30 pm	90th Birthday Street Party	Village Hall		
12th	Trinity III	11.00am	Matins Rev'd	Mr T. McLean		
16th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
19th	Trinity IV	11.00 am	Matins & Baptism Olivia Silverwood Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs E, Parker	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		2.00 pm	Ribble Valley Music Festival	St Leonard's Church	Concert of Operatic Favourites	
20th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
22nd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P: McFall		
26th	Trinity V	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Ann Hardacre	Mr I. Walton	Mr & Mrs H. Brown	
July						
3rd	Trinity IV	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Brian Whiteley	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
7th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	<i>The Jesuit Gardens at Stonyhurst & Supper</i>		
		6.20 pm	at the bridge for car share			
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Rev'd Andy Froud The Vicarage Church Street Clitheroe BB7 2DD 01200 423317 / 0796 957 6691</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. C. Assheton—441210</p>						
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD
DOWNHAM & TWISTON
newsletter



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From **The Rev'd ANDY FROUD**

Dear Friends

At last month's event at the Preston Guildhall, Mark Ireland, the Archdeacon of Blackburn explained that he has just started taking sailing lessons. Fortunately these take place in a reservoir as on his first lesson he managed to capsize the dinghy. Also, as he keeps going for his lessons someone called Mike will stop for a word or two, ask how he's getting on and show him, for example how to tie a knot. What our churches need, Mark suggested, was more "people like Mike."

His challenge made me wonder why there aren't more people like Mike? These are just a few suggestions - I would be interested to hear your reflections as well.

1 It's not my job: Mike could feel that the sailing instructor was the person who should be teaching Mark. Maybe he didn't have the authorisation to help someone: perhaps that's what some people in churches think. We pay a Vicar- he should do his job, not me.

2 It's embarrassing: we see someone struggling with when to stand up or sit down or where to find the hymns and we don't want to add to (or share their embarrassment). Won't it just draw attention to them? Wouldn't they rather be left alone?

3 I come to sail, not to meet other people. That may be true for sailing but it should not be true for Christians. I often hear people say that they come to meet with God in church. But we meet God in our fellow Christians and everything about the Christian faith is really about helping others

4 I'm not really confident in my sailing ability. I suspect that this is the main reason why people do not feel comfortable in trying to help others in their Christian faith journeys. They do not feel confident that they can help with something that they are themselves struggling with. If you feel that you could do with some "refresher lesson", watch this space - we'll be starting a series in the autumn which will give you an opportunity, however confident or otherwise that you are to grow in faith

Yours, in Christ



Heavenly Father, as we celebrate the ninetieth birthday of Her Majesty the Queen, receive our heartfelt thanks for all that you have given her in these ninety years and for all that she has given to her people. Continue, we pray, your loving purposes in her, and as you gather us together in celebration, unite us also in love and service to one another; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	APRIL	2016
COMMUNICANTS	62	274
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	136	905
VISITORS	20	45
DONATIONS	232	927
HOUSE BOXES	-	-
SPECIAL	52	602
TOTAL	440	2,479

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Helen Addy Tony Ashworth Linda and Jon Whitsey

Community BBQ

Downham Village Hall

12.30 pm Saturday 11th June.

Tickets (not for profit event)
£5.00 (under three year olds free).



Please book by telephoning
Carole on 440112

In addition to the meal provided, participants are asked to contribute to a Jacob's Join of salads

BYO drinks.

SPECTATOR

WELL, by the time you read this, I will have been to Jersey for a nice break before coming back home to the daunting prospect of two final appointments at Liverpool Walton centre before I get a date for my DBS operation. I am a bit terrified of having the op but even more terrified of being told I can't have the op! Hobson's choice comes to mind.

Also, I can't seem to concentrate very much on anything so I thought I might hang up my pen, temporarily of course, until life becomes a little more settled. So a big thank you to my lovely "editor" Tom and to all my followers (ok - I mean cousin Elaine from Bradford!) many thanks for all your kind comments and support and until we meet again, please keep me, and Jon, in your prayers X

DOWNHAM HALL GARDENS OPEN 2016

This year in aid of the Village Hall and
Rosemere Cancer Care
the Gardens will be open on 23rd and 24th July,

Olivia will be pleased to hear from any one who
can donate a couple of hours of their time
to help with teas on either day.
Please ring her on 440492.

The PCC is grateful to Newsletter Sponsors
The Newsletter has been sponsored this month
by
Bowland Bio Energy Ltd

Forest of Bowland
Area of
Outstanding Natural Beauty
Celebrating 50 years of
designation as a protected area

Exhibition

28th May to 17th July

Steward's Gallery
Clitheroe Castle
Free Entry

Come along to this golden anniversary exhibition and discover the beauty of Bowland's wild moorland and rolling farmland. Learn about its fascinating wildlife and intriguing heritage and, through the Bowland Scrapbook project, find out about the vibrant communities which have helped to shape this very special place during the past 50 years.

Festival Bowland 2016

A year round calendar of events celebrating the birds, wildlife, landscape and culture of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

Events include:

Birds of Bowland
RSPB Moorland Safari Walk
Saturday 11 June, Slaidburn
bowlandsafari@rspb.org.uk
for details

Meadow Teas and Open Day
Saturday 2 July, Slaidburn
01200 448000

for details
For full details of all Festival Bowland events go to
www.forestofbowland.com

Climbing Pendle Hill

Saturday 25th June
10.00am – 4.00pm

Meet at Barley

A guided walk to explore the local landmark of Pendle Hill via Ogden Reservoir and Boar Clough, returning via Black Moss and the sculpture trail in Aitken Wood.

Great views of Pendleside!
Uneven ground with some steep sections.
£3 per person.

Booking essential.
Email cathy.hopley@lancashire.gov.uk
or call 01200 448000.



Christian Aid

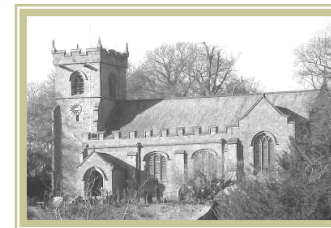
Week 15 - 20 May

"This is the week we love every neighbour"

Christian Aid and the PCC wish to thank all those who contributed to our Parish Collection in support of the work of Christian Aid

Helen Addy has written to us

"I would like to thank everyone for their continued support during my treatment for breast cancer. Soon I will commence radiotherapy, the final part of my treatment, during which, on Sunday June 19th, I am taking part in the Cancer Research UK 5km 'Race for Life' at Preston. Villagers are invited to sponsor my efforts by donating online at justgiving.com and put 'Helen Addy' in the name search bar or alternatively on the more traditional paper sponsor form by telephone 441015. Jason, Joseph and I are most grateful for the overwhelming kindness and support shown by the Downham village community, Thank you, Helen.



RIBBLE VILLEY
MUSIC FESTIVAL 2016

ENCORE OPERA GROUP
at
DOWNHAM ST LEONARD
BB7 4BJ

A Gala Afternoon
of
popular Arias
Solos, Duets and Choruses
from the heart rending to the
hilarious

Plus some Gilbert and Sullivan

At 2.00 pm
on
Sunday 19th June

TEA DEAL
with the
ASSHETON ARMS
£5 extra

Tickets £8 from
Roy Porter's Butchers Shop
or
440925, 441484
or
01254 384893

All proceeds to the Parish Church of
St Leonard



THE PARISH CHURCH

90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

THE Celebrations centring on the week-end of 10th to 12th June begin with a Service at St Pauls Cathedral on 10th at which Her Majesty will be accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh.

Here the Village Hall Committee is arranging a Barbecue—Street Party at the Village Hall on Saturday 11th starting at 12.30 pm .

This is to be followed, later in the month by a joint service of celebration involving our three Parishes.

Advance Notice

Friday 23rd September, at Parcevall Hall A Quiet Day led by Bishop Philip, Bishop of Burnley. Look out for further details over this summer.



COFFEE CLUB

COFFEE club was very busy this month and the new layout of the tables seemed to be a welcome change. The bring and buy stall and books and jigsaws went very well.

One member though did not cover himself with glory! I refer to Brian, who as usual put aside one custard to be delivered then promptly forgot and gave it to someone else ! Shame on you.

However apart from this one blip everything seemed to go well and a good time was had by all. the lovely sunshine gave us all a boost and I look forward to seeing you all again soon, our next ,meeting will be on 9th June and maybe some new friends will be visiting us.

CA

GARDEN CLUB



OUR meeting in May had to be moved because of the elections, but all was well thanks to some eleventh hour help and we were warmly welcomed by The Assheton Arms .

The talk this month was about Artisan Cheese (with plenty of tasting being done) . Andy Swinscoe is a very good speaker and he gave us the history of Artisan cheese from its heyday, when every farmer made their own cheese, to now , when very few farmers still make it.

We would like to thank Andy for the very interesting talk and also thanks to the Assheton Arms for providing the room. We are very grateful.

May I remind everyone that the Chairman's Walk on Thursday, 2nd June will start at Greendale at the earlier time of 7pm it will finish around 8-30 for supper at Greendale. See you there. CA

Advance Notice of July Meeting

THE visit to Stonyhurst College Jesuit Gardens is at 7pm on Thursday July 7th we are being joined by members of the Downham and Twiston History Group. We will be meeting at 6.20 pm at the bridge to arrange car sharing.

There will be a 'Vintage Picnic Supper' provided by Helen & Jason Addy as a 'Thank You' for the support received by their family during Helen's treatment for cancer. Any donations received on the night will go to Rosemere Cancer Unit.

Stonyhurst and its formal Jesuit Gardens inspired Conan Doyle for 'The Hound of the Baskerville's' and include a rose garden, observatory (built 1838) and meteor station.

If the weather is inclement we have a 'Plan B'!

If Members of either group wish to come please telephone Helen on 441015 by July 1st, for catering arrangements, thank you. CA

HISTORY GROUP

The Silverdale Hoard 23rd May THE talk by Sue Ashworth, collections manager at the Museum of Lancashire ,entitled 'The Silverdale Hoard: the story so far,' was enlightening on many fronts.

This Viking Hoard, found in a field in 2011 by a metal detectorist, is the third largest silver Viking Hoard found so far in the country, after the Cuerdale Hoard, found in 1840 and the Vale of York Hoard in 2007. Consisting of silver coins, arm and finger rings, chains, ingots and hack silver, used as bullion (for trading), and decorated with punches of fabulous creatures, it was once owned and worn by a Viking warrior. Just why it was left buried in a field remains a mystery.

Sue went on to explain The Treasure Valuation process, carried out by a mixture of dealers and archaeologists, the system of ownership, (half for the finder, half for the farmer) the raising of funds and steps taken to secure the Treasure for Lancashire. She outlined the public engagement programme, centred around the Lancaster exhibition, which involved school children in the production of artwork, and future plans for joint projects with other collections, like the British Museum, as well as a touring exhibition with the York Museum Trust.

Now that the future of many Lancashire museums lies in the balance, we can only hope that this valuable work will not be lost.

There will not be a June meeting as we have been invited to join the Garden Club on their visit to Stonyhurst Gardens on 7th July departing Downham at 6.20 pm—see Garden Club report. JP

DOWNHAM W.I.s May meeting, which was a member's night, was a fund raising evening for the Rosemere Cancer Foundation. Vice President, Barbara Lewis, welcomed members and guests from Pendleton, Ribchester, Dunsop Bridge and Slaidburn WI's to the May meeting.

Marion Courtney gave a report on the excellent afternoon that some members had enjoyed recently at The Salmesbury Hotel. The event was 'Around the Wireless with Afternoon Tea', with entertainment by Judith Hibbert, in the style of Joyce Grenfell and Gracie Fields.

After the reports, members and guests of DownhamW.I.,then participated in a range of fund raising activities. There were general knowledge quizzes, 'Hook a Bag', a jewellery stall and much more.

A delicious supper was provided by members. Guests and members said what a delightful evening they had enjoyed. Everyone spent generously and a fantastic £200 was raised for the new Chemotherapy Unit at Burnley Hospital. Thanks must go to everyone, who helped plan and put on the event, as well as those who participated in the evening to make it such a success.

The June meeting will be in Downham Village Hall at 7.30 on the 16th. The speaker will be Pat Osbourne talking about 'The Brontes Behind Closed Doors'.

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