

PARISH CALENDAR 2018						
JUNE			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Trinity I	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs B Lewis
4th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
7th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Greendale	Chairman's walk	
10th	Trinity II	11.00 am	Matins	Mr I. Walton		Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
13th	Wednesday	10.00	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
17th	Trinity III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Holy Baptism Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs A. Wallace	Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
18th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
24th	Trinity IV	11.00 am	Matins Revd Ann Hardacre	Mrs P. McFall		Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
	Sunday	2.00 pm	Concert	Church	Ribble Valley Music Festival	
26th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Management Cttee	Village Hall		
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
July						
1st	Trinity V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
5th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	Mines Cottage Ings End		

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From The Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway

THERE'S a book called the 'God of Surprises' written by Gerard Hughes, which invites us to accept gifts not imagined. During my lifetime my 'surprises' lay in being called to Ordination, marrying my second husband John and now being called to serve and make a home together in Clitheroe.

It's amazing where an initial conversation can lead us and I'm so pleased and surprised to have been offered this post in the Benefice of Clitheroe, Chatburn and Downham.

I've been asked to give a potted history so here it is. A lady never reveals her age apparently but as I'm reliably informed that 60 is the new 40, I'm proud to say I'll be 60 in June. I have a 30 year old son, Adam, who lives in Sheffield and works for Motorpoint. Born in Lytham, an only child, I went to Elmslie School in Blackpool, trained as a teacher in Liverpool and began my teaching career in Pendle. For three years I was Deputy Head at St James, Clitheroe and spent the last eighteen years of my teaching career as Headteacher at Holy Trinity in Burnley. My call to ministry followed a simple conversion, or so I thought, with my Vicar one Sunday and life was never the same again!

I took early retirement from Headship three and half years ago to spend more time on ministry and have a life after teaching for 36 years. For the last six years I have been a Self Supporting Minister in Colne, first as part of a team and for the past two years with St Bartholomew's and Holy Trinity Colne, where I have been blessed in the people I have met and the journeys we have been on together.

John and I were married last April by Bishop Geoff so this really is a new beginning. We are pleased and delighted to be journeying together with new parishes and congregations and sharing the Good News of God's Kingdom in this new Benefice.

Catherine Hale-Heighway

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship
you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	April	2018
COMMUNICANTS	92	193
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	402	2,324
VISITORS	128	185
DONATIONS	595	1,371
HOUSE BOXES	28	34
SPECIAL	781	2,244
TOTAL	1,884	4,968

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Kath Swarbrick, Anne Chadwick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Ian Chadwick
Carole Ashworth, Norman Knowles

Catherine Hale-Heighway as she takes up her new post as Associate Minister in
the combined benefice of St Paul Low Moor, St Mary Clitheroe, Christchurch
Chatburn and St Leonard Downham.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

26th May, 2018 Rebecca Ann Fox and Joseph Edward Ormerod

SPECTATOR

IT'S JUNE already....soon be Christmas....argh!....and later on this month is Fathers' Day.
This is the day to celebrate the fathers, grandfathers and male role models who influence
our lives. It started in America, of course?!!, when a lady at the YMCA in Spokane,
Washington called Sonora Smart Dodd, found out about Mothers Day and asked the Pastor
about an equivalent day for dads. Sonora's own father brought up Six children as a single
parent. The Pastor agreed and the first Fathers Day was June 19th 1910.

I always feel a bit jealous when I meet people who have lovely dads, mine was just the
opposite, but he started drinking early on in life and it turned him from an intelligent, could have
amounted to something person, to someone who was bitter and lazy and could change from
nice to nasty in 10 seconds flat. As kids we were terrified of him. He did have a sense of
humour though and I think I got mine from him

I once asked him, "*Dad, when you die, do you want to go to heaven or hell?*" "*Definitely hell!*"
I was horrified, "*why?*" I said
"*Well there will be more people down there so there will be less work to do!*"

Now I've grown up I think he was wrong. I think there are more good people who will go to
heaven, including the one who got me thinking about fathers and their influences. Jon's uncle
who is presently in hospital is very ill, so if everyone could say a little prayer for him, one of the
nicest, gentlest men I have ever come across. In fact he reminds me of our very own Len
Cragg, also one of the loveliest men I have ever had the privilege to know. So let's celebrate
fathers on 17th June. The people with good dads, appreciate what you have, you are so lucky,
but let's also celebrate the good, the not so good, the tried-hards and the didn't seem to try very
hard at all.....you may have had your reasons and your own influences.

The Parish Newsletter & GDPR

Those who use email will have been inundated recently with messages regarding General
Data Protection Regulations (GPDR). Legal guidance has confirmed that these
Regulations only apply directly to those who receive this newsletter through the post and
specifically addressed to them. A leaflet is included in this edition for those postal
recipients to act in order to "opt in" and continue to receive Parish news.
We pride ourselves, thanks to our volunteers, to be able to hand deliver the Newsletter to
every household in the Parish. GDPR does not affect this.

GARDENS OPEN Downham Hall

2 - 4pm, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July

Plans for this year's Gardens Open are progressing well.
Proceeds to benefit The Royal British Legion and the Village Hall.
Additional volunteers are always very welcome.
Please contact Olivia on 441210

PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS' WEEK ACTIVITIES:

Friday **1st June:**

Family friendly bushcraft event. Spring Wood 1pm-4pm
All ages welcome but children must be supervised by a parent/guardian throughout the session.
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Saturday **2nd June:**

Friends of Spring Wood 10am - 12pm
Wildflower planting. Come and find out about this great group!

Sunday **3rd June:**

Pendle Hill Volunteers' Session Meet at Barley Car Park
9.30am - 3.30pm
Come and find out more about the volunteers' regular Sunday outdoor and practical activity sessions. **New volunteers always welcome.** BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.

Tuesday **5th June:**

Get Into Volunteering, information drop-in session. Refreshments available.
Unity Wellbeing Centre, Nelson from 4.30pm - 7pm
Come and find out more about volunteering opportunities with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership - whether you are an individual or a group leader.

Wednesday **6th June:**

Pendle Hill Volunteer Walk
from **Downham** Car Park at 10am.
Come and join our volunteers on a 6 mile walk across the Pendle landscape.
BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

For more information about these activities, or any aspect of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership, please contact the PHLP Team on **01200 448000** or **email** volunteer@pendle-hill-lp.co.uk

Facebook: @pendlehillproject **Twitter:** @pendlehill

Website: www.forestofbowland.com/pendle-hill-lp

Pendle Hill Archaeology Project

Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership (PHLP) have commissioned Northern Archaeology Associated to deliver its Community Archaeology project. Rebecca Cadbury-Simmons has been appointed as Co-ordinator in order to connect with and provide training for local groups and individuals interested in history and local archaeology. Rebecca's contact email is rca@naaheritage.com.

Ellen Buller (flute) and Paul Greenhalgh
*Chetham's School of Music talented student performs with
the Principal of Blackburn School of Music*

Summer Music in Downham

The Burwain Singers

A mixed voice choir of experienced singers performing
a wide repertoire including solos, duets and full choir

2.00 pm
Sunday 24th June 2018

St Leonards Church, Downham BB7 4BJ
£10 including refreshments. All proceeds donated to the Church
Tickets: Roy Porter Butcher Chatburn
or 01200 440925 or 01254 384893

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LOVE READING? FANCY JOINING A BOOK CLUB? WORSTON BOOK CLUB NEEDS NEW MEMBERS

Worston Book Club meets every two months in an informal setting with a glass of wine and fun on the agenda to discuss our latest read.

Next meeting will be Thursday 12 July in the Worston Meeting Room to talk about 'Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine' by Gail Honeyman.

For more details please contact either Gaye at gayeparis@yahoo.co.uk or Sandra at sellisonuk@yahoo.co.uk



THE PARISH CHURCH

Hymns on the Green

GLORIOUS Whitsunday sunshine bathed all those who attended the annual Hymns on the Green service on 20th May

Pentecost was marked with a rousing selection of traditional favourites accompanied by Clitheroe Town Band - and an impromptu canine duo!

Chocolate eggs were distributed to younger attendees of Hare Green, with many marking such a quintessentially English village event with a visit to the Ice Cream Shop.

CLITHEROE FESTIVAL OF PEACE



THE CLITHEROE Grand Choir is

Working in partnership with other local choirs and churches to create a bi-annual choir festival. The first festival will run over the weekend of 13th - 15th July 2018 and will Commemorate of the end of WW1.

The Grand Choir will open the weekend with a performance at The Grand Venue. Other concerts will include approximately 20 local choirs and will take place in approximately nine venues (mostly Church buildings) including St Leonard's Downham throughout the Ribble Valley. There will also be singing workshops and flash-mobs around Clitheroe to complement the festival.

Some concerts will carry admission fees to contribute towards the cost of the festival, whilst donations will be accepted by host churches as a fundraising opportunity towards their costs.

THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

WORK continues on the school history project. Including exploration of the material in the Lancashire Archive, arrangements for an afternoon of sharing memories and information. and researching the possibility of grant aid for the whole project.

In the meantime please visit our Facebook page '**Downham School 180 years**' for lots of photos, memories and updates on forthcoming events or contact Kirsteen Walmsley (kewalmsley@aol.com) if you would like further details. Our next meeting is on 10th July at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. KEW

GARDEN CLUB

AN INSIGHT into the competitive Sweet Pea show scene was given by Kevin Preston to the Garden Club on May 3rd. Kevin is one of the country's most prolific amateur growers of these hardy plants. The green fingered champion travelled from Cumbria to reveal some of the secrets to his success. The evening ended with a gentle scrum to buy some of his home-grown offerings.

A special guest of the Garden Club will be leading the Chairman's Walk on the evening of **Thursday 7th June**. We start from Greendale View Kitchen at 7pm. After the walk there will be a delicious pie and pea supper for just £6. Please contact **Carol Ashworth on 440112**.

A reminder to also book for the Garden Visit to Bernard and Caroline's Mines Cottage. Bernard gave an awe inspiring slide show of his garden projects to the Garden Club last year, so the evening visit on Thursday evening of **July 5th** is much awaited by many.

This current fine weather is ideal for planting and nurturing exhibits for our Annual Show to be held on Saturday August 4th. Extra copies of entry categories are available at the back of the church for all local residents to get involved. The entry fee is a mere 10p per item. Remember - you have to be in it to win it!

Everyone welcome.

JA

COFFEE CLUB



ALTHOUGH there were a few regular faces missing, due to appointments etc, we were very pleased to welcome Carole back following her successful knee replacement operation. We've missed you.

Our best wishes go to Norman as he recovers from his knee operation, hope to see you back with us soon Norman. I had to abdicate my responsibilities early as I had an appointment, but Brian, helped by Peter, did a sterling job. Our thanks to Lady and Frances for your confections, Di for manning the stall and Frances for your beautiful table flowers.

I know I've said before how much Brian and I appreciate everyone's help and support, but we really couldn't do it without you.

Our next gathering is on Thursday June 14th at 10 am. Hope to see you all there. BL



THE Village Hall Management Committee meeting and AGM was held on 8th May. Chairman, Shaun Roney thanked everyone for their efforts over the year and the outgoing Secretary, Olivia Assheton for 10 years of service. She will remain on the committee.

Clare Ashworth was voted in as the new Hon Secretary and Diane Poole and Linda Ennis were voted onto the committee. The Chairman Shaun Roney and Hon. Treasurer Brian Lewis were re-elected unanimously, as was the rest of the existing Committee en-bloc.

Matters arising in the following meeting, included updates regarding Village Hall repairs, the new website and future events, including Open Gardens in July and Bonfire Night in November.

JA



THE members of the Downham WI found ourselves in a melee of colourful choices for our April meeting. Melanie Clark

who has trained with, 'Colour Me Beautiful' came to do our colours. She began with an interesting discussion of the use of colour by the big branded corporates to influence our minds; a blue letter heading has a reliable feeling and green feels grounded. She then moved onto finding the right colour to suit ourselves, using skin tone and hair colour. We then delved into an array of deep, cool, bright, light, warm and muted colours- how very difficult to choose colours for others let alone ourselves.

Despite this being yet another jolly meeting, it was with sadness, we said farewell to a long-standing member, Julie Parker, who is moving home to Thornley in Norfolk. We wish her well. KB

The May meeting was Members' Night when the whole of the Downham WI voted unanimously for the motion on Mental Health; that mental health should have an equal weighting to that of physical health. This resolution will go forward to the NFWI and become the focus for the WI in 2018/19.

Very naturally, the evening followed on with a talk and activities on 'Mindfulness' by Sue Hinder. Members were totally focussed on the present, improving their breathing and wellbeing. Hopefully, all members would have had a good night's sleep if they had reminded themselves of some of Sue's techniques and not distract themselves by thoughts of the vigorous debate on the plans for the Downham WI's Centenary celebrations 2020!

Next month's meeting is a talk by Franklin Schultz, 'From Priesthood to Engineering'.

New members are always welcome. AW