

PARISH CALENDAR 2020						
JUNE	Event		Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
The Warden says this is sent in hope rather than expectation Further communications to follow regarding the re-opening of our church						
JULY						
5th	Trinity V	11.15 am	Holy Communion Rrevd Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	
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From The Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway

'STRANGE TIMES,' has been a phrase that's been used ad infinitum during the past nine weeks -strange times indeed, unparalleled in our lifetimes. Many were quoted as saying at the beginning of the pandemic that we are all in this together and in one sense we are but as the weeks have gone on it's been obvious that some are 'in it' in far deeper ways than others. As someone who has been fortunate, although I'm not quite sure that is the right word, to have family and friends that have not been affected by the virus and have a steady income it seems somehow as though we are in a bubble where yes, our independence has been curtailed, but we have not personally experienced the awful loss of loved ones where we have been unable to see them as they died, unable to hold their hands, unable to mourn in the usual way. Walking alongside those who have lost loved ones who have died from other causes has been strange, unable to meet with them prior to the service, unable to shake their hand or hug them at the cemetery or crematorium and yet hopefully bring the dignity and words that mean so much to people at such times.

Down the road in Burnley things have been much harder with people being short of food, food banks running out of supplies and financial hardship begin more obvious as it is in many other towns and cities up and down the land. We have seen the harrowing pictures of those who have died on television and in the press, many of them front line carers. Much has been said about things being different after things start to return to a new 'normal' and during this time we have had the chance to do things differently. There has been much more contact between members of our congregations during the week to try and address any loneliness, services have been recorded or streamed so that we can still come together as a church family. But what else have we learned? How has the Holy Spirit led and guided us to think differently and act differently. We are approaching Pentecost, the time when God sent his Advocate - the Holy Spirit to be with us, so that we should never be alone. When we can all meet again as a benefice it would be good to share our thoughts about how we should be church post coronavirus, for us to reflect on what really is important in helping to bring God's Kingdom not just here but in a wider context.

In the coming weeks we will be looking at how we can prepare for the reopening of our churches for private prayer and possibly for services to be held within the guidelines at the beginning of July. Do pray for us as we plan the way forward.
In the meantime, we pray that you will stay well and keep safe.

God Bless

Catherine

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.

St Leonard - Facts and Figures			
	March	April	2020
Communicants	33	NA	134
Collections - £			
Services.	142	NA	526
Visitors	18	NA	76
Donations	367	326	1,469
House Boxes	-	-	30
Special	145	-	350
Total	672	326	2,451

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

All who have or will be affected by the Coronavirus.
In particular the most vulnerable -
those subject to ongoing medical treatments and official "shielding".

Carole Ashworth writes...

Dear Friends and neighbours

My thoughts go out to each and every one of you especially those who are being shielded, Dr Dave Awbery who, I have just heard has had a pacemaker fitted, and anyone with any health problems. There will be an end to all this but until then please remember while this is going on there is Dave with his pacemaker, and people being made Grandma's and Great-Grandma's. What I am trying to say is there is also great joy to be had if you look.. May I say on a personal note my very great thanks to Alison and Mark who have made me my evening meal for the past 8 weeks. My thanks also to everyone who is helping during these worrying times. Love to all and KEEP SAFE, Carole

JOHN WRIGLEY We are saddened to hear of the death on 16th May of John Wrigley, aged 73. John, who died in the Pendle Hospice, was the husband of the late Elizabeth.

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Whitsuntide at Downham.

MORE fortunate than our brethren in the Southern counties we were on Whit-Monday favoured with perfect weather—neither was it too hot or too cold—so that the grumblers were at a loss for something to say.

The weather threw away a rare chance of making itself disagreeable to Downham folks, for not only had the old Sick Club fixed that day for their procession and great annual meeting, but the committee of the Clitheroe Agricultural Society—ever vigilant in the interests of its exchequer—had thought to draw more visitors by arranging its annual show on the Monday in Whit-week, and we are happy to hear that their forethought was well repaid by a considerable increase in the gate receipts. Of course from our own point of view we cannot help regretting that the two great events of the summer should have clashed, for undoubtedly the attendance at the club proceedings was not as large as it usually has been.

If the numbers who thronged to the Gay Banner were not as large, still the pleasure experienced by those who were present had certainly not diminished, for the arrangements were so well made, and all functions so ably organised, that anything but contentment was rendered impossible.

When a club has existed in a village like Downham for over one hundred years it is a little apt to run to conservatism, whence we could not expect very much change in the time-

honoured programme.

The Downham Brass Band which has now attained to very great efficiency, was in attendance most of the day, arriving on the scene towards ten o'clock in the morning.

The Bell Ringers (or some of them) towards eleven o'clock pealed forth the summons to the usual service, and the club forming procession headed by the Downham Brass Band who in their turn were led by the stewards, Messrs. R. Hartley and W. Preston, and the banner—after making one or two little detours in the direction of Chatburn,—proceeded to Church.

A sermon was preached after the service by the Rev. W. Stocks.

After church the club adjourned to take care of the temporal wants of its members, and a very excellent dinner was served at the George and Dragon at which Mr. James Bulcock presided.

In the afternoon the annual meeting took place when a very satisfactory report was read.

Between four and five o'clock the procession once again formed up and marched to the lower end of the village, where dancing was kept up merrily for some time, till desiring a change of scene they marched up the village again to the Hall, where dancing was soon re-commenced and continued with much vigour until the inner man warned them that the hour for supper was fast approaching.

Visitors though not as numerous as during the Easter holidays were by no means conspicuous by absence.

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Clitheroe Advertiser—1947

I have often been struck by the handwriting of Mr. H. C. Martin, our Downham correspondent, whose letters are immediately recognised by the "copper plate" writing on the envelope. A few days ago, a member of the editorial staff had an interesting chat with him about his accomplishment, and discovered that he received his fundamental training in handwriting at York Army barracks school, where on several occasions he was "top of the class" in the subject.

In earlier manhood Mr. Martin served in the Royal Rifle Corps during the reigns of Queen Victoria, Edward VII and George V, but obtained plenty of practice in penmanship as an orderly room clerk.

For the past twenty years he has been verger at St. Leonard's Church and many couples are proud to possess marriage certificates written by him. In his spare time Mr. Martin copies deeds and other legal documents for a firm of solicitors. He fashions his own writing instruments mostly from goose and turkey feathers, but for finer work he uses mapping pens.

Harry Martin was Bety Mercer's Father



A photograph from the 1920s of unknown charabanc travellers parked at the foot of Main Street.

A full sized photograph is available to view on the Downham & Twiston residents' Facebook page.

BRIDLEWAY

IT IS great to see that the route has been discovered by many locals. Amongst the first were the Hares, who have nibbled the tops off a number of hedge plants. (They usually nip them off cleanly at about 6" from the ground.) Thankfully the plants should sprout again (assuming that they survived the near drought conditions during "Lockdown"). Others who are enjoying themselves are the Moles, who are no doubt grateful for the imported bank of soft soil used to plant the hedge into, which gives them easy digging. Walkers are also to be seen on occasion!

RECYCLING

COUNCILLOR Gary Scott reports (as I write in mid May) that RVBC are happy for residents to use their red wheelie bin for waste paper and cardboard for the moment

For some years the Estate has had a bonfire and skip in the old Wood Yard at Rimington Road End. Now that the site has the bridleway passing next to it, the bonfire will cease with immediate effect. Residents will need to use their Green bins more. Additionally the skip will be more closely monitored to stop inappropriate items (such as electrical appliances, metal and other recyclables) being dumped in it. Anyone wanting to use the skip will need to check with Shaun or Andrew first.

HISTORY GROUP

THE meeting planned for Tuesday, 30th June 7.30 pm by our very own Jenny Palmer on *Some Pendle Quakers*, is postponed
On Thursday, 3rd September 10.00 am at Hollins Farm Rimington we are invited to a walk round and talk about the Skeleron, Rimington Lead Mines by Brian Jeffery & Peter del Strother.

Covid Cookbook VE Day "Patriotic Pudding"

From the Ministry of Food work of Marguerite Pattern OBE

8oz National flour
2 tablespoons baking powder
4 oz margarine or lard
powdered egg and milk power
3 tablespoons jam substitute
Water

Mix all items together, steam in a well greased bowl for 1 hour.

Best served after a hearty meal of spam and turnips

W.I. Quiz Answers (from p5)

1. Berwick-upon-Tweed
2. Golf
3. Tony Robinson
4. Skunk
5. Red
6. Four
7. James Matthew Barrie
8. Amazon
9. Minator
10. Roy Orbison
11. Orchid
12. In a cave
13. Rose Red
14. Shekel
15. Leonardo de Caprio
16. A Study in Scarlet
17. Barron
18. Four
19. Mortlake
20. Two

V.E.DAY - 75

A SMALL celebration party of 7 people was held in the cul-de-sac next to the little bridge over the brook. There were flags flying everywhere and plenty of food courtesy of Alison and Mark. Of course a small amount of drink was imbibed, here was singing, a toast and plenty of flag flying but most of all there was a lot of friendly talk and least of all about coronavirus. A lovely afternoon amidst a terrible few weeks.
CA

FUN was had by all on Main Street with a social distancing street party. With singing of such favourites as Jerusalem, Rule Britannia and we'll meet again. Many enjoyed afternoon tea and drinks as well as some dancing in the street all helped by fantastic weather.
D FN

COVID 19

Downham Support Group Update

AFTER several weeks of supporting the community with a weekly ordering system, the decision has been made to move to a buddy system for villagers who are shielding. I wish to thank everyone who has helped with the ordering and distribution process.
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Downham Social Media Resources



The public Facebook page -
"Downham Village"

The private Facebook page
"Downham & Twiston Residents"

Various Whatsapp groups including
"Downham WI Here to Help"

Friday 29th May saw a new arrival in the Car Park of Downham Village Hall - A "socially distanced" mobile Fish & Chip van.

Watch this space to see if this becomes a regular occurrence in the "new normal" post-lockdown

POST COVID CHURCH OPENING

THE Diocese was initially producing a daily email news sheet about Covid related matters. This has now reduced to twice or thrice per week. The principal message at present (mid May) is that it will be no opening of Churches until 4th July at the earliest. The PCC is keen to do all it can to keep worshippers, parishioners and visitors as safe as possible. As conditions nationwide and more locally develop, we will make our plans accordingly.

St Leonard's Annual Parochial Church Meeting and Vestry Meeting

EXTRAORDINARY TIMES demand extraordinary measures! April is traditionally the time to hold the Parish of St Leonard Annual Meeting. This is the time when the Audited Accounts are presented and approved, the Electoral Roll is reviewed, the Wardens are nominated and elected and all the other positions in the PCC are filled. Ordinarily, this would all be completed with the preparation of an Annual Report by the Secretary and a short meeting, held after the Service on the last Sunday in April. However, these are not ordinary times and for the first time ever, the meeting was held virtually. All attendees were provided with copies of the relevant paperwork by email (or in the post) and were asked to acknowledge receipt of the information and to ratify the proposals contained within. Surprisingly, the whole process ran extremely smoothly and we were able to conduct the meeting satisfactorily and undertake all the required processes to continue the orderly management of the Church for the coming year. Thank you to all those who contributed.

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ONLINE CHURCH RESOURCES

REGULAR worship is streamed by Rev Andy Froud on Youtube via the St. Mary Magdalene's website:
www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk

HOOKCLIFFE WOOD

IN answer to a recent enquiry, the reason that a number of sizeable standing tree stumps and some piles of "brash" were retained when the wood was felled was to follow Forestry Commission guidelines on how best to help wildlife. For instance, the tall stumps provide perches for Owls to rest on whilst hunting for voles. As the stumps rot they should also benefit the likes of Woodpeckers, by giving a home to the insects that the birds eat.

WALKS ROUND THE ESTATE

ON the rare occasions I look at social media, it's very nice to see residents enjoying their local walks and posting images of the lovely countryside on facebook and Instagram. Could I make a plea that you make it clear when doing this that you're on a designated footpath with any dogs on leads? We have had some instances of illegal trespass on the Estate and even rumours of poaching, so responsible posting showing that you are strictly adhering to the Countryside Code at this time would be very helpful.
RCA

FLY TIPPING

DISGUSTINGLY some people continue to treat the countryside as a giant tip. Once again the area at the bottom of the concessionary footpath at Jubilee Barn has had more material fly tipped. Please can anyone who spots any fly-tipping let Jason know on 441015, so that it can be properly reported.
RCA

MOWING

THE volunteer mowers, both on Hare Green and in the Church yard are to be commended on their diligence during lockdown. The sheep have had the added advantage of trimming back Ivy on the walls and some of the shoots on the Lime trees. This will make life much easier later in the year when it comes to the St Leonard's Day tidy up.
RCA

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

During Lockdown, Downham WI Members have been enjoying a weekly quiz, which is run by Susan and Yvonne every Thursday afternoon, via the 'Downham WI here to help' WhatsApp.

As this month as there's not much news – other than Francis doing a splendid job of cutting her husband's hair – we thought that we'd share last week's quiz with you but there are no prizes for getting them all right because answers are printed here too.

1. Which town, sat on the Tweed, is the most northerly in England?
2. in which sport would you find a niblick?
3. Who played Baldrick in Blackadder?
4. Which black and white mammal is known for its defensive habit of ejecting foul smelling fluid?
5. What colour is vermillion? Red, Blue or Green
6. How many wings has a bee?
7. Who was the author of Peter Pan?
8. Which is the widest river in the world?
9. In mythology, the Labyrinth was built for which creature?
10. Who had the original hit with "Penny Arcade"?
11. Lady's Slipper is a member of which plant family?
12. Where does a troglodyte live?
13. What was Snow White's sister called?
14. What is the currency for Israel?
15. Which actor took the lead role in the "Aviator"?
16. What was Sherlock Holmes first novels?
17. What is Andy Murray's middle name? Count, Barron or Earl
18. How many sides does a trapezium have?
19. The boat race starts at Pulteney Bridge, where does it finish?
20. Mr and Mrs Jonah went for a picnic. They have 5 sons and each son 7 children. How many people went on the picnic?

We hope that you enjoy our quiz as much as our members have. We are all looking forward to fun times and celebrations when we can get together again but in the meantime please stay safe.

COFFEE CLUB

DEAR members, It was with regret that our coffee club had to be suspended until further notice, due to the corona virus outbreak. We hope to see you looking hale and hearty when life gets back to "normal" but in the absence of a crystal ball or tarot cards, we couldn't possibly comment on when this could be.

Had we known that our March meeting was going to be our last for a while we'd have organised a "leaving" party with balloons, banners and a knees up, So we are suggesting that we postpone it until we meet again and have a "special celebration" coffee club meeting, with all of the above. Wishing you all a safe and healthy journey until then,
Carole, Brian and Barbara xx

Garden Club - Online Show?

INSPIRED by this year's Online Royal Chelsea Flower Show, it has been suggested on "online event" in case we are not able to have the Annual Garden Club show in early August in Downham Village Hall. Photographs can be posted on the private Facebook page for Downham & Twiston residents. We look forward to seeing the results of all your hard spade work during "lockdown"

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1899 Whitsun weather report:

SNOW IN MAY.—Peaslee Hill was thickly coated with snow on Whit Monday, and the weather was most bitterly cold in the district.