

PARISH CALENDAR 2017					
May		Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Early Spring Bank Holiday				
4th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Greendale View	Charman's Walk <i>Note earlier time</i>
7th	Easter III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Brian Whitley	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs A Moyle Mrs D Wilkins
8th	Monday	7.30 pm	Archdeacon's Visitation	Clitheroe	Admission of Church Wardens
10th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis	
11th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
14th	Easter IV	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
17th	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Preston Royal Morris Dancers	Village Hall	Free Demonstration Event
18th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Resolutions Meeting
21st	Easter V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd. Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
		12.30 pm	Baptism Grace Bicknell		
22nd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Martin Top Chapel Rimington	
24th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd B. Whitley	Mr T. McLean	
		7.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come	Blackburn Cathedral	Global Prayer event
25th	Thursday Ascension Day	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Service Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. Mclean	
28th	Easter VI	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mr I Walton	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
June					
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Sandra Silk—The AONB
4th	Easter VII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd. Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker

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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

Woody Allen once said "I'm not afraid of death - I just don't want to be there when it happens". Sadly, although we are getting better at talking about it, death and dying remain for our society one of the last great taboos.

We've come a long way from the sixteenth century when people would carry reminders of their own mortality. Mary, Queen of Scots owned a large watch carved in the form of a silver skull, embellished with the lines of Horace: "pale death beats equally at the poor man's gate and at the palaces of kings"

Public clocks would be decorated with mottos such as ultima forsan ("perhaps the last" [hour]) or vulnerant omnes, ultima necat ("they all wound, and the last kills"). Striking clocks often sported automata who would appear and strike the hour; the automaton clocks from Augsburg, Germany had Death striking the hour.

Strange perhaps to consider that people would need such memento mori (Latin for "remember that you will die") in an age, unlike ours, where death was an ever-present, everyday reality. Equally strange that today's movies have huge numbers of violent on-screen deaths.

As you may tell from the above I am very interested to talk about all aspects of death and dying and will be doing so during this year's Dying Matters Week (May 8th -14th) This year, the theme is "What Can You Do?" This aims to get people more active in planning for dying and death and helping support those who may need it in times of grief and bereavement, be they friends, family or in the wider community.

I'm glad that the week falls within the last weeks of the season of Easter when we Christians particularly celebrate Christ's ultimate victory over death

Yours in Christ

Almighty God,
 whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life:
 raise us, who trust in him,
 from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
 that we may seek those things which are above,
 where he reigns with you

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	March	2017
COMMUNICANTS	33	71
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	85	386
VISITORS	29	59
DONATIONS	232	711
HOUSE BOXES	-	-
SPECIAL	1,383	3,024
TOTAL	1,739	4,192

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick Carole Ashworth

FAREWELL & Best Wishes

Stuart and Sharon Curtis of Lowergate who have moved to Lincolnshire

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14 TO 20 MAY



It's better to die in a refugee camp than to die in a war. To risk your children's lives in a plastic dinghy and to leave everything you know behind.

When the alternative is terror, bombs and bullets, almost anything is better.

This is the terrible choice facing tens of millions of people worldwide - fleeing conflict and disaster, making dangerous journeys in search of safety. Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support our work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War. Let's act again now, to help relieve suffering and build a world where everyone has a safe place to call home.

Your envelope is enclosed with this Newsletter if you wish to donate to this cause please remember to gift aid the contribution. Collectors will call in Christian Aid week to collect your donation. Should you be out or be missed please post your envelope in the wall safe near the door in church or post it through the letterbox at The Lidget House. Either way contributions will be sent on.

SPECTATOR

The Difference If You Marry A Yorkshire Lass

THE first man married a lass from Essex and he told her he wanted the house keeping clean and the dishes washed. It took a couple of days but on the third day, she had done everything and he was pleased

The second man married a lass from Sussex and he gave his wife orders that she had to do all the cleaning and have a hot meal ready. The first day he didn't see any results but the second day saw it was better and on the third day his house was sparkling, dishes were done and there was a huge meal awaiting him

The third man married a Yorkshire lass and ordered her to keep the house clean, dishes washed, laundry done, lawn mowed and a hot meal on the table for every mealtime. He said on the first day he didn't see anything, the second day wasn't any better but by the third day some of the swelling had gone down around his eye and his arm had healed enough so that he could make himself a sandwich and load the dishwasher.
 He still has a limp

ROYAL PRESTON MORRIS DANCERS



THE ROYAL Preston Morris Dancers have a long tradition, first dancing in 1892. Our 'Royal' status was added when the team danced on the occasion of the opening of the Albert Docks in Preston. Indeed a couple of the original founding members still dance with us! We re-formed as the modern team in 1978 at the height of the Folk Music Revival and are passionate about keeping this tradition of music and dance alive here in the North West. There is nothing quite so stirring as witnessing 8 spring heeled clog-wearing Nureyevs hammering down on a timber floor to the sound of our magnificent band.

We practice during the Winter months on a fortnightly basis and dance -out in the Summer at various events in the area — having a particularly close relationship with Downham performing at the Hall's Open Gardens, the recent ceilidh, dancing at the Ashoton Arms and enjoying a Ribble Valley Tour in September. We always get a great reception here in the village. Our bookings are a mixture of ones we attend annually and new ones which keeps our programme varied, however we tend not to venture too far from our natural Lancashire habitat! Our ethos is very much about having fun and hopefully sharing this with our audiences.



We welcome new members to our friendly team and as well as those who are interested in dancing, anyone who is a musician, as we have our own band consisting of accordion, concertina, melodeon, fiddle and the side drum.

No previous dancing experience necessary, indeed many of our newer members have started from scratch, and we operate a flexible policy with emphasis on providing not only interesting and engaging performances but enjoyment for the team as well.

So, why not join us for a fun evening where you'll have the chance to see us in action and try it out for yourself. Wednesday May 17 in Downham Village Hall, 7.30 start, just turn up!

We have a Facebook page where more information and photographs are available. For further information call Alan on 01282 449372.

MUSIC OF THE FOREST PREMIERE

JOIN US FOR the premiere of a brand new choral work set to music by Lakeland composer, Christopher Gibbs and commissioned by William Bowland. Performed by the Renaissance Singers of Blackburn Cathedral, the evening will feature acclaimed trombonist, John Kenny, playing the carnyx – an ancient Celtic war horn. The performance will take place at Slaidburn Village Hall on the evening of Thursday 15th June and tickets cost £7.50.

Booking is essential and places can be reserved by contacting the Forest of Bowland AONB on 01200 448000 or by emailing sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

GEOLOGY & ARCHAEOLOGY WALK

Saturday 3rd June, 10am-2pm

ENJOY a free guided walk on Pendle Hill and find out about the geology and archaeology of this popular landmark. Our experts will tell you all about the historic secrets which our favourite local hill usually likes to keep to herself.

Booking essential. For more information, or to book your place, contact the Forest of Bowland AONB on 01200 448000 or email jayne.ashe@lancashire.gov.uk

Bowland AONB Bowland Festival Events in May

The 2017 **Garstang Walking Festival** runs from **Saturday 6th to Sunday 14th May**; this year's theme is Foreshore to Fells. Download a leaflet listing all the walks at www.wyre.gov.uk/garstangwalkingfestival

Bluebell Teas Sunday 7th May 1pm – 2pm (And every Sunday in May) Calder Vale village hall. For more information contact the Visit Garstang Centre on 01995 602125 or email garstangtic@wyre.gov.uk

RSPB Moorland Walk Saturday 20th May 9.30am – 2.30pm Slaidburn pay and display car park initially Join us for a walk along one of the Forest of Bowland's most stunning valleys.. For more information please contact the RSPB office on 01524 581001 or email bowlandsafari@rspb.org.uk £5, 5 hours, terrain guide 3, approx 3 miles

Maiden Bridge Exhibition 20th May to 30th July Maiden Bridge Arts Centre and Gallery, Tatham, near Bentham For further information contact Maiden Bridge Arts Centre and Gallery 015242 61463 or go to www.maidenbridge.co.uk

Open Garden – Clearbeck House Sunday and Monday 28th & 29th May 11am – 5pm Clearbeck House, Mewith Lane, Higher Tatham, near Bentham. For further information contact 015242 61029 or see www.clearbeckgarden.org.uk. Postcode for garden - LA2 8PJ £4 (accompanied children free), terrain guide 3.

Ribble Valley Ramble Monday 29th May 10.30am – 4pm Spread Eagle, Sawley meet at the Spread Eagle for a bacon sandwich and tea/coffee (included) before setting off on a guided walk. Booking essential. For further information contact the manager at the Spread Eagle on 01200 441202 or email spread.eagle@zen.co.uk £15.99, 5 ½ hours, terrain guide 4, approx 7 miles

Craft Day Wednesday 31st May 11am – 3pm Bowland Visitor Centre, Beacon Fell Country Park A day packed with activities and fun at Beacon Fell Country Park. Suitable for children four years and over if accompanied by an adult. Café on site. Just turn up. For more information call 0300 123 6780 or go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure £1, 4 hours



MAY in the Ribble Valley Music Festival

AIR RAID Shelter at St Mary's Centre Citheroe a 40's night with Glen Miller era music, a buffet supper and drama and comedy sequences 7.30 pm on Saturday 20th May. Tickets at Roy Porter's or 01254 384893 or St Mary's Office Church St. £15.

HELEN PLANS SWIM FOR ROSEMERE

TO MARK my departure from British shores in my venture to 'Swim the Channel' for Rosemere Cancer Foundation there will be a quintessential British theme at the May Coffee Club with a vintage tea party.

Saturday June 24th is the date of my 'arrival' in France. Villagers are welcome to come to a French themed celebration at the Village Hall that day 5-7pm along with Rosemere. My Justgiving page for anyone wishing to donate is www.justgiving.com/Helen-Addy For anyone wishing to sponsor the traditional way by sponsor form please ring 441015, many thanks. HA

Thy Kingdom Come Global Prayer Event at Blackburn Cathedral 24th May

THY Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement which the Archbishop of Canterbury is inviting people around the world to join. He is calling on Christians to pray that people might come to know Jesus Christ during a focused time between Ascension and Pentecost from 25th May – 4th June 2017. During that time, communities and churches around the world are gathering together to pray that their friends, families and neighbours might come to know Jesus Christ. Prayer events of all shapes and sizes will be taking place.

On Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm, the Eve of "Thy Kingdom Come", Blackburn Cathedral is the venue for the Lancashire "Thy Kingdom Come" Beacon Event. At this, people from across the diocese will gather together to pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit for effective worship before going back to our own towns and villages to continue to pray together during that time.

The evening will include times of prayer, sung worship, and we will also hear from Roy Crowne, HOPE Together Executive Director and one of the founders of HOPE who is joining us for the evening. The vision for HOPE is a growing church, showing Jesus' love and telling the Jesus story at the heart of every community. Being part of HOPE 2018 means being intentional about inviting people to become followers of Jesus.

Please plan to come along on Wednesday 24th May at 7.30pm and join with us in prayer.



AT THE AGM of the Village Hall, held on 11th April, the review of the year 2016 was received (A copy of this was enclosed in the April Newsletter). The chairman Shaun Roney was re-elected unanimously as was the rest of the Committee en-bloc. Jason Addy was put forward as a new committee member and elected.

The most major structural concern is the ongoing damp problem to the West Wall. Quotes for this work are in hand. As well as the Access Ramp, other possible improvements to consider are redecorating and upgrading the upstairs toilets. A committee meeting followed, the main business of which is planning for the Gardens Open in July and other fundraising suggestions.

WHALLEY ABBEY OPEN DAY

A RARE opportunity to come and look around the Retreat House and grounds for free with a guided tour of the grounds on **Monday 1st May** from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm

In the Great Hall there will be stalls with people who are actively involved with Whalley Abbey, ie. Whalley in Bloom, Whalley Abbey Fellowship and also stalls to promote the spirituality programme, the accommodation, family functions, meetings and weddings.

THE PARISH CHURCH

EASTER SERVICE

A GOODLY number of worshippers made the Easter Service especially nice this year. A beautifully decorated church, including the, now traditional, garden scene with the rolled-away stone showing the empty tomb and lovely altar flowers provided, as ever, by Ann Musson was the background to the service and how good to have the sung creed—thank you choir and organist John. .

Annual Parochial Church Meeting s

THESE meetings took place after morning service on Sunday, 23rd April . At the Vestry meeting three church wardens were elected, for Downham The Hon Ralph Assheton and Mrs Philippa McFall and for Twiston, Mr Ian Walton . At the meeting of Parishioners the Annual report of the Parish Church was received, the PCC and sidesmen & women were elected .

JOYFUL NOISE

There will be no Joyful Noise on 8th, May because of the Arch-deacon's Visitation at Clitheroe, St James On 22nd May Joyful Noise is at Martin Top Chapel at 7.30 pm as the members begin their summer tour around the countryside. AH

ASCENSION DAY

ASCENSION Day is observed on the 40th day of Easter. It commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, according to the New Testament. There will be an Ascension Day Service at St Leonards at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 25th May the officiating

COFFEE CLUB

APRIL'S coffee club was a busy affair, with everyone arriving more or less at the same time, only to be told that the water heater wasn't working, so no brews were available...it was a bit like the pub with no beer! However in true Dunkirk spirit we managed with a couple of kettles and soon everyone was enjoying a cuppa with their cake. Our star bakers this week were Molly and Philippa. Thank you for your delicious confections. Our thanks also to Carole and Di for their help on the bring and buy, also the tables, as usual, looked lovely, thanks to the beautiful flower arrangements by Frances.

We really value everyone's support, we couldn't do it without you. Our May meeting on the 11th is going to be very different, as we are going to give Helen a GREAT BRITISH send off, as she prepares to swim the CHANNEL for charity. Lets try and make it a full house..Bring your flags, dress up in red white and blue if you feel like it and we'll give Helen a GREAT COFFEE CLUB send off too, complete with a GREAT BRITISH BREW! BL

GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN CLUB members were given a really local treat at the April meeting at the Village Hall. Bernard Gethings gave a superb slide show (now digital image projection) of the development of his garden at lngs End over close-on 20 years.

The show was divided into segments taking the audience through the development of each portion of the garden chronologically. It is an architectural garden: the plants and lawn being contained within terraces, rock gardens, ponds, a grotto, steps, pergolas, arches terraces and a massive flood defence wall at the side of lngs Beck.

Bernard's photography was also high quality and extended to show weather conditions and wild life including some lovely bird pictures. CA

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

ON 24th April, Roger Frost gave us an entertaining and broad-reaching talk about the lottery-funded project of Ightenhill Manor, a township in Burnley. Little was known about the manor, apart from its site in a field and the etymology of the name Ightenhill (gorse hill) until material was unearthed from historical documents. It was found that Edward II had stayed there overnight on his return from the Battle of Boroughbridge in 1322. The De Lacy family were the Lords of the Manor but the general running of the manor was overseen by a bailiff. It was also the place where petty criminals were tried for offences such as the adulteration of bread.

After obtaining a geophysical survey of the site, a picture and model was produced of a rectangular, stone building with one or two storeys, possibly with steps that could be dismantled, when threatened by the invading Scots in those lawless times. This was a farming estate with crops, sheep and stud horses in the fields, with fishermen, archers and bakers of bread. We could imagine the lives of these lesser orders, even down to their clothing of a tunic, hose and coil (a Roman invention to keep the head warm).

The project ended with an exhibition and celebration attended by 700 people demonstrating that the project had built up a strong community feeling.

The next meeting of the Group is on Tuesday 6th June at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm and the topic is one of great local interest and a part of the Heritage Lottery Fund *Pendle Landscape* project. Archaeologist Michael Wood will be speaking about Witches, Warriors and Burials -The results of 6 months of archaeological investigation into the areas surrounding Pendle Hill. JP

NEXT GARDEN CLUB meeting is The Chairman's Walk at the earlier time of 7.00 pm from Greendale Kitchen on Thursday 4th June.



After a busy few weeks of preparing for the table top sale at Barton Village Hall, members were successful in

raising funds for our one hundredth birthday celebration in 2020. We also supported a charity helped by WI called "Country Women of the World" which helps women in isolated parts of the world to start their own small businesses, which enables them to feed, support and educate their children and extended families.

Our April Meeting was a more relaxed affair, when Michael Berry revealed the history of The Thwaites Theatre, Blackburn, and this entertaining talk was followed by reports by members of visits to Denman College, to Barley WI to discover the yearly tasks of a local game-keeper, also Diane Poole informed us about the work of the C.E.O.P. which is an organisation helping to stop the exploitation of children online. Our member Helen Addy explained her future "Swim to France", taking place in the Stonyhurst pool – not quite the English Channel but the distance will be accurate! Members were keen to sponsor her individually in aid of Rosemere, who are building a state-of-the-art chemotherapy unit at Burnley General.

The 18th May WI Meeting is for members only and is a chance to vote for a resolution to take to the WI AGM in order to lobby Parliament. The Meeting will end with a wine and cheese supper. JN

