


**Parish Calendar 2016**

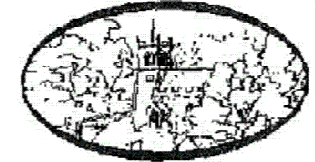
Parish Calendar 2016						
November			Event	Sidesmen women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Gardening Club	Village Hall	Phil Dunnnett—Fruit	
5th	Saturday	6.30 pm	Village Bonfire and Fireworks Display	Village Hall Car Park	See flyer enclosed	
6th	Trinity XXIV All Souls	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		6.30 pm	Service for Departed Loved Ones	<b>Christ Church Chatburn</b>		
7th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn, Christ Church		
9th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
10th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
13th	Remembrance Sunday	10.50 am	Matins & Remembrance Revd Brian Whiteley	Mrs A. Wallace		Mr & Mrs H. Brown
		5.00 pm	Mormon Choir Concerts	Downham St Leonard		NOTE 2 PERFORMANCES See Page 3
		7.15 pm				
17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head		
20th	Trinity XXVI	11.00am	Holy Communion Revd Brian Whiteley	Mrs B. Lewis	Mrs j. Whitsey	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
21st	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P: McFall		
27th	Advent I	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mr I. Walton	<b>NO FLOWERS</b>	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
28th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	The Cow Keepers of Liverpool—David Joy	
29th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Church	Meeting	
December						
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	The Garden Club	Village Hall	Christmas Dinner and Party	
2nd	Friday	7.30 pm	Concert	Chatburn Christ Church	To start the Christmas Tree Festival	
2nd to 4th	Friday evening to Sunday 4 pm		Christmas Tree Festival		See page 7	
4th	Advent II	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	<b>IN ADVENT</b>	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
5th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn, Christ Church		
6th	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Management Cttee	Village Hall	Meeting	
<p align="center"><b>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE</b> – Revd Andy Froud                      The Vicarage Church Street Clitheroe BB7 2DD                      01200 423317 / 0796 957 6691</p> <p align="center"><b>OUR CHURCH WARDENS</b>                      The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p>						
<p align="center"><b>St LEONARD'S FUND RAISING &amp; ORGAN APPEAL</b>                      Mr Brian Lewis Hon Treasurer - 440925                      Mr Ian Walton (H) 445063 and (W) 442777 - Mr Philip Naylor 440445</p>						
<p align="center"><b>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>                      Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667                      Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. C. Assheton—441210</p>						

**PARISH OF ST. LEONARD**

**DOWNHAM & TWISTON**

**newsletter**

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**From The Revd ANDY FROUD**

Dear Friends,

As I write this I am being menaced by clowns. Not the England football squad. Real clowns. Actually not even real clowns. I just read an article by a clown complaining how all these stories were doing him out of business. Not a day goes past without my daughters coming home to tell me some new horror story about people dressed as clowns, kidnapping, attacking or murdering people.

The problem is most of these stories are not based on fact. Social media and word of mouth does the work to spread the fear of evil clowns. And fear, as Donald Trump and politicians closer to home have shown, is a powerful weapon.

It is also rooted in our calendar - at Halloween we may fear the American-imported trick-or-treaters. (Not something I would encourage but arguably less harmful than Yorkshire's Mischief Night). In the darkness of the winter months fear can take root. Clearly, as the Bible tells us, those who want to do evil, need the dark to cover their actions.

But while fear is perfectly natural and sometimes even healthy, ultimately fear cannot rule our lives.

That's one of the reasons that we celebrate the Festival of All Saints in the darkness of the beginning of November. As the prayer says, "in the darkness of this passing age, your saints proclaim the glory of your kingdom". We celebrate all those who have been lights in their several generations.

The antidote to the virus of fear, the Bible tells us, is perfect love. Perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18). The word perfect originally means "fulfilling its purpose" or "flawless"; what John means is that it comes from God. Whatever we may fear in this life, we do not need to fear with God.

Yours in Christ,

**Don't Forget  
 Our Remembrance Service  
 is at 10.50 am on  
 13th November**

O Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES	September	2016
COMMUNICANTS	59	535
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	289	1617
VISITORS	113	363
DONATIONS	1,032	6,029
HOUSE BOXES	20	45
SPECIAL	-	5,022
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,524</b>	<b>13,076</b>

**IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS**

Alfred and the Family of Mary Graham Linda & Jon Whitsey, Kath Swarbrick.

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

1st October Sarah Swarbrick and Richard Middleton of Great Mitton.

**Alfred Graham** wishes to thank all those who so kindly sent sympathy cards on the death of Mary, or who attended the service of thanksgiving at Chatburn. Mary was a faithful follower of Jesus from a very early age. We thank God for her example to us and pray that we may share her Christian commitment in our own daily lives.

The offering at the Thanksgiving Service amounted to £845.00 which will be donated equally to The Church Mission Society (taking the gospel to the four corners of the world), Medecins Sans Frontieres (in their practical caring for those in need) and Christ Church, Chatburn (who have been so welcoming to Mary and myself over these last few years) .

WELL , it's been like living in a flower shop for the past week. The beautiful colours and variety so uplifting and gorgeous. We ran out of vases and had to compromise, although we never got as adventurous or clever as Sarah Swarbrick (as was) when wellies were filled with flowers for her wedding and stood to attention lining the aisle, brilliant, simple and brilliant

As well as the flowers, I was showered with cards, 40 at the last count. In fact I got so many cards that I decided to cut them up and make a collage with them. This meant that those cards who got a long time on display and the ones that arrived later and got hardly any time up on the shelf, all came together to make one big picture of love and support. Every time I look at the picture I feel this truly blessed and want to thank everyone who cares. Thank you This does not include the District Nurses who are coming today to take out 32 stitches in my head. And they told me it hurts. I am looking forward to their visit more since some bright spark / genius suggested old fashioned pain relief so I have the gin and tonic at the ready. Ok District nurses...you are forgiven

So onwards and upwards. The next few days are going to be a bit of a challenge as I can't seem to move at all, and this is very frustrating but have high hopes for 17th October when I will be switched on! So fingers and toes crossed for a good result and maybe by the time you read this, I will be dancing and singing up and down the village. Yay.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT & TREE FESTIVAL at CHRIST CHURCH CHATBURN**

THIS popular Christmas Concert at 7.30 pm on Friday 2nd December will this year take place amongst the Christmas Tree Festival in church, creating a visual magic to enhance the evening's seasonal music, carol sing-a-long, mince pies, wine and the biggest Christmas cracker pull in Lancashire. Elliott Brass Ensemble and Barbershop choir Wrong Direction will perform seasonal favourites, and it is hoped to have a unique video link to a special person at the North Pole. Concert entry is only by advance £10 tickets from Roy Porter Butchers Chatburn or by calling 01254 384893. Tickets include light refreshment and all proceeds go to the church.

The Christmas Tree Festival will be open from 11.00 am to 4.00 pm on Saturday 3rd and 12.00 midday to 4.00 pm on Sunday 4th December. There will be craft stalls and refreshments amongst the decorated trees. Entry is free admission, although donations welcome. CG

**REMEMBRANCE CONCERT FOR THE RIBBLE VALLEY**

JOIN local dignitaries and Royal British Legion for a commemoration and tribute to all those who have taken part in conflicts over the years. Performances will be by world famous Besses o' th' Barn Band and South African vocalist Carin Johnson plus an Act of Remembrance including guest poetry readers and an appeal from The Royal British Legion

7.30 pm Saturday 12th November 2016 at St Mary's Centre, Church Street, Clitheroe. £10 tickets from Roy Porter Butcher Chatburn, St Mary's Centre weekday mornings or by calling 01200 422828 or 01254 384893. Pay bar. Ticket proceeds will be donated to St Mary Magdalene Church and event collection to The Royal British Legion. CG

## GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY

**T**HE time has come again to prepare gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child.

Since 1990 100 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoe box gifts.

Shoe boxes are given to children based on need, regardless of their background or religious beliefs. Each box is an unconditional gift of love.

Please help us to be part of this. Pick up a leaflet and , fill your box and hand it in at church or call Anne and Derek for collection 01200 429341 by 20th November..

We have some empty shoe boxes if you need them.



## TELEPHONE BOX



BT is planning to remove the public payphone from Twiston. Anyone with any thoughts or comments on this matter is asked to contact Victoria Walmsley at [planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk](mailto:planning@ribblevalley.gov.uk) before 30th November

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**we are also to be found on the internet**  
[www.downhamvillage.org.uk](http://www.downhamvillage.org.uk)

## BRAVERY STORY

**A**T Portsmouth on the 14 September 1917, a seaplane collided with a Poulsen mast and remained wedged in it, the pilot (Acting Flight Commander E. A. de Ville) being rendered unconscious and thrown out of his seat and on to one of the wings.

The three men mentioned, at once climbed up the mast for 100 feet, when Rath, making use of the boatswain's chair, which moves on the inside of the mast, was hoisted up by the men at the foot of the mast to the place, over 500 feet from the ground, where the seaplane was fixed. He then climbed out on to the plane, and held the pilot until the arrival of Abbott and Knoulton, who passed the masthead gantline out to him. Having secured the pilot with the gantline Rath, with the assistance of Knoulton and Abbott, lifted him from the plane to the inside of the mast and lowered him to the ground.

The three men were well aware of the damaged and insecure condition of the mast, which was bent to an angle where the seaplane had become wedged. One of the three supports of the mast was fractured, and, so far as the men knew, the mast or the seaplane could have collapsed at any time."

The pilot recovered, married and has 25 descendants. All three ratings were awarded the Albert Medal with Rath receiving one in gold. The Albert Medal was succeeded by the George Cross in 1971 and living recipients were permitted to exchange the AM for a GC

What a tale. We are informed by a descendant of the pilot that Rating Abbott's ashes are scattered in Downham Church yard; he died in 1977. He, the descendant of the pilot, is seeking to mark the centenary of the gallantry by meeting up with the present Abbott family. Enquiries, as they say, are continuing.



## ORGAN APPEAL

### THE FOUR PEAKS CHALLENGE – COMPLETED! PT 2

HERE is the second instalment of the story of our trek. Readers will remember from last month that we had climbed Ben Nevis, but been "fogged out" from our attempt on Scafell Pike.

....We spent the night with friends in Anglesey, who kindly drove us to the start of the Pyg Track (one of the many routes up the mountain). Once again all started well, with a good (not too crowded) path and some pretty views. Sadly as we neared the summit the cloud descended and the wind got up. The final hundred metres or so of the Pyg Track entailed a scramble over sharp rocky outcrops on the edge of a precipice. We arrived in howling wind and soon sought shelter in the café. Sadly bouncers were on the door informing all that due to the high winds the café was about to close. Our refuge was thus short lived, but hot chocolate is a wonder drug, so we survived the long and unexciting slog back to Llanberis, completing the walk in 5 hours.

After another rest day (this time for the Sherpa to recover) we raced back to Scafell Pike. We took the shortest route up the hill from Wasdale Head. Thankfully the ford part way up was easily passable and the leader only fell in one quagmire. Once again the summit was in the clouds, so no need to stop and look at the views. All complete in 4 hours.

The final leg of the trip was to climb Slieve Donard, the highest peak in Northern Ireland. For this we based ourselves in Dublin and snatched good weather to venture north. This entailed an early start to allow for a business meeting in Enniskillen before the climb. Blissfully the weather was almost perfect, so our after lunch start was not a problem. The summit gave beautiful views over the Irish Sea and the Mountains of Mourne. We got back to the car in 4 hours.

We have now set up a Just Giving page for anyone who feels inspired to acknowledge our efforts financially (though due to the slow response from the HMRC it will not allow us to reclaim Gift Aid – so "Organ Appeal" envelopes are the preferred option). It is at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/St-Leonard-Organ-Appeal>  
The page will be "live" until the middle of November.

## ORGAN APPEAL

### FREE MORMON CONCERTS 5.00 pm and 7.15pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November

AS previewed last month, The Mormons (or Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints as they are officially known), have not only offered us a generous donation to the Organ Appeal, but are laying on two musical performances for us, in Church at 5.00 pm and 7.15pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November. "Our Story Goes on" is a lively musical performance, mainly featuring well known show tunes from the likes of Westside Story and The Wizard of Oz, together with some specially written numbers and some linking narrative. These tell the story of a family from birth to death, with a gentle Christian theme. It is family friendly and does not push any overtly sectarian agenda.

Each performance lasts about 70 minutes. **Tickets are free** (though you are encouraged to make a donation!) For those who are computer savvy tickets can be booked at <https://ourstoriesdownham.eventbrite.co.uk/>. (the code is Downham16). Alternatively contact Ralph on 441210. 30 seats have been reserved for Downham residents, with the Mormons eagerly clamoring for the remainder. Tickets are on a first come first served basis.

**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**Service of Thanksgiving for Loved Ones**

Sunday 6th November 6.30 pm  
at Christ Church Chatburn

A service particularly for those who have lost loved ones over the last twelve months. Anyone who like to remember someone special is welcome. AF

**Play and Pray**

**3 pm Tuesdays during school term times**

PRAYERS, songs and worship for pre-school children at Christ Church Chatburn. Followed by a brew, a chat and biscuits. AF



**ORGAN UPDATE**

WITH good luck, and a following wind, the Organ should have arrived on 25th October.

There will be a short pause to allow for the electronic equivalent of tuning it before it is in action. This means that we are keen to push for the last portion of the money we need to pay for it. You will see details of this month's event to raise the money on page 3. RCA

**ST LEONARDS DAY**

THIS year there will not be a work party on 12<sup>th</sup> November as the Church will be a hive of activity in preparation for the Mormons musical extravaganza on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The will however be a military presence in that soldiers from The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (the county's Reserve Army (previously called the TA) Royal Armoured Corp) unit will be visiting to lay Poppy crosses on our war graves. They are due late morning after laying a wreath at Clitheroe War Memorial. RCA

**LIME TREES**

ONCE again it is time to shave the suckers off the Lime trees in the Church yard. Anyone who feels the urge to do some pruning is very welcome! Just copy the example of the tree immediately inside the Church gate.

**COFFEE CLUB**

THANKS to everyone who came along to our October coffee club, we were a bit depleted in numbers but enjoyed catching up with all the news and eating a variety of home made cakes. Our thanks go to Molly and Di for their delicious contributions , to Carol for her help on the bring and buy and to Frances for the beautiful table flowers. Your help and support is greatly appreciated, we couldn't manage without it. I had to leave at 11 o'clock for an appointment and on my return found the hall and kitchen spick and span, thanks to Jason ,Helen and Brian...I might try the same trick next month!



Our next meeting is on November 10th at 10 am, hope you can make it. BL

**COOKERY CLUB**

THE October Cookery Club was another "sell-out" and had Seafood Pub Company (Assheton Arms, Barley Mow, Forest et al) Executive Chef Antony Shirley as its guest chef for the evening, and what a spread he laid on for us.



There was some Indian street food – crab samosa and mussel meat bhaji – with Antony advising how to mix-up the expensive ingredients like fish with more humble ingredients (cabbage and onion in this case) to make everything go further.

The main course was a magnificent tour de force of the chef's art and dexterity, culminating in a superb plate of parchment-fried plaice fillets on a bed of Jerusalem Artichoke puree and an unusual potato – similar to desiree – sauteed with mushrooms, served with a refreshing crab meat, diced apple and dill salad (perfect in itself for a light lunch) and topped with a crab, fish-trim and hazelnut mousse.

This was serious food, delivered with skill and humour by one of the region's top chefs – a treat for all the senses. Grateful thanks to Olivia, Olive and Dave for organising an excellent event, and of course to Anthony. DTB

**DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL GARDEN CLUB**

WELL. Once more we Had quite a different garden club meeting this month.



It was 25 yrs since the club was formed. Also our guest Speaker Mr. Peter Halliwell, who is a favourite with this club , took us on a walk through a forest. The journey took us from the Hornbeam to the Handkerchief Tree. The trees were so diverse and the colours and seasons brilliant.

Of course no ordinary supper tonight. We had some lovely wine and a fitting end to a superb evening.

Here's to the next 25. Our next meeting is at 7.30 pm, Thursday, 3rd November. The speaker is Phil Dunnett and his subject Fruit. CA

**HISTORY GROUP**

NOVEMBER'S meeting on Monday, 28th at 7.30 pm is a presentation by David Joy about the cow keepers of Liverpool.

Cow houses in Liverpool reached their greatest numbers round about the time of the Great War. Dairy farmers had begun moving to the city around the 1860s to be closer to potential markets, the cows would live in yards, be fed on fresh grass from local parks and even football grounds. Many families would also run delivery rounds. tm

The PCC is grateful to Newsletter Sponsors.

The Sponsors for the Month of November are Mrs Kath Swarbrick and Downham WI

DOWNHAM WI's October meeting was the AGM. President, Frances Garner completed three years as President and thanked the committee and the membership for their support during the past three years. Judith Nixon gave a vote of thanks and thanked Mrs Garner for her dedicated work. As well as Frances Garner, Julie Parker and Barbara Lewis also stepped down after many years on the committee and their hard work and commitment has been much appreciated by the membership. Barbara (Lewis) will continue as the Village Hall Rep as well as the many other roles she undertakes. Much thanks goes to all the members who served on the committee last year.



There was a ballot to vote for a new committee of eight members, which was overseen by the LFWI Advisor, Deb Phillips. Everybody was pleased to see newer members join the committee for the first time, as well as more experienced committee members being returned to the committee.

Judith Nixon won the vote for President for the next year, a position she has held before, so we know we are in experienced hands! Thanks must go to Rosemary Norgrove and Marion Courtney for the delicious supper they provided. Downham WI looks forward to a new year, with a new committee and President and the continuing support of the membership, as we head towards our centenary in 2020.

Members and friends will be meeting in the car park at 10.30 on the 31<sup>st</sup> October to do the annual weeding of the Village Hall car park and the planting of bulbs. Anyone who wishes to join in this annual endeavour is most welcome and all exertions will be rewarded with hot soup and coffee.

The next meeting of Downham WI will be the Christmas Party, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, at the Calf's Head, Worston..