

PARISH CALENDAR 2017						
NOVEMBER			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Steve Helliwell Gresgarth Gardens	
3rd	Friday	6.00 pm	Village Bonfire	Village Hall and Car Park		
5th	Trinity XXI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
6th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
8th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
9th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
11th	Saturday	10.00 am	St Leonard' Day Tidy -Up	Church		
12th	Trinity XXII Remembrance Sunday	10.50 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace		Mr & Mrs B Lewis
16th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Shackleton;s	Christmas Party	
17th	Friday	7.00 pm	Disco	Village Hall	The 80's & Do They Know its Christmas time Agan ?	
19th	Trinity XXIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
20th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
22nd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
26th	Trinity XXIV	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs P McFall		Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
27th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	The Corn Mills of Whalley	
29th/ 2hd	Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 pm	Stage 2 Downham	Village Hall	Michael Palin's The Weekend	
December						
3rd	Advent I	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
4th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
7th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Christmas Party	

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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

newsletter

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Remembrance Sunday
12th November
Morning Service Starts at
10.50 am

Dear Friends

"Failing to plan is planning to fail" is a saying often attributed to eighteenth century polymath Benjamin Franklin. Although I'm fairly confident that he never said it himself it does rather sum up his philosophy of life. Franklin would wake every morning at 5 am, set himself this question "What good can I do today?"

His days (which looked mostly the same) went like this:

5-8 a.m.: "Rise, wash and address Powerful Goodness; contrive day's business and take the resolution of the day; prosecute the present study; and breakfast."

8 a.m.-12 p.m.: Work.

12-2 p.m.: "Read or overlook my accounts, and dine."

2-6 p.m.: Work.

6-10 p.m.: "Put things in their places, supper, music, or diversion, or conversation; examination of the day."

10 p.m.-5 a.m.: Sleep.

And the question he asked himself before going to sleep: "What good have I done today?"

There are three interesting aspects of Franklin's planning for me: one is that it seems rather self-centred, but perhaps that is inevitable. Secondly it is quite plain - life in those days was simpler but still there is an elegant simplicity to his plans. Thirdly, he quite often isn't able to stick to his plans. Things crop up which cause changes to his schedule; perhaps unsurprisingly.

That is the nature of plans: we know that some will happen and some may be interrupted but we still need to plan. But do we plan for all eventualities and do we plan for what is really important. Every day Franklin planned for the next day but in his question "what good have I done today?" is the seed of the eternal question: have we followed Jesus' command to build up treasures in heaven?

By now many of us will be well on with your plans for Christmas: but how about your plans for eternity?

Yours in Christ,

ETERNAL Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	September	2017
COMMUNICANTS	27	346
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	514	3,115
VISITORS	40	357
DONATIONS	192	6,690
HOUSE BOXES	5	173
SPECIAL	-	4,975
TOTAL	751	15,310

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick, Ann Chadwick Jean Whitsey

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Baptism

10th September , **Daisy May**, daughter of Stuart Pollard and Trudy Riley of Worston

22nd October, **Olivia Karen**, daughter of Jonathon Walker and Gemma McBride. of Clitheroe

WELCOME

Neil Reynolds who has just moved into 31 Brookside. Best wishes in your new home

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SPECTATOR

WHAT a wonderful time I had at the 65th birthday party/family friends get together/raising funds for Parkinsons “do” last week. We had Tombola, raffles and the human fruit machine and Jon paid for the gorgeous buffet (from Greendale) as my birthday present

I was tired anyway because Zoe and I had been celebrating Lucy’s 30th the previous day and we could never have set up and organised this “do” without help from the MC Carol and her daughter Lynne who whipped flowers off me to put away every time I got some and didn’t know what to do with them, Barbara and Brian (where do they get their energy from?!) and Shaun who had taken up the Human Fruit Machine the night before.

Carol sold envelopes to win a lovely knitted snowman and auctioned off a book, Barbara did a card game and flitted about checking all was ok while Brian made tea and helped out wherever. They were all AMAZING

One of my friends brought a cousin from Canada who was going back the next day but who wanted to come to help raise funds for Parkies.

Zoe had done everyone a badge with things like “r”Debbie (Linda’s sister) which caused much merriment and the “turn” was me singing with my backing group providing the “oobiedoobiedoo” or scoobiedoo as Carol kept singing. We were the “Three Degrees Under” or “Three Degrees over” or something like that

It all went fantastically well and we raised £252 plus a £20 donation from a sister who couldn’t make it. I got lots of messages from friends and family saying what a great time they’d had. I got one which said, “ apart from the girl band, fantastic afternoon (cheek) from Darren (R Pat’s son) and Lisa (Darren’s wife) “

So I replied “Thankyou” from Linda (birthday girl) and Jon (Linda’s husband)

THANKS AGAIN TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE ASPECIAL DAY EVEN MORE SPECIAL☺



THE OCTAMERON Singers made a welcome return to Downham on Saturday, 30th September with a Musical Miscellany to suit all tastes. Their programme included songs from the shows, with solos and explanations of the history of each item. Refreshments were served in the interval and the proceeds will be divided between the Village Hall and St Leonard's Church.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL PARISH MEETING

THIS was held in the Assheton Arms, on Thursday, 28th September, as the Village hall was already booked.

Items discussed were as usual Dog Fouling which is not as bad, bad Parking which is on the increase. Speeding, which caused a lot of discussion with suggestions put forward to combat it, especially with the Pre School in the middle of the village. Registrations of offending cars would be an advantage for the Police to follow up.

The Hon.R C Assheton was re elected Chairman and Mrs D Braithwaite as Clerk.
Mr Assheton thanked all who attended. DB



STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



WE WILL be performing 'The Weekend', written by Michael Palin, on Wednesday 29th November 2017 to Saturday 2nd December inclusive at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall. Rehearsals are under way.

Director Fran Osborne says, "Michael Palin's play 'The Weekend' is a challenge, but our "grumpy old man" is getting grumpier, the "visitors" are getting more difficult and our lovely dog is becoming more incontinent! We are working on entertaining you with lots of laughs and a few home truths."

Admission is by programme/ticket priced £7.

For tickets only, you can make an early reservation by sending email stating: Your full name; Date of performance; Number of tickets required; Contact telephone number.

We will send you a confirmation and your tickets will be available for collection on the door on the night of the performance.

Alternatively, from Wednesday 1st November, tickets can be reserved by telephoning the ticket hotline, 07845 926295, or can be purchased in person from the Tourist Information Office at the Platform Gallery (01200 425566).

Once again we are delighted to be able to offer a pre-performance, meal plus ticket deal, in cooperation with 'The Assheton Arms' in Downham.

This is priced at £22 per head for: a two course meal of starter and main course; a small glass of house wine or a pint of beer or a soft drink; and an admission programme/ticket.

For all enquiries and reservations on this deal please contact the Assheton Arms direct on 01200 441227, quoting 'Stage Two Downham' when you book.

"MensZone"

A new mens' group "MensZone" has been set up at the Hub Café at The Mearley Fold Day Centre. Meetings are every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4pm. For more details contact Hilary or Isobel at awe.some@hotmail.com or on 07730 421990

HAS ANYONE SEEN ERIC?

ERIC is a twelve year old grey and black striped tabby with a white belly. He was last seen on 17th September. He is identity-chipped and belongs to Yvonne Snowden of West Lane Cottage and who is missing him terribly. If anyone has any information please contact Yvonne on 01200 441801

'Do They Know it's Christmas?'
Band Aid
&
The 1980's



DISCO

Come and have some fun, laughs, good food and reminisce

Downham Village Hall

7pm

Friday 17 November 2017

Fish and Chip Supper (veg option)

1980's Quiz

£12

Tickets from Sue 440912 or Barbara 440925 or email
sue.hinder@hotmail.co.uk

21st Century Here At Last.

GOOD NEWS at last for long suffering Downham residents with the arrival in the village of superfast broadband. The arrival of the service has been a long and drawn-out process, with Village resident Bryn Hart leading the campaign to have the service installed. Over the last 6 years Bryn has sent numerous letters and emails to the Superfast Broadband tams trying to get answers on why Downham was not receiving the same Broadband service as other local villages. Along with local Councillor, Gary Scott he had meetings with the local MP, County Councillors and representatives from Open Reach. Until recently, it seemed that the earliest date for the village to be upgraded would be 2019, but the sighting of an engineer in February, raised expectations that all the hard work might at last pay dividends.



The rest is history! At last Downham residents are fully up to speed (excuse the pun). It is hoped that the community will take advantage of this new Broadband service.

THE PARISH CHURCH

Operation Christmas Child



IT's shoebox season once more - time to wrap, pack and fill those shoeboxes with treasures as you join with thousands of generous individuals across the UK and the globe to send love and bring joy to children in need this Christmas. Filled shoe boxes are due in church on 19th November. AH

ST LEONARD'S DAY

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

As is now customary, we will mark St Leonards Day by tidying some of those parts of the Church and Church yard that do not benefit from the usual cleaning and mowing regimes, as well as laying Poppy crosses on our War Graves. All volunteers will be gratefully welcomed. Just drop in between 10am and Noon on Saturday 11th November. We will mark Armistice Day with two minutes silence at 11am. RCA

DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING

THE RIBBLE VALLEY First Responders gave an excellent practical training session on 18th October, to half a dozen residents (mainly Asshetons). They would be happy to give further training to others, so if you are interested get in touch with Ralph Assheton, so that another lesson can be arranged. RCA

MORRIS DANCING

THE Royal Preston Morris Men generously laid on a second taster session at the Village Hall. They arrived with both a band and a number of members and supporters. As it turned out, the Downham contingent was made up entirely of our bell ringers! A jolly (and extremely energetic) evening ensued, with the beginners managing to successfully complete the "Blackburn Dance". This dance was resurrected a number of years ago by the Preston team. Our thanks to Alan Heron for organising the evening. RCA

THE GARDEN CLUB



IT WAS a very different Garden Club this month, more of a History / Garden Club. Our speaker was Linda Sawley who spoke to us about Elizabeth Parker of Browsholme. Elizabeth seemed to spend her time (in between marrying) designing gardens. The walled garden at Browsholme was of particular interest to us as it was recreated several hundred years later at Barrowford Heritage Centre, which the club had visited a few years before.

It was a very interesting evening! Our next meeting will be on the 2nd November, and the speaker will be Steve Helliwell on the subject of Gresgarth Hall. I hope to see you there. CA

THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

OUR Meeting on Tuesday 17th October was a local history of the Clarion Tea Room at Roughlee. The talk was given by Charles Jepson, who told the history of the Clarion movement in particular the Cycling Clubs, the great 19th century move to be out of doors and the history of the links to Socialism. Not all Clarion Cycling Clubs had club houses but many did and the one at Roughlee is the last. The movement also promoted women's causes and clubs other than cycling, in crafts, music, drama, reading and other pursuits.

Charles gave an interesting talk and his obvious enthusiasm for the cause shone through the presentation.

Our next meeting is on Monday, 27th November when the speaker will be Brian Jeffries, his subject the Corn Mills of Whalley

VILLAGE BONFIRE

TICKETS SALES ARE GOING WELL, but remember they are on a first come first served basis and limited numbers available. OA

COFFEE CLUB

OUR October coffee club was well attended. We missed Betty, who was recovering from a cold. Hope you're feeling better. We enjoyed Molly's delicious toffee cake and fruit loaf and Frances performed her usual magic with flowers, our thanks to you both. Another person who performed magic that day was Carole. She turned loss into profit, in one sentence. "If everyone spends just 50pence on the bring and buy stall, it will make a big difference" Well, she was right. It did. We made TWENTY POUNDS, which is a record amount. Well done Carole and thank you to everyone for your generosity. The money will go towards our Christmas coffee club lunch, on 14th December and we hope as many of you as possible will attend. Our next meeting is on the 9th of November, hope you can all make it. BL



theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

September proved to be an extremely well attended meeting for Downham WI. President,

Mrs Judith Nixon, welcomed members and friends, guests from Gt Harwood WI and members of Downham History Group. The reason for the increased attendance was the speaker, Lady Milena Grenfell-Baines whose talk was, 'The Last Train to Tomorrow'.

Lady Milena recalled the circumstances of her journey, as a young child with her sister, from Prague to London on the Kindertransporte, just before the outbreak of the Second World War in 1939. It brought home the courage of the parents who let their children make the journey to a foreign land, not knowing whether they would ever see their children again. Lady Milena spoke

of those friends she met on the journey and the friends and relatives she left behind. So many lives were saved due to the foresight of one man, Sir Nicholas Winton. It was a privilege to hear Lady Milena recall her experience as a refugee. After some interesting questions from the audience, President Judith Nixon gave the vote of thanks.

After the talk the meeting continued with nominations for the new committee for the AGM in October.

AT THE OCTOBER Meeting, Eileen Parker gave a report of a recent trip to Fence and District WI to listen to a talk from a representative of the family firm of 'Grasmere Gingerbread'.

The WI meeting was followed by the AGM. President, Judith Nixon stood down after a year as President and member, Julie Parker, thanked Mrs Nixon for her dedicated work in her second stint as President. Two long-standing members of the committee also stepped down: Marion Courtney and Rosemary Norgrove. Marion is taking a well-earned rest after serving on the committee for many years, the last ten years as Treasurer. Rosemary has also been on the committee for many years, doing a great deal of fundraising, organising bingo evenings and much, much more. Kathryn Ball stood down after a year as Assistant Secretary. Their hard work and commitment to Downham WI has been much appreciated by the members.

There is a new committee of eight members. It was very encouraging to see members join the committee for the first time as well as more experienced members continuing on the committee for another year. Thanks go to the LFWI Advisor, Debs Phillips, for guiding members through the AGM. The new President is Andrea Kay, the new Treasurer is Diane Poole and the new Secretary is Anya Wallace. Downham WI looks forward to a new year, with a new committee and the continuing support of the membership, as we head towards our centenary in 2020.

Our Christmas Party s on 16th November at Shackleton's AK