

| PARISH CALENDAR 2021   |                    |               |                                    |  |   |                                    |
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| NOVEMBER   |                    | EVENT         | Sidesmen/<br>women                 | Altar<br>Flowers   | Church<br>Cleaners  |                                    |
| 5th  | Friday             | 6.00 pm       | Bonfire & Fireworks Display        | Village Hall Car Park  | Prior booking essential<br>info@downhamvillage.org.uk                             |                                    |
| 7th  | Trinity XXIII      | 11.15 am      | Holy Communion<br>Canon Andy Froud | Mrs P McFall   | Hon Mrs R Assheton  | Mr & Mrs P Mercer                  |
| 13th   | Saturday           | 10.30-12.00   | St Leonard's day<br>Tidy Up        | Church   |  |                                    |
| 14th   | Remembrance Sunday | 10.50 am      | Matins<br>Canon Andy Froud         | Mrs B Lewis  |   | Mrs S Travis<br>Mrs A Chadwick     |
| 18th   | Thursday           | 7.30 pm       | WI                                 | Calf's Head  | Dr Alasdair Carter<br>Exploits on his Lejog journey                               |                                    |
| 21st   | Trinity XXIV       | 11.15 am      | Holy Communion<br>Canon Andy Froud | Mrs A Wallace  | Mr & Mrs P Mercer   | Mr & Mrs C Ennis                   |
| 27th   | Saturday           | 12.00—4.00 pm | Exhibition                         | Church   | Whistle Down the Wind<br>Memorabilia  |                                    |
| 28th   | Advent Sunday      | 11.15 am      | Matins<br>Canon Andy Froud         | Mrs K Herron   | NO FLOWERS  | Mr & Mrs P Eldridge                |
| December   |                    |               |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| 5th  | Advent II          | 11.15 am      | Holy Communion<br>Canon Andy Froud | Mrs P McFall   | IN ADVENT   | Hon Mrs R Assheton<br>Mrs C Naylor |
| <p>THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SPONSOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER IN NOVEMBER 2021 THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY BOWLAND BIO ENERGY</p>   |                    |               |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| <p><b>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE</b> — The Revd Andy Froud<br/>The Vicarage, Church Street, Clitheroe BB7 2DD<br/>01200 423317 —0796 957 6691 —andyfroud@gmail.com</p> <p><b>OUR CHURCH WARDENS</b><br/>The Hon Ralph Assheton —441210 = Mrs Philippa McFall - 44148 =Mr Ian Walton 445063</p> <p><b>DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b><br/>Chairman Mr Neil Wallace —441196<br/>Hon Secretary Mrs Clare Ashworth —445112<br/>Village Hall Bookings —info@downhamvillagehall.org.uk .</p> |                    |               |                                    |  |   |                                    |
| <p><b>Downham Social Media Resources</b><br/>The public Facebook page -<br/>"Downham Village"<br/>The private Facebook page<br/>"Downham &amp; Twiston Residents"<br/>Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham WI<br/>Here to Help"</p>  |                    |               |                                    | <p><b>CHURCH RESOURCES</b><br/>Regular worship is streamed<br/>by Rev Andy Froud<br/>on <b>Youtube</b> via<br/>St. Mary Magdalene website<br/>www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk</p> |   |                                    |

## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

### DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter



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**From The Revd Andy Froud**

Dear Friends.

*DEATH IS NOTHING AT ALL* is a popular reading for funerals. It is part of a sermon preached in May 1910 by Henry Scott Holland while a Canon at St Paul's Cathedral. The sermon followed the death of King Edward VII, and was titled Death the King of Terrors, in which Canon Holland talks about our responses to death: the fear of the unexplained and the belief in continuity.

The passage usually used only has part of the sermon, of course. And it is intended to be comforting. But I find myself wanting to say: but death and loss are not nothing at all. They are awful, painful and can destroy the lives, not just of those who have died but those who may go on to suffer a lifetime of loss. Many people say that they wish that their loved ones funerals should be celebrations of life and so they should: but a funeral is also an acknowledgement of a shared loss and people coming together to support each other.

Death is the end of all our lives and the potential destruction of all that we live our lives for. When Holland preached his sermon, the death of the King was a national loss and trauma but within five years to be dwarfed by the disaster of the Great War.

This time of year, as we prepare for Christmas, many of us will miss the presence of our loved ones in the celebrations. But there is an implicit hope in the feast of Christmas, that runs beneath the tinsel and trappings that one day, through Jesus, we will be reunited with our loved ones.

"Bless all Thy dear children in Thy tender care  
And fit us to heaven to live with Thee" (Away in a manger)

Till then we should do all that we can to support and surround with  
our love all those who are isolated, lost or alone.

Yours in Christ,



ALMIGHTY Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

| DOWNHAM St. LEONARD<br>FACTS & FIGURES |              |               |
|--|--------------|---------------|
|  | September    | 2021          |
| Communicants                           | 35           | 231           |
| Collections                            |              |               |
|  | £            |               |
| Services                               | 450          | 4,846         |
| Visitors                               | -            | 120           |
| Donations                              | 272          | 8,485         |
| House Boxes                            | -            | 157           |
| Special                                | 1,928        | 8,701         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>2,650</b> | <b>22,309</b> |

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Holy Matrimony

2nd September, 2021 .Alastair Fotheringham and Rachel Dutton both of Giggleswick, Settle



## BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Featuring catering from The Langden Grill Friday 5th November

Downham's Firework Display and Bonfire will take place on Friday 5th November in the village hall car park at 6 pm in aid of the Village Hall Refurbishment. We're back! Tickets for a lovely outdoors evening will be just £5.00 to include a great firework display and glass of mulled wine/soft drink alternative. Under 10's free. The bonfire will be lit at 6.00 with the firework display starting at 6.45/7.00pm.

Top quality food options available from The Langden Grill (recently featured on BBC TV's 'The Hairy Bikers Go North').

Space is limited, so please reserve tickets as soon as possible via [info@downhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:info@downhamvillage.org.uk).

All car parking and WC facilities in the car park at the bottom of the village.

**PLEASE NO DOGS**

**AND NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS OR SPARKLERS**

## A FAR CRY FROM DOWNHAM

Jenny Palmer, 2021

IN 'A walk around Downham,' 2005, Elizabeth Wrigley mentions the wooden seat by the brook, donated in 1987 by the Church of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons) to celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In 1837, the missionaries Heber Kimball and Joseph Fielding had travelled from America. They docked at Liverpool, travelled to Preston and up the Ribble Valley to Chatburn, where they baptised 25 people and Downham, where they baptised another 25-30. Some members of the Spencer, Thornber, Yates and Parkinson families converted to the Mormon faith and emigrated with them to the USA. There are no doubt descendants of these families still somewhere the area.

In 2016, after writing 'Whipps, Watsons and Bulcocks,' I was contacted by a descendant of Margaret Yates about a possible Whipp connection. Margaret was born in Downham in 1824, the seventh child of twelve, born to James and Margaret Yates. Her mother, Margaret Whipp, was the daughter of Robert Whipp and Jennet Boothman of Hill Foot, Twiston. She was born in 1785 and married James Yates, a farmer in Downham. It turned out the young Margaret Yates was one of those early converts from Downham, who had emigrated to Utah. In 1848, she became the first of four wives of Philo Taylor Farnsworth, and bore him nine children.

FamilySearch.org revealed that Philo Farnsworth was born in Ohio in 1826. He was baptised in 1843 and emigrated to Salt Lake Valley in 1848, where he was a farmer and stock raiser. He had charge of a team belonging to Franklin D Richards crossing the plains and acted as an interpreter with the Piote Indians, having learnt the Indian language. In 1864, he became the first Bishop of Beaver County, then a probate judge and a member of the Territorial legislature.

The last visit of the Church of Latter-Day Saints to Downham was in 2016, when Ralph Assheton hosted a fundraising event in aid of the new church organ. It consisted of two evenings of music, performed by members from all over Britain, and included three sisters who had travelled from Salt Lake City.

### Downham Post Office Service

### A Message from Councillor Scott

EVERY Wednesday morning between 11.00 and 12noon Downham has its own Post Office open for business. Situated within the village ice cream shop, customers can use the Post Office for a variety of transactions which include taxing your car, dropping off parcels, money transfers and of course buying books of stamps.

If you have not used the Post Office before please do think about using the service. We do not want to lose the provision of a Post Office within the village and the more residents use the service the better the chance of the facility remaining open.

### From the Secretary

### CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY

JUST A reminder that our next meeting will take place on Monday 1st November at 7.30 pm at the Catholic Club, Lowergate, Clitheroe.

We are most fortunate to welcome John Cowking as our speaker. His topic is *A Means of Enlivening the Community* Most of you will know of John as the conductor and musical director of Slaidburn Silver Band.

John is a most entertaining speaker and he tells me that he will not be showing pictures, but his talk will be supported by 'several artifacts'. I am uncertain as to what the artifacts will be, but I am certain that we will have an entertaining and amusing evening.

Non members are always welcome.

John Spencer



Do you want to continue getting out exploring the local landscape over autumn and winter? We have opportunities for volunteers to help us with a number of conservation activities, such as woodland management.

*People Enjoying Nature* will also be running Monday afternoon walks throughout the winter, and have some seasonal activities planned on Thursdays. Take a look at [www.pendlehillproject.com](http://www.pendlehillproject.com) for our opportunities or email [pendlehill.lp@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:pendlehill.lp@lancashire.gov.uk).

### 'EDGEROW 'ARRY

This is the time of year when the great wheel turns to its darker phase - a time of remembrance, of lives passing and the promise of rebirth.

Although this is the time of year we traditionally burn a human effigy of a communal enemy - normally represented by Guy Fawkes, we now seem to have "gone American" with a commercial celebration of Halloween. Yet those of a certain age may recall the days before the proliferation of pumpkins - instead we gouged out a swede (Scottish turnip) and placed a small candle within the makeshift head. The charred smell of these "Jack O' Lanterns" is as memorable as the grotesque form created as the head glowed and shrivelled. Such a folk memory may go back to Brythonic Celtic times. Or possibly even earlier...

There is a theory emerging, that, whilst still somewhat controversial, may explain why so many cultures have founding myths based on floods and catastrophes focusing on death and re-birth: It appears that a dramatic climate event happened about 12,500 years ago that may be linked to meteor impacts that affected the sun and Earth. As a result, a dramatic pulse of melt-water caused floods on northern hemisphere landmasses and a major rise in sea level. The hypothesis continues by suggesting the remnants of previous civilisations travelled to hunter-gatherer groups and introduced them to astronomy and agriculture - a manifestation of mathematics and human survival that recognises the mechanism of our solar system. The Taurid meteor stream passes within Earth orbit in late October/early November. From Earth they appear from near the constellation of Orion. It appears ancient megaliths may be aligned to represent this. Are they remembrance of past global devastation or a warning of future cataclysms? Or are were these stone constructions a collective project to teach humanity to be enquiring and resourceful? If so there may be hope for the future. Re-birth from calamity.

As Christians, we celebrate All Souls Day. As citizens, on the 11th of November and Remembrance Sunday, we reflect on those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in past conflict. There appears to be a pattern and resonance to this that goes back to ancient times: Samhain is the midpoint between equinox and winter solstice. A time of celebrating the harvest and an acknowledgement of darker days ahead - but also that, after the darkest day, the sun will rise again - reborn.

JA

### PENDLE HILL AND ITS SURROUNDS 1877 Dr Spencer T. Hall 1812 = 1885

Reprinted 1995

DOWNHAM HALL is the residence of R. Assheton, Esq., M.P. for Clitheroe, whose family has been distinguished in the neighbourhood from ancient days. The mansion, its grounds, and the proximate village, with rich green vale just by, and Pendle looking down on the whole scene, Ingleborough and Pen-Y-Ghent looming duskily but grandly in the distant sky, altogether make a more ordinary attraction hither.

If instead of coming by fields you go to Chatburn by rail, it may be worth your while to glance at the great lime works in passing; and as the bed of limestone there is said to be altogether thousands of feet thick, you need be under no apprehension of its early exhaustion. Let me add that the air about Clitheroe, Chatburn, Worston and Downham is the sweetest and healthiest you could wish to breathe.

## Pause For Hope

THE ANNUAL Ecumenical Service for All Affected by Cancer took place on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, at 3.00 p.m. at St Michael & St John's Roman Catholic Church Lowergate, Clitheroe. The Speaker was Fiona Castle, OBE., widow of Roy Castle, who gave a quiet and confident message of reassurance to sufferers and families.

The service was led by Canon Paul Brindle, The Ribble Valley Choir under conductor Stuart Kellington who gave an inspiring rendition of Beethoven's Ave verum,, and organist James Robinson. A Candle was lighted for every member of the congregation on behalf of a named person affected in some way by Cancer.

The service included two moving poems, *I held my sister's hand* by Margaret Donnelley read by Peter Donnelley President of the Roy Castle Foundation and one titled *Believe in Hope* by Brian Hartley and read by Betty Hartley.

## Whistle Down the Wind—60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

On Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November at the Catholic Club on Lowergate in Clitheroe BB7 1AG

DOORS 7.00 pm FILM 7.30 pm

TICKET event £10 must be pre-ordered from Clive on 01254 384893

The film will be shown, cast members will be present, including some from France and Cyprus, and who will take part in a Q and A,

Followed by an introduction to Neil Brandwood, author of the new book entitled *Whistle Down the Wind A 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*.

available from Amazon from 4<sup>th</sup> November. It is about the making of the film, books purchased on line may be brought for the cast and author to sign.

There will be a limited number of books on the night,

Neil is kindly donating sale proceeds to Marie Curie along with ticket sales and raffle.

There will also be a fantastic cake to be cut as part of the celebration, kindly donated by Sugar and Layer in Clitheroe.

The following day,

**Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> November, 12 noon until 4.00 pm,**

**an Exhibition**

of the film memorabilia will be held in St Leonard's Church Downham

funds raised from this event will support the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund. The lower dining room at the Assheton Arms will be available for purchase of refreshments and books will be on sale.



**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**COVID**

IN view of escalating Covid figures, the congregation at St. Leonard's will be very strongly encouraged to wear face coverings when entering and moving around the church either side of, and during, services.

The congregation will also be encouraged to egress the building as soon as practicable following the service, whilst avoiding congestion in the porch in the advent of inclement weather. Wardens

**St Leonard's Day Tidy**

10.30 – Noon Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

It is time once more to do some tidying around the Church and Churchyard. There are always little jobs that need doing, so anyone who can spare a few minutes or an hour or so on 13<sup>th</sup> November will be gratefully greeted.

We will include the placing of Poppies on our War Graves as part of our activities.  
RCA



**Remembrance Sunday**

**10.50 am** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November

DO remember that our service starts 20 minutes earlier than normal, in order that we can observe the two minutes silence at 11am.



**Stage 2 Downham** is planning a Spring production, a temporary venue is being sought.



Downham Pre-School

WE HAVE been learning about autumn this half term you may have seen us collecting leaves twigs etc around the village for our mud kitchen we have also been helping Michelle at the ice cream shop to use up all her stock before she closes for the winter - we are going to miss our visits.

We have also been doing lots of activities to help us with cleaning our teeth, we want the children to understand how important it is.

We have lots of fun activities planned for the run up to Christmas (did I really just mention that word). We plan to have our Christmas singalong in the church this year as the village hall is out of action. We will let you know more details nearer the time. Susan Carter



At the committee meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> October Andy Butler was elected as a committee member.

**Bonfire** Arrangements, based on an excellent risk assessment prepared by Phil, for the Bonfire and Firework display were finalised. Bookings are going well.

**Fabric/Refurbishment** An extension to the deadline for spending the Lancashire Environmental Fund grant has been granted. Work on the electrics is to be started within the next 2 weeks and expected to be finished January 2022. Work on the flat roof to be started (weather dependant) in November. Work to the fire escape has already begun. John Faraday aims to start the main roof in Spring.

Some volunteers for the gardens around the village hall have come forward.

**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations..**

Preliminary discussions for the public holiday 2nd/3rd June 2022. took place at the meeting. ..

**'EDGEROW 'ARRY**

**Tinder and mushrooms**

WITH THE colder and darker nights approaching, many minds may be thinking about tinder.

We take for granted how easy it can be to light a fire - the most primeval of comforts. An astonishing thought is that human development as omnivores and our species' long distance migration has a deep connection with fungi.

The spark that protected the journey of human civilisation was encouraged by this magical material: Remnants of the Amadou mushroom have been found at Mesolithic sites across northern Europe. It was also found in the pouch of "Oetzi the Iceman" the alpine traveller whose corpse was discovered trapped in 5000 year old glacial ice.

Here in Lancashire we have our own fungal fire starter - "King Alfred's Cakes" that grow on rotting beech and ash wood. Use sparingly - the smoke is pungent - but revel in the circle-of-life that becomes more apparent this time of year. Our connection with Mother Nature is a delicate yet as important as the mycelium networks we are only starting to rediscover and appreciate. JA



Daldinia concentrica - King Alfred's Cakes

**Crossroads quiz**

THE QUIZ advertised in September and due to take place on 12<sup>th</sup> November is postponed to the Spring. This due to the illness of the quizmaster,. Bill is recovering well and we send our best wishes for a complete recovery soon.

AS PART OF THE Centenary the WI decided to weed and plant the 2 raised garden areas on the village car park as a community project.



The work is now underway with weeding planting of hundreds of tete a tete bulbs and levelling out 1 ton of top soil, with another ton ordered to finish off before the bark is put down. Snowdrops and bee friendly items will be added.

The AGM saw most of the committee remaining in place, except new Treasurer Louise Ashroft. The committee are looking forward to a lively programme and will remain at the Calf's Head for meetings, for the foreseeable future. The AGM continued with an excellent presentation from InSitu and Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership with wonderful information about the peat programme with a host of questions being asked by members.

The following night so some members heading off to the Little Savoy Community Cinema in Colne for a private viewing of Sound of Music, Singalong, with Nuns outfits worn!! A brilliant evening had by all, when's the next one they asked, Mama Mia on order!!

The speaker in November is Dr Alasdair Carter about his exploits on his Lejog journey in a scorching summer, and everything that could have happened happened!!!!, humour guaranteed!! Members are going to the Calf's Head for a Christmas meal and entertainment in December.

There is now a Facebook page for Downham WI

There is wonderful post about the night out to Little Savoy cinema to see Sound of Music Singalong, which included a few bars of The Hills are Alive! Also the photos of the fundraising and laughter!!

Fun and friendship at its best!

New members always welcome. DP

