

















Parish Calendar 2015						
October			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>The Western Isles Steven Helliwell</i>	
4th	Trinity XVIII Harvest Festival	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B. Lewis	Mrs E. Parker	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
7th	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Downham Parish Meeting	Village Hall		
8th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
11th	Trinity XIX	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mr I. Walton	Mrs A. Chadwick Mrs S. Travis	
12th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
14th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs P. McFall	<b>New</b>	
		7.00 pm	Open Meeting	Deanery Synod	<i>The Christian Response to the Migration Crisis</i>	
15th	Thursday	7.30 am	WI	Village Hall	AGM	
18th	Trinity XX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs M. Roskell	Mrs D. Braithwaite Mrs F Eldridge
19th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Peter del Strother—Cement</i>	
25th	Trinity XXI	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins	
26th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
28th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	<b>New</b>	
31st	Saturday	6.00 pm	Halloween Party	Ice Cream Shop	<i>In Aid of McMillan Nurses</i>	
<b>November</b>						
1st	All Saints Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Sylvan Wreaths—Pippa &amp; Gill</i>	
6th	Friday	6.00 pm	Bonfire Night	Village Hall & Car Park	<i>Limited numbers see page 6</i>	
<p><b>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE</b> – Rev'd Andy Froud from 14th October—423317  Rev'd Andrew Whitehead to 14th October— 444734</p> <p><b>OUR CHURCH WARDENS</b>  The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p> <p><b>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>  <b>Chairman and Bookings Secretary</b> Mr Shaun Roney—441667  <b>Hon Secretary</b> The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210</p>						
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**DOWNHAM & TWISTON**  
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**From The Rev'd ANDREW WHITEHEAD**

Dear Friends, IT doesn't seem to matter how much you plan and prepare for something, when the anticipated activity actually begins, it still seems to take you by surprise. That's how the last few weeks have been in the Whitehead household. Although we've known about our move to Norfolk since May, the reality of cardboard boxes, packing tape and removal vans has been quite overwhelming.

The first batch of our possessions are already in situ in our new house following phase one of the move, and we are now in the process of preparing for the second and final phase in a few weeks. So the reality of this big change in our lives has well and truly dawned on us; even the cats seem to know that something is afoot.

One of the things I've been busy with, amidst all the chaos of moving house, has been the preparation for two important services. The first will be Evensong on the 18th October at St Mary's where we celebrate the life and ministry of St Luke, and where we also bid our farewells to the Ribble Valley. The second service is my licensing at Cawston Parish Church on the 12th November. At both services, one of the hymns I have chosen is the well-known hymn from the Iona community known as 'The Summons'. The first verse delivers a summons essentially in the voice of Jesus:

*Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?*

This was the hymn sung at our final service in Lancaster as we prepared for the scary adventure of theological college, and it's the same words I turn now as we prepare to face the next challenge in our life and ministry.

The final verse of the hymn gives our response to the summons laid out in the previous verses:

*Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.*

Thank you all for the love and support you have given us during our time here. Leaving will be hard and we will miss you all.

Yours in Christ, *Andrew Whitehead*

**O** LORD , we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church,: and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

## SPECTATOR

**O**NE of the things I enjoy about being Spectator, is that I am recording a bit of a history of Downham and of the worldly goings on outside, albeit from my cockeyed perspective and 'off' used "artistic licence." it's not just my ramblings, though it is mainly!

Although I love writing anything which will make people laugh, sometimes.... when I'm bored or when football is on and Jon ignores me until he gets hungry!!.....I look through past copies and it is the serious, real life things that happen and which I have written about which stand out the most. These are words straight from the heart and I feel privileged and grateful for the opportunity to comment on them.

I could not write about anything this month, other than the tragic news we got recently of the unexpected death of a young Downham Lad, Andrew Hayton. I remember Lucy being friends with Andrew and Luke when we moved in 20yrs ago and although I never kept in touch when they moved to Chatburn and Lucy had not seen them for years, we were devastated when we heard.

Villagers, have used few words, preferring instead a shake of the head and a shared feeling of shock and disbelief.

Speaking from personal experiences, life isn't easy for anyone but for some it can be unbearable. Whilst some make friends easily and find a place for themselves, others have trouble with the ordinary everyday skills we need to get on. Some people seem to have more than their fair share of troubles and some people just don't seem to fit.

Losing a child under any circumstances has to be a parents worst nightmare. We give birth, we love and nurture them, feel proud when they do well and worry when they struggle. We would gladly take their pain when they are ill, but they are not supposed to go before us. That's not in the plan

I just want to say that although I cannot begin to comprehend the suffering which comes with this loss, I am a parent, and as a parent, my thoughts and sympathies, together with those of many others I'm sure, are with Andrews family. I hope and pray that they find the strength to get them through this terrible time.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THE WORLD'S largest Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse is appealing for Christmas parcels for children who would not otherwise receive a present this year. We are invited to fill a medium sized shoe box with gifts for a child. A leaflet is available in church which lists age groups, what is wanted and what items should not be included . The three parishes of Downham, Chatburn and Low Moor have supported this appeal for a number of years now; we sent, collectively, over a hundred boxes last year. Boxes are wanted by local organisers before 7th November. The steps are easy 1. decorate a box, 2. decide on gender and age group 2 to 4, 5 to 9 and 10 to 14. 3. Fill box—no perishables, no sharps , no glass. 4. Attach label. 5. Enclose donation of £2.50 to cover costs of shipping. 6. leave box in church.

Full details are in the leaflet and at [www.samaritanspurse.org.uk](http://www.samaritanspurse.org.uk) . Further information from Anne & Derek 01200 429341 e-mail [annederekh@talktalk.net](mailto:annederekh@talktalk.net)



ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	August	2015
COMMUNICANTS	64	1,009
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	205	1,145
VISITORS	135	399
DONATIONS	2,302	11,870
HOUSE BOXES	-	34
SPECIAL	605	2,937
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,247</b>	<b>16,385</b>

## IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Bob Swarbrick, David Awbery, Carole Ashworth  
The family of Andrew Hayton

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

### HOLY MATRIMONY

14th August Benjamin James Laverick and Laura Lee Hudson Hind both of Burnley  
5th September Christopher Paul Morley and Emma Jane Dundon both of Barrowford

## FROM THE PCC

**A**T THE last meeting the Parochial Church Council considered the options available in connection with the Organ. Repairing the old one which has been in place for over a hundred years would be prohibitively expensive, replacing with a second hand pipe organ also very costly. The option chosen is replacement with a modern digital electronic instrument, in a suitable casing to tone with the furnishings of the chancel. Having decided there is a need now to submit an application for a faculty (planning permission) to the Diocese of Blackburn, after which there will be a two month delivery period. In the meantime a sub committee of the PCC is to advise on fundraising to meet the cost which is in excess of £25,000.

Bishop Julian is conducting six Call for Prayer meetings for the new Vision of the Blackburn Diocese our closest are St Leonard Padiham on Tuesday 6th October and Christ Church Blackburn on Thursday 15th both at 7.30pm there are others listed in a poster in Church.

## WELCOME

AS mentioned a few months ago Caroline Assheton had moved to the area, she has now moved into 18 Old Well Hall. WELCOME to your new home.

## The Bowland Forest Festival continues

Festival Events in October start with one nearer home others are detailed at the [www.forestofbowland/festival](http://www.forestofbowland/festival)

### Lord of Bowland's 5th Annual Lecture

Tuesday, 6th October 7.30pm – 9.00pm  
Tithe Barn, Browsholme, nr Bashall Eaves.  
*The Forest of Bowland Suite* - depicting a day in the life of Bowland: an illustrated talk by composer, Christopher Gibbs.

Chris will play excerpts from his orchestral suite and talk about the inspiration behind his music. Donations to Slaidburn Village Archive and Champion Bowland welcome on the night. Booking essential. Please contact the AONB office on 01200 448000  
SS

## FROM the DEANERY SYNOD

THE next Deanery Synod will be on Wednesday 14th October, 7.00 for 7.30 pm (venue still to be finalised)

It has been decided to devote the evening to 'The Migration Crisis: a Christian Response'; we have invited Dr Karl Moeller from the University of Cumbria (an OT specialist) to lead us in discussing this vitally important topic, and because of this **we are opening the Synod to any church member**

Please let a PCC member know if you would like to attend and we will let you have the Venue. DW

## DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING Wednesday, 7th October at 7pm

THE Downham Parish Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 7pm on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. All Downham residents are welcome to attend, as this is their chance to raise and discuss any matter that relates to local government activities in the area.

### TREES

RICHARD DAVIS continues to tidy up trees around the village. So far his work seems to have been appreciated by those who enjoy more light in their homes and gardens. Over the coming weeks he will be moving out of the village and up the Pendle Road, concentrating on those trees that might pose a threat to traffic. Compared with many areas of the country we are blessed with many beautiful old trees, but with age (and the increase in tree diseases) comes the risk of branches falling onto the highway.

### PHONE BOX

AFTER a fleeting incarnation in yellow, to celebrate the Tour of Britain, the old phone box is gloriously red again. The idea of using the box as a home for a defibrillator has been given a boost by the possibility of a grant from RVBC. It is however early days, so once finance has been firmly identified volunteers will no doubt be needed to undergo training. Watch this space. RCA

### BROOKSIDE REPAIR WORK

LCC arrived on time at the beginning of the month to start work on the rebuilding of the wall of the brook. For once hitting rock as soon as they started to dig was an advantage, so less concrete is needed and the job should be finished ahead of schedule. None the less it will be several weeks before the task is complete.

### The Ribble Valley Music Festival

THE next concert in the series is at Chatburn Methodist Church on Sunday 18th October at 2.00 pm and features the Craven Accordion Orchestra. "An afternoon of quality and diversity from this 18 piece orchestra". Tickets £8 from Roy Porter.

# DVH

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON BONFIRE & HOT SUPPER

Downham Village Hall Car Park  
FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER - 6pm

Admission by Ticket only  
Adults £5  
Children 5 TO 12 Years £2  
Under 5s Free

Supper included in price  
Hot Drinks for Sale  
Please bring your own soft drinks

Tickets on sale  
from 1st October  
**LIMITED NUMBERS**  
Ring 01200 441141

**OWN FIREWORKS & SPARKLERS  
ARE NOT ALLOWED**



## WHALLEY DEANERY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

Chairman - The Revd Andy Froud

## QUIZ NIGHT

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm

Clitheroe Cricket Club

Chatburn Road, Clitheroe

In aid of the society

**ADMISSION £7 per team member**

**Tickets from Tom or Philippa**

**Includes Pie & Pea Supper**

Enquiries : Ken Robinson 01200 428859  
0750 317 5657

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.**

## Halloween Party

at

Downham

Ice Cream Shop

Saturday 31st October,  
6.00 to 9.00 pm

All Welcome,  
in support of  
**Macmillan Nurses**

potato supper with  
peas only £1.00  
proceeds to  
the charity

Games & the best  
dressed Witch

## POST OFFICE REMINDER

AS reported last month, the Post Office service provided on a Monday morning in the Ice Cream Shop on Hare Green needs your support. If we do not use it we will lose it. Stamps, licences and foreign money are but a few of the things you can buy there. Give it a try. RCA

## DUCKS

CONCERNS were expressed over the Summer that the ducks seemed to have vanished. Thankfully they are back, presumably after enjoying an extended Summer holiday out of the area.



RCA

THE PARISH CHURCH

HARVEST FESTIVAL

OUR annual Harvest Festival will be on 4th October at 11.00 am There are three ways you can contribute to our harvest offering:

1. Long---life foods brought to the Service will be taken to the foodbank and distributed to clients.
2. Fresh produce will be distributed to parishioners who are sick or housebound
3. Financial donations may be made to the Bishop's Harvest appeal, which is a joint venture between Christian Aid and the Tear Fund.

We shall be decorating the Church on Saturday at 2.00 pm. AW

Andrew's last service at Downham will be on Sunday 18th at 11.00 am. This to be followed by a special Evensong at St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe at 3.30 pm with a party in the St Mary's Hall afterwards.

GARDEN CLUB

**A** VERY clear and interesting exposition of what goes on inside a beehive and how honey is made and extracted from the hive by beekeepers was given, with the aid of a scale model (of the hive not the bees) by Mrs Carol Johnson at the September meeting of the Garden Club. Mrs Johnson also explained about the location of her farm being very close to the former Barden Coal Mine at Burnley close to which she had established a mining Museum and cafe. The Farm has also diversified into jam and chutney making and some of this was on sale alongside the honey jars. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 1st October when there will be a presentation about the Western isles by Mr Steven Helliwell. CA



DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

DOWNHAM WELCOMES VISITORS

ON the morning of Wednesday 9th September, 25 members the Cheshire Landscape History Society were welcomed to St Leonard's by members of the congregation and the Downham and Twiston History Group. After a welcome and brief introduction to the Church History by Warden Ralph Assheton he went on to talk about the Village and The Downham Estate giving a brief insight into the history and the management of the estate in 21st Century.

Downham History Group members took the visitors in small groups for a tour round the village pointing out items of interest and answering questions. Their walk included a stop at the ice cream shop. The group have since written to say how enjoyable and informative the visit was.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

**A**T the regular meeting of the History Group held at the Village Hall, at 7.30 pm on Monday 21st September Tom Mclean gave a glimpse of the history and content of some of the late 19th Century magazines that were published in the Village. The presentation arose, he told the members, when complete a set of the Downham Magazine of 1889 and some copies of the Downham-cum-Twiston Parish Magazine covering the period 1895 to 1899 were lent by Edwin Jackson. These had been left to Edwin by his great Aunt Clara Preston, who died in 1986

Members were also given an update on the Banner application to the Heritage Lottery Fund which has been resubmitted to enable this bit of our history to be saved and presented to the Museum of Lancashire.

Our next meeting is on Monday 18th October at 9.30 pm at the Village Hall. The topic is "Cement" by Peter del Strother. Visitors welcome.

COOKERY CLUB



**T**REVOR Rutherford and family from Greendale Kitchen will be demonstrating at 6.30 pm on Monday, 28th September at the Village Hall. The session is fully booked and will reported in the November Newsletter. OAwb

COFFEE CLUB



**W**E decided to go ahead with our September Coffee Club, despite the absence of Carole and her famous custard tart, though both were sadly missed. There were a few other regulars missing too. Betty unfortunately had a heavy cold and our curate Andrew & family were busy, so Joseph Tobias had all the attention from the 'oldies' this week. Our own Dave & Olive were absent and your friends at coffee club wish you all the best.

As most of you probably know, my Husband and I (I've always wanted to say that!) are off to visit our Son in Australia and will miss the next meeting but knowing how supportive you all are I'm sure that you'll rally round and muck in! Frances & Peter have kindly agreed to staff the kitchen and of course Edith is our mainstay on the stall but would appreciate a few more items to sell, so if you could forage around in your cupboards for any knick-knacks that are collecting dust, we'd love to give them a new home. One last plea, if anyone feels like baking please could you ring Carole or Frances and ask if they're short of anything. Thank you. Our next meeting is on October 8th at 10 am, everyone welcome. BL

Carole .....440112 Frances....441141

Carole is recovering well from her op and will be back in charge next month, but not sure if she's up to custard tart making.

PRESIDENT, Francis Garner, welcomed the speaker, Dan Hill, from Rosemere Cancer Foundation, and members, to the September meeting. Dan had very kindly stepped in, as speaker, at the last minute.



Members were greeted with a glass of Buck's Fizz to mark the Centenary of the W.I. The hall had been beautifully decorated with balloons and bunting in W.I. colours by Rosemary Norgrove and Eileen Parker.

Dan Hill talked about the work the Foundation does, raising money for the Rosemere Cancer Trust. The Trust serves the area of Lancashire and South Cumbria and the foundation supports the Trust by: raising money for equipment over and above what the NHS provides. It is based in the Radiotherapy Department at the Rosemere Cancer Centre in the Royal Preston Hospital. Although many members knew and some had experience of the Centre, we were unaware of the great work the foundation does in raising money for projects to support hospitals in different parts of Lancashire and South Cumbria, as well as helping patients in a range of ways including the provision of complementary treatments. They have allocated funds for a Live Function Monitor at the Royal Blackburn Hospital. Blackburn is the regional centre for the treatment of liver disease and the only hospital outside London that has this equipment. The latest fundraising is for £100,000 for a 'state of the art' Chemotherapy Unit at Burnley General Hospital.

The President thanked Dan for his informative talk and members showed their appreciation and support by buying Rosemere Christmas cards and calendars.

A supper of tea and biscuits and W.I. Centenary Birthday Cake was served.

Members had had a busy early September and gave reports on visits to a range of events including the W.I. Centennial Fair.

The next meeting will be the Downham W.I. Annual General Meeting at 7.30, on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at the village hall. AK