

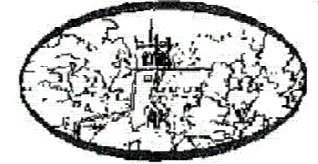
Parish Calendar 2016						
October			Event	Sidesmen	Altar	Church
1st	Saturday	Noon	Swarbrick Wedding			
2nd	Trinity XIX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Brian Whiteley	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F Eldridge
4th	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Management Cttee	Village Hall	Meeting	
6th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Gardening Club	Village Hall	Stephen Helliwell	
8th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
9th	Trinity XX Harvest	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker		Mrs A Moyle Mrs D Wilkins
10th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
		6.30 pm	Cookery Club	Village Hall	Antony Shirley	
12th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		
13th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	Trinity XXI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	Mrs C. McGrath	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
20th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	AGM	
23rd	Trinity XXII	11.00am	Matins Revd Ann Hardacre	Mrs A. Wallace	Mrs E. .Parker	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
24th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	C. Spencer Slaidburn & The King-Wilkinsons	
			Joyful Noise	Chatburn, Christ Church		
26th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P: McFall		
28th	Friday	7.30 pm	Quiz	Clitheroe	In aid of the Children's Society	
29th	Saturday	6.00 pm	Halloween Party	Ice Cream Shop	In aid of Organ Appeal	
30th	Trinity XXIII	11.00 am	Matins Mrs Linda Leadbeater	Mr I. Walton	Mrs K. Walmsley	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
November						
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	The Garden Club	Village Hall		
5th	Saturday	6.30 pm	Village Bonfire and Fireworks Display	Village Hall Car Park	See page 6	
6th	Trinity XXIV	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud The Vicarage Church Street Clitheroe BB7 2DD 01200 423317 / 0796 957 6691</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p>						
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<p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 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**

NORMAN LUND was born in Grindleton in August 1928 and grew up in Clitheroe at Pages Farm; he was the eldest of four children and helped his parents with the farm and milk round.

During the war years he attended the Grammar School and remembered the bombing of Chatburn. Upon finishing school Norman went to Burnley to take his higher certificate, returning to take his part in running the family farm.

Norman was one of the founding members of the Young Farmers in Clitheroe and following the death of the County Chairman he became the Chairman of the Lancashire Federation of Young Farmers. During this time he was to meet Brenda with whom he was to share over 60 years of very happily married life.

They moved first to Lower Smithy Farm in Twiston and then in 1958 took on Wood Farm and set about modernising it, making it the first farm on Downham Estate to install a milking parlour and loose housing. Norman acted as a mentor to a succession of farm men and students from Myerscough College.

Whilst continuing to develop the farm, bringing up a young family and acting as training advisor to his farm students Norman also served as Church Warden at Downham for over 40 years.

In 1965 he became a magistrate, originally at the local Bowland court going on to serve on the Clitheroe bench as Chairman. He eventually served at the Domestic court in Burnley until he retired at the age of 70.

Norman's many other contributions to our community life included membership of the Freemasons in Clitheroe, Craven and Yorkshire Grassland Society and a governor at Gisburn County Primary School.

The many long-time friendships which he made were reflected in the many people some of whom travelled great distances to be at the service of thanksgiving which was held at St Leonard's Parish Church on Monday 19th September. His family led the tributes in the service on the day. He was a kind and true Christian and gentleman who will be sadly missed by his many family and friends: but we give thanks to God for a rich life full of love, joy and laughter and lived to the full.

Yours in Christ,

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	August	2016
COMMUNICANTS	63	476
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	120	1,328
VISITORS	96	250
DONATIONS	303	4,997
HOUSE BOXES	10	25
SPECIAL	-	5,022
TOTAL	529	11,622

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Helen Addy

Tony Ashworth

Linda & Jon Whitsey,

The Family of Norman Lund

Kath Swarbrick.

SPECTATOR

Hoorah....I have the date for my operation at last...19th September...gulp!
In fact by the time you read this, I should have had the first two procedures, or maybe even all 3.

DBS (Deep Brain Stimulation) is still a fairly new way of relieving Parkinsons symptoms and I am very lucky to be in the 10% of those that it may help. Its not a cure and will not halt the progression of this awful disease, but, by enabling a reduction in medication, it can greatly improve your quality of life. If the pre op on the 13th goes well, it will be all systems go.

I will however be very sad to have my head shaved, even though I understand it will help to fight infections, because I always look like Freddie "Parrot Face" Davis in a hat and I bet I look like Donald Trump in a wig! I sent off for a turban from eBay which reminded me of bygone days and Hollywood glamour, you know Dianna Durbin etc....but I just looked shifty!

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and thoughts and good wishes because I had seriously started to give up on ever having the op, of ever feeling or being better, and then after a concerted effort by many, a miracle happened and I got THE DATE!

it was like the opening scene in one of my favourite films "It's a wonderful life" where heaven is suddenly inundated with requests asking for help and offering up prayers for George Bailey....so they sent an aspiring Angel, Clarence, to help. This time the help was being asked for Linda Whitsey and I got it, but don't stop just yet please, I'm almost but not quite out of the woods yet.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS September, 2016

HOLY BAPTISM

25th **Elsie Charlotte** daughter of Simon and Katie **England**, great grand-daughter of Betty Mercer.

25th **Simon England**, adult.

HOLY MATRIMONY

10th **David Matthew Corr and Emma Jane Naylor** Both of Ealing .

17th **Andrew Stuart Parr** of St Helens and **Helen Davidson** of Freshfield, Merseyside .

FUNERAL

19th **Norman Lund** JP, Church Warden St Leonard Downham born 1928.

Philip and Christine Naylor would like to thank all those villagers who helped make the wedding of David and Emma such a special occasion.

Bob and Kath Swarbrick have written: We would like to thank family friends and neighbours for making our 60th.wedding anniversary such a great day. Thank you for all the cards and lovely presents. Kath and Bob.

HISTORY GROUP The Temperance Movement and Band of Hope

On 19th September, Susan Bailey gave us an informative and educational talk on the birth and role of the Band of Hope. Alcoholism had been a national problem ever since William of Orange introduced gin to the country and it had not been curbed by successive legislation. One of the side effects of industrialisation was the insecure nature of work and this had led to excessive drinking by both adults and children. In response to this, some working people adopted teetotalism and formed self-help temperance groups, along the lines of the friendly societies and trade clubs. The Temperance movement originated in Preston in 1835. Its sister organisation, the Band of Hope, which originated in Leeds in 1847, was an organisation specifically for children. Its role was largely preventive. The temperance groups were non-denominational in character and had a national structure. They predominated in Sunday schools, providing entertainment in the form of singing, recitation and, later on, magic lantern shows. Around the turn of the 19th century, when the movement was at its height, over three and a half million people in this country alone, had 'signed the pledge'. The next meeting of the History Group is on Monday, 24th October at 7.30 in the Village Hall when we have a presentation on the Slaidburn Estate and the King Wilkinson family by Chris Spencer. JP

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP Many scant streams 1729-1835

As explained by Chris Topping, the term 'scant streams' refers to the miracle performed by Jesus at the pool of Bethesda. It was often used by friendly societies in the 18th and 19th centuries whose dual aims, as exemplified in Elizabeth Gaskell's 'Mary Barton,' were to provide mutual insurance, in the form of sickness and burial provision, as well as companionship for their members, the 'industrious poor.' The talk, given at the august meeting of the Downham and Twiston History Group, focused on the development of local independent societies, such as the Downham Benevolent Society, as opposed to the larger affiliated societies such as the Oddfellows, Foresters or Druids. The growth of these societies was largely down to word of mouth and it mushroomed across the country during industrialisation with Lancashire having the largest number. Each society had its own set of rules and regulations and could register with a local magistrate until the legislation was changed. The talk contextualised the Downham Benevolent Society, which in 1811 had a participation rate of 32%, in line with the national average.

The Downham banner, currently being restored, features in a photograph of the centenary celebration at the George and Dragon in 1885. The society was wound up in 1912 along with others across the country with the advent of Lloyd George's introduction of national insurance for all. Chris has tracked down a box at the National Archives, which hopefully will provide us with further fruitful research. JP

GOOD NEWS GREAT JOY

THE 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.

Celebrate the Clocks going back!

Quiz Night

featuring a Time-themed round
In aid of The Children's Society

Friday 28th October 7:30pm
Clitheroe Cricket Club
 Chatburn Road Clitheroe
Tickets £7 per person incl Supper
 Tickets from Children's Society
 Committee Members
 Philippa 441484 Tom 445471

ORGAN APPEAL HALLOWEEN PARTY
SATURDAY 29th OCTOBER
DOWNHAM ICE CREAM SHOP !!!
 Come one come all
 (grandchildren & great-grandchildren)
 6-00pm start.
 Hot Dogs & Parkin
 Adults £2-00 Children £1-00
All proceeds to Church Organ Fund
 'Games and Bran Tub'

Best Dressed Witch or Wizard
 See you there ! Carole .

PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PROJECT

WE'VE had a busy summer and things are progressing well with plans for the Pendle Hill landscape partnership. I'd like to **invite you along to our next Gathering – a public drop-in session to be held at Barley village hall on Wednesday 5th October, from 5.00 til 7.00pm. Please join us at any point, refreshments will be available.**

On the evening you will get a chance to see how plans are developing for our visitor management work, and a communications plan. You can also see the new landscape character study, including the boundary of the landscape partnership area.

There will be an opportunity to view the fabulous artwork produced during the *Fields on Prescription* project run by In Situ Arts this summer, and to hear the first performance of Joyce Branagh's spoken word piece 'Pendle Voices' CH

DOWNHAM & TWISTON BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday November 5th
 Village Hall Car Park.

Doors open from 6.30 pm
 Admission by ticket only
 Adults £5..children 5 to 12 years £2.
 under 5s free.
 Hot supper included in the price.

Tickets on sale from
 1st October - limited numbers.
 ring 01200 440925.

Please bring your own soft drinks
 Hot drinks for sale.

Please note that due to health and safety regulations, your own fireworks and sparklers are not allowed.

HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT

THE FOUR PEAKS CHALLENGE – COMPLETED!

(Part 1)



DESPITE a plea from the Editor for some copy about her experiences up the mountains, the team leader did not have enough time to do so before the new term began! Below are some reflections by the Sherpa.

After several changes in strategy, we settled on the plan of climbing Ben Nevis first as this was the furthest from Downham and the highest. Having left accommodation booking to the last minute (to ensure we had a spell of fine weather), we found all 180 hotels within 30 miles of Fort William fully booked. We therefore had to stay in Oban (which was beautiful, except for the chip stealing gulls) and drive an hour to the mountain on the appointed morning. The sun shone (initially) as we plodded upwards. The path was mainly well maintained, but consisted mainly of steps, so the walking poles I was trialling proved more trip hazard than help. After 5 gruelling hours, of which the last 2 were in a cloud, we reached the summit. Nothing to see through the murk but after a short rest we retraced our steps. All completed in exactly 8 hours.

After a day's rest in Glasgow (the team leader required some retail therapy) we headed for Scafell Pike, via a night at Penrith. Sadly, when we arrived in Wasdale we could not even see the start of the path through the cloud and rain, so aborted our climb and headed for Snowdon.
To be continued...

Due to delays in trying to set up a "Just Giving" web page we did not attempt to tout for sponsorship before the event, but if anyone feels moved to make a contribution to the Organ Appeal to acknowledge the hard work that the climbers put in, please use an Organ Appeal envelope (available in church) and mark it "4 Peaks"



MORMON CONCERT 13th NOVEMBER

AS PART of the push to raise money for the Organ Appeal, The

Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints (commonly called the Mormons) has offered to stage a musical event for us. They are hoping to perform "Our Story Goes On", a musical with a general Christian flavour. The planned date is Sunday, 13th November, but this has to be finalised, with national touring dates, performer availability and staging issues to be completed.

The Mormons are well known for their singing and are keen to help with the Organ Appeal after all the years of kindness that Downham has shown them. Keep the date free and look out for posters in the coming weeks! It will be a memorable event. RCA

TWISTON LANE

THE white markings on the tarmac up Twiston Lane are for road repairs. Apparently the potholes will be mended in January or February (weather permitting) and surface dressing will take place later. As with the works on Pendle Road, the road will be closed for at least a couple of days, though residents will be able to get home.

GREENDALE CAR PARK

AT LONG last Planning Consent has been given for a car park at Greendale. There are still one or two hoops to jump through before work can commence. Thank you to all those who wrote letters, signed the petition or attended the Planning Committee meeting. We got there in the end.



Forest of Bowland AONB As part of this year's Festival Bowland programme, Hopeful & Glorious will be staging an open studios and art fair over the hill at Higherford Mill and Pendle Heritage Centre in Barrowford on **Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th October**. Open from 11am – 4pm it's a great chance to meet the artists, enjoy – and buy! – Northern made art, craft and design. SS

THE PARISH CHURCH

VICAR'S GIFT DAY

ORGAN APPEAL

THE Saturday of the Bank Holiday weekend was warm and sunny, so the Vicar's entourage, led by the Wardens and including the Vicar's pew had a dry procession from Church. (Many thanks to The Seafood Pub Company for the loan of "T" as a furniture mover, as well as the opportunity to use their terrace).

Once installed and suitably shaded with parasols, the Vicar began to hold court. A steady stream of churchgoers, villagers, parishioners and those from further afield generously contributed to the Organ Appeal. By 2pm the princely sum of £1,900 had been donated, so once late donations and Gift Aid are included, the event raised £2,500.

Thank you to all those who worked, or donated and made the afternoon a productive and enjoyable occasion.

BELL ROPE

Anyone looking into the choir robing room would be forgiven for thinking that all the ringing practise has stretched one rope rather badly. In fact the rope dangling through the ceiling has been installed to allow the summoning bell to be tolled without the need to squeeze upstairs and use the ringing chamber. Please do not fiddle with the rope, however temping the role of Quasimodo appears!

MOVING IN

Brian and Barbara Lewis moved from 1, Greendale, Chatburn to Chestnuts, Downham on 24th September. Good luck in your new home from the parish.

The PCC is grateful to Newsletter Sponsors. The October Newsletter is sponsored by Bowland Bioenergy Ltd



**TREASURE HUNT
22nd September**

DESPITE a disappointingly low turnout of treasure hunters, a good time was had by all; all that is except, perhaps, for the unlucky team **who failed to spot** that they had a poorly collated set of question sheets, without page 2. This resulted in their having to complete the hunt in the dark! All those who took part agreed that it had been great fun, so another hunt will be organised next Summer.

Many thanks to Graeme Robinson for doing most of the organising of the event and The Assheton Arms for being our host and prize giver. The winner of the £20 gift voucher was Christine Naylor (well done The Girls!) RCA

DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING

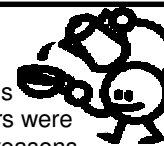
THE meeting was held in the Village Hall on 8th September. Matters discussed included the need for a car park at Greendale, the difficulty in getting any response or action from Lancashire County Council on any subject, and the time honoured favourite –dog fouling! On this final topic, the general opinion was that the situation had improved, but was not perfect, so the Dog Warden will be asked to return.

Councillor Scott confirmed that he is still pursuing the issue of broadband coverage, though there is no immediate prospect of improvement. He also warned that the bus routing and timetabling issue would be reviewed in 2017.



For sight of the full minutes contact Ralph Assheton (Re-elected Chairman) or Di Braithwaite (re-elected Clerk to the Meeting).. RCA

COFFEE CLUB



NOT much to report this month as our numbers were quite depleted for various reasons. Still we managed to enjoy ourselves and there was plenty more cake to go round, which is always a bonus! Our thanks go to Molly and Frances for their delicious contributions and to Di who staffed the bring and buy.....

Footnoteexcuse the pun but Carole was missing as she had an appointment with her chiropodist, who didn't turn up. I believe that Carole was hopping mad. Hope to see you all back in full strength on Thursday 13th October at the Village Hall. BL

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL GARDEN CLUB

WELL. It was a very different Garden Club meeting this month. Our speaker dropped out at the last minute, so I decided to let the meeting stand and just to have a get together and discuss how the garden show had gone. Before too long we were discussing speakers and places to visit as well.



The evening turned out to be Very productive. As there were 6 of the 8 members of the committee present we decided we would implement some of the suggestions made so we now have next years show, subject to confirmation.

Our next speaker has also cancelled on us but I have managed to replace her with a film show by Stephen Helliwell. He came to see us two-years since with a film on The Scottish Islands.

This meeting will be on Thursday, 6th October at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall.

RIBBLE VALLEY has many Delights, and in August Downham WI visited one of them. The WI had an outing to Stonyhurst College. Many members had visited before, either to walk around the beautiful grounds or visit an Antiques Fair, but most had not had a tour of the inside of the building. Members were fortunate to have a conducted tour by Christine Sunderland, a member of Hurst Green WI. She described in detail the transition of the building from a house built by the Shireburn family in the 1600's to the Jesuit School it is today. Members saw many historical artefacts, the beautiful chapel and much, much more. Members agreed it was a wonderful evening and appreciated Mrs Sunderland's informative tour.



Downham WI would like to thank all members and friends who contributed by giving up time or baking goods, to making the Downham WI cake stall, at Downham Open Gardens, such a success with over £200 raised.

IN SEPTEMBER Downham WI were delighted to welcome again, Pat Ascroft, who talked about a recent fundraising trip. Pat has accepted many challenges over the past 18 years to raise money for MENCAP. Her latest challenge was probably one of the toughest she has undertaken, as she was invited to go dog sledding in Arctic Sweden in temperatures of -25°C. Pat talked with great self-deprecation and good humour of the training needed before she embarked on the trip, and, the many challenges she faced once she had. She was by far the oldest person in her group, everyone else being in their 20's and 30's. Members were in awe of the enormous challenge Pat had undertaken and in fits of laughter at her telling of it.

The next meeting of Downham WI, will be the AGM, on the 20th October at 7.30pm in Downham Village Hall. AK



we are also to be found on the internet www.downhamvillage.org.uk

