

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

October		Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
3rd	Thursday	10.00 am	Boundary Walk	Downham Car Park		
		7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Kevin Preston—Planning for Winter</i>	
6th	Trinity XVI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mr & Mrs P Mercer	
7th	Monday	6.30 pm	Information Session	Village Hall	<i>Care in the Community and Dementia</i>	
		7.00 pm	Trees	Village Hall	<i>AONB Talk - Ted Green & Jill Butler</i>	
		7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>		
9th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
10th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
12th	Saturday	7.00 pm	Sensational 70s Disco	Village Hall	<i>Keith Harrison DJ</i>	
13th	Trinity XVII	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Revd Andy Froud	Mr A Herron	Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick	
17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>AGM</i>	
20th	Trinity XVIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	Mr EParker Mr & Mrs P Eldridge	
21st	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyfull Noise	<i>Chatburn Christ Church</i>		
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
27th	Trinity XIX	11.00am	Matins	Mrs P McFall	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor	
29th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC	<i>Church</i>	<i>Regular Meeting</i>	
31st	Thursday	6.00 pm	Halloween Party	<i>Hare Green</i>	<i>In Aid of The Children's Society</i>	

NOVEMBER

3rd	Trinity XX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
4th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Brian Jeffery Sabden Calico Printers</i>
5th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Bonfire	Village Hall and Car Park	<i>Fireworks at 6.30 pm</i>

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

'It ain't those parts of the Bible that I can't understand that bother me, it is the parts that I do understand.' (Mark Twain). Twain might have been stretching a point there. I have a degree (or two) in theology but I am still learning and still finding out new things from the Bible. That is a learning which may be 'facts' but more importantly is a learning which changes my life and its direction.

But reading the Bible is a challenge: how to find time, how to avoid returning again and again to those safe and comforting passages and how to avoid interpreting the Bible to just reinforce my own beliefs. Those are challenges that we all face but like all challenges they are best met together.

As Christians all of us are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ. That means learning about Jesus, His teachings, His Life and the lives which He calls us to live.

That means, a deeper commitment than just attending worship, It means a better knowledge of the Scriptures; God's revelation of who He is, what He has done and what He requires. Over 6 weeks from 29th September, you can follow with me a focussed six week study booklet allowing us to consider the Bible more deeply, with memory verses to learn, and space for personal notes as we pray and talk to God. Pick one up from the back of church or let me know if you would like one.

The Bible is for everyone: translators and Biblical scholars from William Tyndale onwards have risked and given their lives so that we can have the privilege of sharing in the word of life

Yours in Christ,

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	August	2019
COMMUNICANTS	47	283
COLLECTIONS		
SERVICES	490	4,155
VISITORS	84	449
DONATIONS	212	5,389
HOUSE BOXES	-	7
SPECIAL	750	6,804
TOTALS	1,535	16,804

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Olive Awbery, Kath Swarbrixck and others who are unwell.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy matrimony 7th September

NICHOLA HARBORD AND ASHLEY RUTH ERFORD
both of Chatburn

PENDLE POEMS

OUR Author, Historian, Poet, Jennifer Palmer of Hill Foot, Twiston has provided us with another slim volume. This time a collection of *Pendle Poems*.

The presence of Pendle Hill in Jennifer's life has inspired many of the poems in this collection. We are presented with a mix of observation and description; of history and the present day; of local and distant themes; of melancholy and humour; hope and brightness come through. A very enjoyable and altogether delightful book of 52 short works.



"OBSERVER"

LATE September and a vast, cobalt sky envelopes the green fields which flash silver in the soft breeze. From Top Green, early morning sharpness reveals the ivory limestone detail of Attermire and Giggleswick Scar, Yorkshire' trio of well-trodden peaks beyond still casting shade into their cool western valleys. On the local fells above Grindleton, hues of copper and iron, bracken and heather silently give away the season.

Autumn brings a clarity to our countryside and offers time for reflection on our world. I cast my eyes up into the blue seeking the weightless dance of a swallow or the flashing arc of a swift, sharing airborne bounty, their differences subtle and accepted, their departure unannounced and unnoticed; not so their celebrated arrival. Whilst the birds head south on an arduous yet borderless flight, below, desperate people are doing the opposite, their journeys more difficult, their escape from unknown hardship more urgent.

This ebb and flow of cultures, of beliefs and experiences, of eastern and western knowledge is nothing new, the shifts in strength almost tidal over thousands of years - from the ancient trading routes of the Silk Roads to the Norse place names that permeate all around us, indeed to the Roman road on which I stand that affords such heavenly views north and south of Downham..

The forked tails now flying to Africa endure vast temperature differences, blistering sun and icy blasts. They feed on the wing, unstoppable for months on end. Their tolerance has no limit.

My weary, panting Patterdale and I about turn, snaking back through the damp, flattened trail we have created. Like the seasons, change is inevitable and as we head to the warmth of home and towards the darker nights, I endeavour to take with me perseverance and a willingness to embrace for the rewards are so clearly all around us

THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER

Downham Ice Cream Shop is holding a
"HALLOWEEN PARTY"

In aid of the
CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY.



6pm until 8pm.

Pie and Pea Supper, including Parkin, for sale.
For Vegerarian Option, please ring Michelle on 441613.

Dress up as SPOOKY as you want.—Prize for the winner.
Fun and Games for everyone. Bring your family and friends.

(If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize
beforehand please contact Barbara Lewis - 440925).

THE LORD OF BOWLAND'S NINTH ANNUAL LECTURE

THE FOREST OF BOWLAND UNDER THE TUDORS AND STUARTS

Delivered by Dr Bill Shannon, landscape and cartographic historian



Tuesday 1st October, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Tithe Barn, Browsholme Hall, Clitheroe Road, Cow Ark, BB7 3DE

(Bar from 7.00pm)

Admission is free—donations are welcomed in aid of the Slaidburn Archive
Pre booking essential places may be reserved by contacting AONB
01200 448000 or emailing sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

Neighbour of the Year 2019

FOR the second year running, we've launched a nationwide search in partnership with Neighbourhood Watch to find and celebrate the UK's best neighbours.

Last year, Co-op members joined in shaping the criteria that we're using to judge this award. They told us the main things that made people next door great neighbours were their willingness to look out for each other, being sociable and friendly, offering practical help and being kind, caring and respectful.

In addition to our Neighbour of the Year Award, this year we have a brand new category: Community Spaces Champion. This award links into our endangered spaces campaign, and will be celebrating someone who has done something special using a space to enhance the community and brought neighbours together, or someone who has saved a space or an area from closure.

We'd love for you to get behind this initiative by encouraging those in your community to nominate a person who is deserving of this award.

Nominations can be completed online More information and links to the nomination form can be found on: <https://www.co-opinsurance.co.uk/hub/neighbour-of-the-year/>

The deadline for nominations is 18th October

AONB BOWLAND FESTIVAL 2019

Bowland's Landmark Trees

WHAT makes a tree ancient and veteran?
WHY is this country thought to have more veteran and ancient trees than any other country in northern Europe and why are they under threat.

Find out more when Ted Green MBE and Jill Butler, two of our leading specialists, deliver an evening lecture at Downham Village Hall on Monday 7th October at 7.00 pm.

At the lecture Ted will introduce the concept of working trees in the Bowland landscape, whilst the Forest of Bowland AONB will outline Champion Bowland's Landmark Trees Project – an initiative which aims to plant Bowland's future generation of special trees.

The lecture is free to attend but places need to be booked in advance. Please contact the Forest of Bowland AONB office on 01200 448000 or email robin.gray@lancashire.gov.uk for details.



DOWNHAM BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Downham Village Hall and Car Park
Doors open 5.15 Bonfire 6.15 Display 6.30.

Tickets £6 Including supper.

5 to 12s £3 under 5s free.

Tickets

01200 440925 or 07810267703

Sorry, no personal fireworks.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

THIS year we have moved to a local shoe box distributor, International Aid, which takes shoe boxes to Europe, Africa and Asia. You can pack a shoe box with small gifts for children or adults and be more specific about the age of child your box is for. Leaflets are available at the back of church and they give advice on what to include.

Please bring filled boxes to church by Sunday November 17th, so they can be transported and given out for Christmas or ring Derek Hardacre on 01200 429341 if you need your box collected DH

CHATBURN ROAD BRIDLEWAY

AT THE Ribble Valley Council Planning meeting on the evening of Thursday 3rd October the Chatburn Rd concessionary bridleway application is to be determined.

It would be helpful if local planning committee councillors have the assistance of local residents and others interested in this application by supporting the vote from the public gallery. RCA

The next meeting of the PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE is at 6.30pm on THURSDAY, 3 OCTOBER 2019 at the TOWN HALL, CHURCH STREET, CLITHEROE

TRADITIONAL BOUNDARIES WALK

COME and join us for a walk on Thursday 3rd October at 10am around Downham and Twiston whilst learning about traditional boundaries as we go along. Take in the views and learn about dry stone walls and hedgerows in our landscape and why they are so important. The walk is about 4 miles long and will start at Downham car park and finish at the Assheton Arms afterwards, where you can walk back to the car park or stay for a tasty lunch at your own expense. For more information or to book on email Jessica.Tearle@lancashire.gov.uk or call 01200 420 420. SS

STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



THE Autumn production will take place on Wednesday 27th November 2019 to Saturday 30th November 2019 inclusive, commencing at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall.

This time we bring you a terrific comedy with a Shakespearean twist! We will be performing 'A Bunch Of Amateurs', written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

Tickets are £8 and we plan to offer a meal deal with the 'Assheton Arms'.

The journalist, writer and TV presenter Ian Hislop is best known as the editor of 'Private Eye' and is also a long standing team captain of 'Have I Got News For You'. Nick Newman is a satirical cartoonist and scriptwriter who regularly contributes to 'Private Eye' and 'The Sunday Times'.

Their play concerns the attempt by a fading Hollywood action hero to boost his flagging career. He arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford. Unfortunately he finds that this is not the birthplace of the Bard in Warwickshire but the sleepy village of Stratford in Suffolk. His fellow thespians are not the legends of the theatre he was expecting but a bunch of amateurs trying to save their theatre from the developers.

Acting worlds collide and Hollywood's monstrous ego and vanity are tested to the limit by the enthusiastic amateurs. How does it play out? Come and see for yourself!

Bookings open on Monday 28th October 2019.

For tickets, email stage2playinfo@gmail.com or call the Ticket Hotline 07845 926295. For the meal deal please contact The Assheton Arms direct on 01200 423301.

COFFEE CLUB



I'M DOING a double report this month, as last month's disappeared between my computer and our editor's. He blames me if course but then he always does!

Anyway, last month was Sheila's 80th birthday. She very kindly brought delicious chocolates to share and Linda led a rousing chorus of "Happy Birthday". The atmosphere was very jolly, thank you Sheila, I couldn't miss mentioning such a special occasion.

September's meeting was quite busy, with everyone squeezing together on the big table. No chocolates this month but plenty of cake. The flowers looked lovely as usual, yellow roses, 'my' favourite. Thank you to everyone who help to make the morning special. Talking of special, there were beautiful hand- made cards for sale, courtesy of our own Carole. They went down a treat and hopefully will be a regular feature in future. In fact a little bird told me that Carole's been busy making Christmas cards too, so be sure to come to our next meeting, which is on Thursday October 10th at 10am.

Look forward to seeing you there. BL

GARDEN CLUB



STEVE HALLIWELL gave Members a treat with his presentation at the September meeting of the Club. After a brief summary of the Annual Show by Carole where members were leaned upon to grow more next year Steve gave a tour of the Estate of Levens and included great pictures of specimen trees as well as the expected presentation of the world famous topiary, some of which date back to the 1690s. We were strongly motivated to pay a visit to see it for ourselves.

DOWNHAM WI's speaker this month was Rose Donkin who regaled us with tales of running a B&B. With only one letting bedroom, she has had a rapport with most of her customers, with many favourites returning year upon year – or in one case - a gentleman who stayed for years and years!



Reports were received about the interesting August outing to Haworth Gallery and the successes at the area show, with one first prize floral exhibit brought in for all to see. The Treasurer presented the 2018/2019 audited accounts to members ahead of the AGM next month and nominations for committee members were asked for.

This month we welcomed Sheila Philips, who has just moved into Chatburn and we hope that she comes to next month's meeting which is on October 17th when it is the AGM. There is no pressure for anyone to stand for office, we are just happy to welcome new residents to this beautiful village. KB

Garden Club members were asked to return their menu requests for the annual December Dinner at the next meeting which is 3rd October when the speaker will be Kevin Preston—Preparing for Winter. Sounds like hard work to me.

And the ever popular raffle—a monthly opportunity to share with friends a precious hand-crafted tea pot cover in the shape of a swan, a gift from the late Auntie Nellie.

The Garden Club received a very warm thankyou at the Crossroads Care reception for supporters held at the end of August. This year kindly hosted at Downham Hall. Our Club Members always keep in mind very generously the family members who care for a loved one in their own home.