

PARISH CALENDAR 2021

OCTOBER			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
3rd	Trinity XVIII Harvest Festival	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs E Parker	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
10th	Trinity XIX	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
17th	Trinity XX	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace		Mrs B. Lewis Mrs j Shepherd
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	AGM and Pendle Landscape Partnership	
24th	Trinity XXI	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron	Mrs K Walmsley	Mrs J Feibel Mrs A Wallace
31st	Trinity XXII	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
Don't forget clocks go back one hour tonight						
November						
7th	Trinity XXIII	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mr & Mrs P Mercer
14th	Remembrance Sunday					

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Chairman Mr Neil Wallace —441196
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Village Hall Bookings —info@downhamvillagehall.org.uk .

Downham Social Media Resources
The public Facebook page -
"Downham Village"
The private Facebook page
"Downham & Twiston Residents"
Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham
WI Here to Help"

CHURCH RESOURCES
Regular worship is streamed
by Rev Andy Froud
on **Youtube** via
St. Mary Magdalene website
www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

One of the positives of the early covid 19 lockdown was people being able to rediscover the beauty of nature. The sun shone, the birds seemed to sing more loudly, everything seemed painted in brighter colours as the world slowed down.

While not going back to those days it is a shame that in the midst of the pandemic we have lost sight of the need to care for creation. The roads are more full of traffic than ever before as commuters abandon public transport and the skies are once again criss-crossed with con-trails.

What we can all fail to remember is summed up in the prayer of David before the dedication of the Temple.

"Yours Lord, is the greatness,
The power and the glory,
The victory and the majesty;
For all that is in heaven and in earth is Yours"
1 Chronicles 11:29

If it sounds familiar it is because it is part of the prayer of offering before the eucharist prayer. It is there to remind us that all everything comes from the God who holds all of our souls in life and what we give to him is in reality already his.

This year on our Harvest weekend some pilgrims will be passing through Clitheroe on their way from St Albans to Glasgow and the COP 26 (COP stands for Conference of the Parties - the nations that signed up in 1996 to fight climate change).

They are following a Camino. Camino simply means 'the way'. People walk the Camino for many reasons: these pilgrims are walking to remind us all of the urgency to care for creation: I hope you will join me in welcoming them and renewing our awareness of the fragility of the world we have been entrusted with: I hope you will be able to join with us too in celebrating our traditional Harvest on October 3rd at 11.15 am.

Yours in Christ

O GOD of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons
 May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.
 May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal. We praise you for your goodness forever and ever. Amen.



Help us to help others!

Rotary will be collecting unwanted items on Clitheroe Market on the following dates
 Saturday Sept 4th / October 2nd / November 6th and December 4th.

What are we collecting?

Unwanted IT for **IT Schools Africa**— computers, laptops, tablets, flat screen monitors, phones, cables and printers.

We have donated thousands of computers over the years from Clitheroe to help teach IT in schools in Africa.

Tools and sewing machines for **Tools For Self Reliance**—power and hand tools in working order, gardening tools and sewing machines.

These items allow people to set up their own businesses in Africa.

Winter coats for women, men and children for **Wrap Up Lancashire** — these will be distributed to those in need throughout the County.

In the past Ribble Valley has donated thousands of garments to keep those less fortunate to stay warm in winter.

Empty foil pill blister packs—these are donated for recycling to

Marie Curie via Superdrug .

Old spectacles will be donated for recycling via **Inner Wheel**.

Thank you for your support, we hope to see you soon!

For further information of Rotary in the Ribble Valley, contact:
 Bill Honeywell on 07866 413825 or bill.honeywell@gmail.com



DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	August	2021
Communicants	41	196
Collections		
	£	
Services	817	4,396
Visitors	-	120
Donations	272	8,213
House Boxes	157	157
Special	400	6,773
Total	1,646	19,659

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

2nd September 2021 Rachel Emma Dutton and Alistair John Fotheringham of Whalley.

Bus Service Improvement Plans 2021

Lancashire County Council (LCC) is working closely with bus operators to prepare for a major change in the way buses are funded and organised following the government's launch of The National Bus Strategy, Bus Back Better in March 2021.

The strategy sets out an ambitious vision to improve bus services in England, with a focus on councils and bus operators working more closely together, and alongside local communities, to create a network that reflects local people's priorities.

The first step is for councils and bus operators to create a Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), which will act as a vision for how we try to improve Lancashire bus services over the next years..

The timescale is extremely tight the BSIP must be published by the end of October 2021. The new scheme is due to be in place from April 2022. BSIPs should then decide how Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) and operators propose to deliver the key goals of the Bus Strategy in the area, including:

More frequent bus services with better provision in evenings and weekends. They should be faster and more reliable, cheaper and easier to understand. There should be better integration with other modes and innovation.

There must be significant increases in bus priority, which means protected bus lanes and bus gates. Bus stations should be protected from closure and redevelopment, be improved and well maintained and there should be staff available for customer care and information.

The local bus network should be presented as a single network with clear passenger information.

There should be a strong network identity, bus stops should show accurate information, with real time where relevant, and timetable changes minimised.

Buses should also be accessible for all, so stopping facilities need to be upgraded and be Equalities Act compliant. There will be options to bid for the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas Scheme with partners, to deliver more modern buses and decarbonisation.

As part of this, LCC is conducting a passenger engagement survey at:
www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/public-transport/

RCA



Festival Bowland in October

On **Thursday 7th October** the Forest of Bowland AONB will be running a series of Trampler taster sessions along the 1 ½ mile Birch Hills Trail at Gisburn Forest & Stocks near Slaidburn.

Trampers are specially designed, all-terrain, four-wheel drive electric buggies, which can be used on country tracks, mud and grass. Trampers can help people who have difficulty walking, or who may be disabled, to experience the countryside and to accompany friends and family on suitable routes.

Sessions are available at **10am** and **1:30pm** and will last around one hour. Toilets and café are located approximately 1 ¼ miles away at Gisburn Forest Hub. Early booking is recommended as Trampler numbers are limited. Accompanying family and friends are welcome. The event is free but donations towards the upkeep of the Trampers are encouraged. (Details on the day)

Booking essential. For more information, and to book a place, please email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk



Allied Westminster CALLING PHOTOGRAPHERS £1000 PRIZE FOR YOUR VILLAGE HALL

It's back! This year we're teaming up with The Village Halls Podcast to bring you our 'Wonderful Villages' Photo Competition.

Win up to £1,000 for your Village Hall and £500 for the photographer. Plus other cash prizes. Entry is free and no purchase is necessary.

This year's competition will run until 21st November 2021.

For more information and to enter visit: www.thevillagehallspodcast.com/photo-competition

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LOCAL BUSINESSES—1

Bowland Bioenergy, is now in its seventeenth year, the last ten based at Smithfield Farm, Downham. We supply renewable biomass wood chip to local schools, colleges, offices, domestic properties, hotels & leisure centres for heating & hot water. The chip fuel is manufactured on site and bought and sold as locally as possible. Currently our roundwood is coming from Cowark. It is disease infected larch, the same as at Hookcliffe in Downham; the site must be clear felled. The woodland is part of a management programme so will be re-planted.

You may see some of our timber stacks around the Downham estate. These are stock reserves that are currently air drying and will be brought up to our site, chipped and delivered. In times of product and driver shortages we are glad to have these reserves to ensure our customers keep warm over the winter.

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Pause For Hope

An Ecumenical Service
for All Affected by Cancer

Sunday, 24th October, 2021
at 3.00 p.m.

At St Michael & St John's Roman Catholic Church
Lowergate, Clitheroe, BB7 1AG

Speaker:
Mrs. Fiona Castle, OBE.
(widow of Roy Castle)

DOWNHAM PRE SCHOOL

THE start of term has gone really well all the children have settled well. We have been out in the village enjoying the sunshine and ice cream before the winter months arrive.

We have moved into the 21st century over the summer, introducing an online management system with a parent App. Through this system we are going to be doing all the observations and assessments required by Ofsted. Along with all the day to day running of preschool. It will help reduce our carbon footprint - much less paper, printing etc. Staff will also get to spend more time playing with the children..

Watch this space for more changes over the coming months. Susan and the Team.



BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Friday 5th November

Will be held in the village hall car park at 6 pm in aid of the Village Hall Refurbishment.

We're back! As well as we can be. Tickets for a lovely night will be just £5.00 to include great firework display and mulled wine/soft drink alternative. Under 10's free. The bonfire will be lit at 6.00pm with the firework display starting at 6.45/7.00pm. There will be mobile catering van, so you can choose your own food options. Please pre-book tickets to collect and pay for on the night at info@downhamvillage.org.uk.

(Please note that there are no WC facilities at the village hall, but they are available in the car park at the bottom of the village).

OA



THE PARISH CHURCH

SUNDAY 19th September at Blackburn Cathedral at the 4.00 pm Choral Evensong Service saw a special service.

Andy Froud, our vicar was among twelve new Canons of the Cathedral, to be installed in their seats in the Cathedral by the Dean... The Bishop of Blackburn led the service the service was sung by the Girls Voices of the Cathedral Choir.

We congratulate Andy on his being recognised for his exceptional work as a parish priest in charge by this honour.

Old and peculiar local punishments

The Act Book of the Ecclesiastical Court of Whalley, held at Chetham Library, Manchester gives an interesting insight into local punishments meted out by the Church in the early 16th century:

In April 1518, a General Visitation, held at Whalley parish church imposed sentence on a number of local men for working on Holy days or the Sabbath: Miles Crabtree and James Herteley admitted the charge of ploughing the land of Robert Varley of Barleybooth during Easter. Henry Hertley of Rough Lee admitted to carrying twenty packhorse loads of oats from Craven on a Sunday.

What cruel and (usual for the time) punishment were these men sentenced with? Carrying several loads of *Sclate stonz* (stone "grey slate" for roofing) to Downham church.

In August 1532, Thomas Verley admitted contempt of court and submitted himself for penance. His punishment was to process around the Chapel of St Michael in the Castle and then to Downham Church for a second day of penance. The opportunity to avoid this hardship was agreed by paying a total of 6s. 8d. in several instalments falling on feast days that autumn. John Nutter agreed to be guarantor for these payments.

JA

New Police Community Support Officer (PCSO)

PCSO Mick Kearns-Turner has recently switched beat location, in order to cover the Ribble Valley rural areas. He has been a PCSO for over 15 years and worked throughout the Ribble Valley in his career. He can be emailed on 7234@lancashire.police.uk. Hopefully you may be able to see him out and about

DVH fundraising evening at Greendale View Kitchen

The fundraiser held on the last Saturday evening of September in the gardens of Greendale View Kitchen was a great success. This may have been the first opportunity in almost 18 months for many in the village to gather together, enjoy each other's company and enjoy the lovely view with delicious food and fabulous entertainment.

Thanks to all who contributed and worked so hard to make the evening a success. A welcome £844 was collected in total for much-needed Village Hall funds.

Special thanks to Wrong Direction for their entertainment, all who contributed tombola prizes, Stage 2 for sticking with us and also to the Rutherfords of Greendale View Kitchen who not only worked their socks off free to give delicious pizzas but also gave us a very welcome £100 donation from bar takings to reach the final sum raised. OA

Save water - drink beer?

United Utilities have announced the reservoirs that feed our local water supply are at surprisingly low levels for this time of year - about 36% full instead of the usual 70% for Haweswater and Thirlmere in the Lake District. It has been the driest June-September up there for 130 years.

As this impending emergency coincides with the start of the university year, this may give new students the opportunity to do their bit to save water by drinking beer and saving their clothes washing until a return to the family home at October "reading week". JA

'EDGEROW 'ARRY Food for thought

As we move into autumn, the parish seems to be abound with a surfeit of soft fruit.

On a lovely walk along the local lanes, I asked young 'Arrison what was the difference between a damson and a plum. With a cheeky smile that only an 8 year old can carry off, schoolboy humour got the better of him - *"the difference is that plums have bums!"* - he exclaimed in description of the fruit's distinctive crease. Charming but undeniably valid, and something I've never fully appreciated before.

Putting such wise cracks behind us, let's take a gander at some creative recipes from the WW2 era that may help us enjoy our local bounty:

Stoned Plum Crumble

1 lb plums, Butter the size of an egg (margarine can be used for wartime v eracity), 3/4 teacupful of sugar, a teacupful of self-raising flour.

Place stoned raw plums in a pie dish with a little water. Sprinkle 2 tablespoons of sugar over. Put flour in basin and rub well with butter, adding the rest of the sugar. Add this dry mixture (that should be crumbly) evenly and thickly over the fruit. Bake in moderate oven for 30 minutes.

Colonial Plum sauce

1lb plums, 1/4 pint vinegar, 6 oz sugar, 1 tablespoon salt, 2 small onions, 3 cloves, 6 crushed peppercorns, 1 chilli pod, 1/2 teaspoon mixed spice.

Put all into a pan with lid. Bring to boil slowly then simmer half an hour. Leave till cold. Take out onions (good to eat with a strong cheese), sieve the sauce. Boil a further 5 minutes then bottle. JA

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At long last members were able to meet in person on 14 September at the Calfs Head in Worston, our temporary home.

Diane warmly welcomed members, new members and returning members, after such a long absence. Starting the meeting with traditional Jerusalem but, unusually, with Musical accompaniment, thanks to Mike.

Various suggestions re new projects, activities, including a coffee shop meet up, crafts to be taken forward. The banner made for the centenary was displayed, with awards received from LFWI for 100th birthday.

The schedule for the annual show 2022 now ready, talented members will get their entries started in lots of categories.

Denise kindly attended a meeting to discuss the patches being made for the Coat of Hope which is making its way to the Glasgow COP. Samples were passed round with materials and DIY information: most fascinating. Details if the Caministas Schedule of their visit to Clitheroe on 4th and 5th October were available with requests for vegan/vegetarian cakes to feed them during their stay. There will be all sorts of activities being held on those dates for anyone to attend. It all sounds a marvellous event and any contribution is greatly appreciated. Details of patches and schedule of visit available, please contact DP. Denise is happy to collate patches to pass on to organisers. Am sure any sewers will be interested.

The AGM is being held on 21 October meeting followed by a visit from Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership to tell us all about the Peat project. Sales table of upcycled items, and seasonal produce will be available.

On 22 October members have been invited to a private cinema showing of Sound of Music, sing a long version. Doors 7pm starting at 7.30, pay bar available with snacks. Payment by donation, this promises to be a wonderful evening in a very unusual and quirky venue, and the invitation has been extended to families and friends to give support to this community venue. If anyone would like to come along please make contact.

The venue adheres to covid safety rules.

A presentation of a plant was given to Susan who has kept members entertained via the WhatsApp page with her weekly quiz, plus banter to share. Members thanked her for her hard work since the beginning of lockdown.

New members always welcome to come along. DP