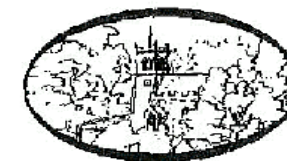


PARISH CALENDAR						
OCTOBER			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Trinity XVI	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis	Mrs E Parker	Mrs L Ennis
5th	Wednesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Management Cttee	Village Hall	Meeting	
7th	Friday	7.00 pm	Ken's Quiz	Cricket Club	In Aid of The Children's Society	
8th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church	for Harvest Festival		
9th	Trinity XVII Harvest	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron	Harvest	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
16th	Trinity XVII	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Mrs A Wallace	Hon Mrs R Assheton
20th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Christian Book Club	Worston Mission Room		
23rd	Trinity XIX	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
30th	All Saints	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis	Mrs K Walmsley	Mr & Mrs I Walton
NOVEMBER						
5th	Saturday	5.30 pm	Re-opening of Village Hall & bonfire	Village Hall and Car Park	Re-opening at 5.30 pm Bonfire at 6.00 pm and fireworks at 6.30 pm	
6th	3rd before Advent	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mrs J Shepherd Mrs A Wallace
THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SPONSOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER						
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Downham Social Media Resources The public Facebook page - "Downham Village" The private Facebook page "Downham & Twiston Residents"				CHURCH RESOURCES Regular worship is streamed by Canon Andy Froud on Youtube via St. Mary Magdalene website www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk		

# PARISH OF ST. LEONARD DOWNHAM & TWISTON



# newsletter

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**From Canon Andy Froud**

Dear Friends.

There used to be a little joke in 1990's academia that any paper or book title should include the phrase "Change and Continuity".

Still reading? I did say it was a little joke: I'm sure nobody snorted their coffee out reading it.

There is always change and continuity: some things change and others remain the same. Last month we saw a momentous change in our national life and in the world, with the death of Queen Elizabeth II. Yet, of course, as soon as the Queen died, the proclamation became "Long live the King!" The Queen is dead but the monarchy survives (for the time being at least).

Our society has long prized novelty above all things, first in commercial matters ("New and improved! New formula!") then in political ("New Labour!") But Queen Elizabeth represented a continuity and stability in her person that has caused her death to be marked with sorrow not just in this country and in what was when she became Queen the Empire, now the Commonwealth but all around the world. Millions, if not billions around the world watched on TV, computers or phones.

At the beginning of her reign Her Late Majesty declared in a 21st birthday broadcast that her whole life would be dedicated to serving the Nation and Commonwealth. As The Archbishop of Canterbury remarked in his sermon "Rarely has such a promise been so well kept! Few leaders receive the outpouring of love that we have seen."

Through her love for her people and God and her devotion to duty we see something of God's eternal love for us. The saviour who we follow is the Alpha and the Omega, Jesus Christ the same yesterday today and forever.

May we be inspired by her life to live our lives more fully in the light of God's eternal love.

Yours in Christ,

ALMIGHTY GOD, whose unchanging nature as Lord of all principalities brings us comfort during times of change. Draw near to King Charles III and the Royal Family as they mourn the loss of Her Late Majesty in private. During this time of private mourning for them, encourage in us a desire to serve and point to you, just as Her Late Majesty did, and in so doing reflect your Son.  
Amen

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	August	2022
Communicants	36	258
Collections	£	
Services	185	4,391
Visitors	32	227
Donations	212	7,816
House Boxes	-	-
Special	-	11,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>22,825</b>

#### IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

**Shaun Roney** Who has been unwell.


#### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS HOLY MATRIMONY

17th September Kurt Chadwick and Emma Louise Offler

*The Way to  
Pendle Hill*  
from the  
Manchester Times  
26th September 1918



The **Manchester Times** was a weekly newspaper published in Manchester from 1828 to 1922



## Clitheroe Civic Society

The Civic Society meets monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7.30 pm at the at St Michael and St John Centre on Lowergate Clitheroe. Speakers cover a wide range of local history topics. Membership is open to all and visitors are welcome.

3rd October	Steve Ragnall	The Shuttleworth Connection Clitheroe, King and Cook
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Steve Ragnall is an historian from Clitheroe, who lectures around the world on nautical matters. He has worked in local radio. Is a musician, writer and presenter, and a Member of the Society for Nautical Research.

7th November	Phil Braithwaite	Restoration Services UK
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Philip Braithwaite has many years of experience working within the restoration sector. Having started his career as a school leaver, he worked his way up the ranks of the construction industry. Phillip has a passion to preserve historical buildings and landmarks. He has achieved qualifications in many specialist techniques and skills and is therefore, regarded as a leading expert in building restoration by sector peers.

*A very special*

## Autumn Recital

For people living with dementia  
and their friends

Saturday 22nd October  
2.00 pm

Knowle Green Village Hall

*Simon Larner*

*Pianist and Teacher*

To reserve a place email  
simonlarnar@outlook.com

  
 Whalley Deanery  
Fund Raising Committee

## Ken's Quiz

In aid of The Children's Society  
@ Clitheroe Cricket Club  
Chatburn Road Clitheroe BB7 2AS

Friday 7th October 2022  
7.00 for 7.30

Teams of up to 6 players  
£10 per person including supper

Further information and tickets  
from Ken or Jo Robinson

07503 175657  
07503 165453  
01200 42885

## RIBBLE VALLEY CROSS ROADS CARE

A REGISTERED charity caring for people and their families that is well supported in Downham and Twiston, organises several day time activities for older people including people living with dementia.

*Time 4 You* at West Bradford Village Hall is on Thursdays 11.00 am to 3.00 pm and includes lunch and snacks

### *Live Laugh and Lunch groups*

Lunch Group at Chatburn Methodist Chapel is held on the last Wednesday of the month at 12.00 to 2.00 pm

Whalley Lunch Group at "Flavours" The Sidings, on the last Friday of the month 11.30 to 2.00 pm

### In partnership with *Outdoors 4 All Together*

A two hour outdoor session is held in Whalley Abbey's lovely grounds every Monday 10.00 am to 12 noon.

A Fund raising quiz is planned for 11th November at West Bradford Village Hall.

For further details see  
[www.ribblevalleycrossroadscare](http://www.ribblevalleycrossroadscare) and  
telephone the Office at 01200 445471

## ARCHAEOLOGY EXHIBITION

1st and 2nd of October  
11.00 am to 3.00 pm

At Rimington Memorial Institute

Come and explore the archaeological work of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership 2018-2022



Don't forget  
Clocks go back one hour  
Sunday 30th October

## DVH DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

# BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

**Saturday 5th November**

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

**Re-opening of Village Hall  
following major works  
is at 5.30 pm**

**Come along and see the improve-  
ments before enjoying the fireworks**

Tickets for a lovely outdoors evening will be just £5.00 to include a great firework display and glass of mulled wine/soft drink under 10's free.

The bonfire will be lit at 6.00  
with the firework display starting at  
6.45/7.00 pm.

Top quality food options available from  
The Langden Grill

Space is limited, so please reserve  
tickets as soon as possible via

[info@downhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:info@downhamvillage.org.uk).

All car parking in the village car park  
at the bottom of the village.

**PLEASE NO DOGS,  
PERSONAL SPARKLERS or FIREWORKS**

## ' Help for farmers, by farmers: regenerative agriculture videos

UK FARMING is facing a perfect storm. Costs of inputs (for example fertiliser, pesticide and fuel) are soaring, weather patterns (and the climate) are changing and there is a new funding system for farmers to get used to.

You may have heard of 'regenerative' farming. It teaches us to see food production as integrated with nature and helps to build up local food systems. It can reduce inputs (and bring down costs), increase profitability and future-proof farm businesses. It suits upland livestock as well as market gardening and arable.

The Northern Real Farming Conference (NRFC) supports regenerative farming. With support from WWF-UK's Land, Food and Farming Fund, we have made a series of videos to help farmers research the approach. They show farmers talking about their experiences and offering concentrated practical advice on the profits and pitfalls of changing land management methods.

In 'Three Regenerative Farming Projects', Cumbrian farmers talk about how they have changed to 'rotational grazing' of sheep and cows - moving stock every day or two and letting the grass regrow - and how they now don't buy in feed or fertiliser and their farms are in profit.

In 'Local Wool and Textile Production', you can hear about the stories behind new Lake District tweeds, a British wool database for weavers and knitters and yarn making from sheep local to the shop.

The videos are available at [www.northernrealfarming.org/video-resources/](http://www.northernrealfarming.org/video-resources/) and they are really worth a watch even if you don't farm yourself! Do have a look and join our farmers' network. Email us on [ellen@lessuk.org](mailto:ellen@lessuk.org) for more information or to say hello.

Andy Chapple

United Benefice of Clitheroe St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe Low Moor St Paul'  
Chatburn Christ Church and Downham St Leonard

It was announced on Sunday 4th September, 2022  
In each church in the united benefice that

The Priest in Charge  
The Revd Canon Andy W. Froud  
had been appointed Rector of the Parishes of  
Foulridge, Laneshawbridge and Trawden in the Pendle Deanery  
from early next year

We give Andy and his family our prayers in his new ministry

We pray too for the continuing work in our parishes  
and that the vacancy be filled soon

## THE PARISH CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL

HARVEST THANKSGIVING will take place in the morning service at 11.15 am on Sunday 9th October. Donations for the Bishop's Harvest will be welcomed and harvest gifts may be left in church on Saturday 8th or brought along to the service. Items which may be passed to the food bank at this time will be really appropriate.

## PCC

### Organ

THE PCC agreed to continue to make full use of the Robot Organ music and to spend a modest sum to increase the library of music. Consideration would then be given to the re-introduction of live Music to Morning Prayer and the return to the full (as opposed to truncated) Services.

### Holy Communion

PCC HAS agreed to reinstate the Common Cup at communion with effect from October.

### Bells

FRUSTRATINGLY it appears that at least one of the bells has worn bearings, which make it difficult to ring. Taylor's foundry are due to inspect within the next 2 months, in order to advise on their condition and suggest a solution. The inspection is free.

### Sheep

THE SHEEP have grazed the Church yard periodically over the summer. Temporary wire mesh guards are installed to protect any recently laid floral tributes. There have been no reported issues from locals, though one previous complainant had written to the Bishop. An explanation of our actions and reasoning was sent to the Bishop. There has been no feedback. Once the grass has ceased growing the sheep and all fencing will be removed until Spring.

The Next meeting of the PCC is arranged for 6th December, 2022 at 7.30pm

## Queen Elizabeth II

OUR PARISH SERVICE on the Sunday after the death of Queen Elizabeth led by Canon Froud was a thanksgiving for a life of unwavering faith and service and a reflection on the strengths, leadership qualities and example of Her Majesty.

Prayers for the Nation, our parish and the new King and members of the Royal Family were said.

The full poignancy of the occasion was heightened in the singing, in our church for the first time in over seventy years, of God Save the KING.

The remarkable life, reign and events of recent days are condensed and recapitulated for us in the prayer written by our then Diocesan Bishop, Julian

*We come to you, our everlasting God, at a time of change and sadness, following the death of our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth.*

*Your call to her and Your anointing of her 70-year reign have been a blessing to this nation and around the world. We bring our thanks to You for a life of dutiful and willing service right to the end and a life of active faith and hope in Jesus Christ.*

*We ask for Your comfort and strength for her family as they grieve and take on new responsibilities.*

*Guide the King as a different era unfolds and may the days that lie ahead build on the legacy of that which has gone before and promote faith, justice and peace in our land, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*



## APPEAL FOR PEALERS

Now that our team of bell ringers are back in the swing of things, we are looking for new trainees (or, indeed, experienced campanologists) to join us to peal the bells joyously for weddings, or to solemnly toll as we have done following the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II..

As for the expertise of the existing team, the bar is set exceeding low, so even those of you that don't know your sally from your muffle will not feel at all out of place.

As Downham residents will already be acutely aware, we practice weekly on a Tuesday evening for roughly three quarters of an hour in the medieval tower of St. Leonard's - the pointy roofed building with the big windows conveniently positioned opposite the pub.

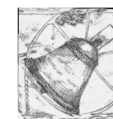
Bell ringing is all about technique, not strength, so is very much open to everyone, and we would particularly encourage participation from ladies of the parish - or further afield for that matter.

For more information, and to arrange a "taster" session at one of our practices, please contact either Ralph or Ian, whose contact numbers are on the back page of this Newsletter.

If bell ringing is not your thing (and how do you know if you don't give it a try?), there are other ways you can get involved and contribute to your community and Church. Your Parochial Church Council is always keen to speak to volunteers who could act as sidesmen and women during services, as vergers during weddings and funerals, as church cleaners or flower contributors/arrangers, or perhaps join the choir, assist with the church finances and other vital functions. There are rotas for most of these jobs so the time commitment is very small in the great scheme of things.

If you are interested in getting involved in your parish church, please do get in touch with one of the Wardens - see back cover again for contact details.

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THE NEXT MEETING of the Downham Village Hall Management Committee will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 5th October at 6.00 pm.

## DOWNHAM PRE-SCHOOL



WE WELCOME our new starts into preschool for our Autumn Term to join our returning children. We are adjusting to our new staffing arrangements with Gemma Hartley as our Preschool Manager and Sharon Barker as deputy.

We plan to look at colour, shapes and numbers over this term and we hope to get out for little walks around the village while the weather is dry.