

| Parish Calendar 2016 | | | | | | |
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| September | | | Event | Sidesmen & women | Altar Flowers | Church Cleaners |
| 1st | Thursday | 10.00 am to 2.00 pm | Bob and Kath Swarbrick Diamond Wedding | At Home | | |
| | | 7.30 pm | Garden Club | Village Hall | J. Sedgewick Allotments | |
| 4th | Trinity XV | 11.00 am | Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud | Mr B. Lewis | Mrs K. Swarbrick | Mr & Mrs H. Brown |
| 6th | Tuesday | 7.30 pm | PCC | Church | Meeting | |
| 8th | Thursday | 7.00 pm | Parish Meeting | Village Hall | | |
| 9th | Friday | 11.-00 am to 4.00 pm | Open Day | St Mary Magdalene | | |
| 10th | Saturday | 08.30 am | Spire circular run | Christ Church | Breakfasts from 9.30 am | |
| | | 2.00 pm | Naylor Wedding | | | |
| 11th | Trinity XVI | 11.00 am | Matins Revd Ann Hardacre | Mrs E. Parker | Mrs P. McFall | Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick |
| 12th | Monday | 7.30 pm | Joyful Noise | Holden Chapel | | |
| 14th | Wednesday | 10.00 am | Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud | Mrs B. Lewis | | |
| 15th | Thursday | 10.00 am | Coffee Club | Village Hall | | |
| | | 7.00 pm | WI | | Pat Ascroft—Artic Dog Sledding | |
| 18th | Trinity XVII | 11.00 am | Holy Communion Revd Brian Whiteley | Mr I. Walton | Mrs D. Braithwaite | Mr & Mrs B. Lewis |
| 19th | Monday | 7.30 pm | History Group | Susan Bailey Temperance Movement/Band of Hope | | |
| 23rd | Friday | 11.00 am | 3 PCCs Meeting | Parceval Hall | | |
| 25th | Trinity XVIII | 11.00am | Matins & Baptism Elsie England Revd Andy Froud | Mrs A. Wallace | | Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey |
| 26th | Monday | 7.30 pm | Joyful Noise | Chatburn, Christ Church | | |
| 28th | Wednesday | 10.00 am | Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud | Mrs P: McFall | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| 1st | Saturday | | Swarbrick Wedding | | | |
| 2nd | Trinity XIX | 11.00 am | Holy Communion Revd Brian Whiteley | Mr T. McLean | Lord & Lady Clitheroe | Mrs D Briathwaite MRs F Eldridge |
| 4th | Tuesday | 6.30 pm | Management Committee | Village Hall | Meeting | |
| 9th | Trinity XX | 11.00 am | Harvest Festival | | | |
| <p align="center">OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud The Vicarage Church Street Clitheroe BB7 2DD 01200 423317 / 0796 957 6691</p> <p align="center">OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p> | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">St LEONARD'S FUND RAISING & ORGAN APPEAL Mr Brian Lewis Hon Treasurer - 440925 Mr Ian Walton (H) 445063 and (W) 442777 - Mr Philip Naylor 440445</p> | | | | | | |
| <p align="center">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**

Dear Friends

I imagine that I was as surprised as many of you by the verdict on the CRGS student who severely injured a grandmother walking her grandson on Four Lane Ends. He was fined £120 with £85 costs and banned from driving for 12 months.

In addition he was charged a £20 victim surcharge.

Having seen the injuries that his carelessness caused I am amazed at a legal system that puts so little value on human life (apparently a quarter of the cost of the inconvenience to the court). But a quick trawl across the internet will throw up many cases of people being injured or killed and the victim surcharge being almost as absurdly small.

On the other hand the Duke of Westminster just before his death was said to be “worth” £9.35 billion, according to the Sunday Times Rich List 2016.

You'll notice the use of quotation marks - legally people may be said to be worth different amounts but I believe that everyone is of the same, infinite, value to our heavenly Father.

It is a central truth of the Christian faith and yet easily forgotten that each one of us is equal, and equally loved by, the One who created us in his own image, male and female.

As Christians we need to remember that we live in and work for the upside down kingdom which Jesus proclaimed, where the first shall be last and the last first

Yours in Christ,

Keep, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy Church with thy perpetual mercy; and, because the frailty of man without thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

| ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES | | |
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| | July | 2016 |
| COMMUNICANTS | 66 | 413 |
| COLLECTIONS | ££ | |
| SERVICES | 77 | 1,208 |
| VISITORS | 59 | 154 |
| DONATIONS | 303 | 4,694 |
| HOUSE BOXES | - | 15 |
| SPECIAL | 2,572 | 5,022 |
| TOTAL | 3,011 | 11,093 |

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Helen Addy Tony Ashworth
Linda & Jon Whitsey,
Rachel Hardbattle,
Norman Lund in hospital again
Bob Swarbrick.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY
12th August **Oliver Alexander Harkness** and **Alison Waring**
both of Bamber Bridge

Rachel Hardbattle has written: I would like to thank all those who have sent gifts of Flowers, fruit, biscuits and chocolates, get well cards and good wishes. This was all very much appreciated, following my fall.

Philip and Chrissy Naylor are pleased to invite parishioners to come along to the Church Service for Emma and Dave's Wedding on Saturday, 10th September, at 2.00 pm.

Bob and Kath Swarbrick have written: *It is our Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 1st of September.*

We would like to invite anyone that wants to visit us on the day to pop in for a drop of fizz and a slice of cake between 10am and 2pm

We had such a wonderful day on our golden wedding anniversary day and would like to do the same ten years on.

It would be lovely to share our celebration with as many people as can make it. Our door is always open to visitors and if anyone can't make that day but would still like to call they of course are welcome to do so at any time.

Bob and Kath Congratulations and love from all the Parish

Congratulations to all our Bright Young Things

Donna Clement's son, Max Litchfield came 4th in the men's 4 x 100 individual medley swimming final at the Rio Olympics, gaining a personal best in the heats and then in the final.

Callum Walmsley has his A level results and he's off to York to study sociology and criminology.

Callum Robinson had excellent results and is off to Lancaster to study Law.

Abbie Lund and Amy Lund have received their results and have, respectively, places at Bristol to read Mathematical Engineering and at Nottingham to study Law

AT the 25th July meeting of the History Group held at the Village Hall Lord Clitheroe said that last year he had talked about the history of Downham Hall since 1800 and that his talk this time would be about the earlier history of the house and speculate about the time before it came into the family. He said that the story is complicated by the fact that there are so many Ralph's and Richard's, in the family so he digressed in order to try to explain.

He then covered the fortunes of the family and Hall, in particular his theory about a Tower. It appears on an early plan, and must have been built by the de Laceys who were the great over-lords and whose line was swept up by marriage into the Duchy of Lancaster by John of Gaunt, but when and why the Tower was built, he had no idea. Lord Clitheroe spoke of an erudite book called Robin Hood by Professor Holt, whose thesis was that many of the tales of Robin Hood derived not from Sherwood Forest and Nottingham, but from the minstrels travelling the Great Road that the de Laceys had built between Pontefract and Lancaster.

He spoke of the role of Ilbert de Lacey, a Norman Baron, who came over with William the Conqueror, defending the South from threats from the Danish colony of Eorvic (York) and the threats from Scotland, which Ilbert dealt with later. So the Empire of the de Laceys grew and later they were given the Forest of Bowland.

Lord Clitheroe's talk covered the ancient boundary between England and Scotland and the line of towers which protected it in the battles between the Percys of Northumberland and the de Lacys, including his theory that about the time (1142) that Salley Abbey was built that Henry de Lacy rebuilt Clitheroe Castle and built a tower at Downham to keep a watch on Percy's activities. Later, when pressures got too great he gave up on the Barnoldswick road and indeed on his rights to Barnoldswick itself and developed a new main road through Twiston and Ings End. That didn't last long. The pressure was still on him and he rebuilt his main road through Downham over Annel Cross direct to Colne. He closed off the old Roman road at Twizzles Bridge, Ings End and at Twiston (twis meaning turn).

There are other minor coincidences which could relate to this tale. The story of Sir Guy of Guisburn (which is only found in Percy fragments of the Robin Hood saga), Robin Hood's Well, from which George Fox is reputed to have drunk before his vision, is near the summit of Pendle and close to a de Lacy's Beacon. The original Tower at Blacko (later Maulkin, or "ruined tower) and replaced in the 19th Century (on another site?) would have guarded the road from Gisburn matching the Downham Tower. Also the presence of another Tower on the old road from Chatburn to Clitheroe on a site which later became a "Pinfold".

So, he concluded, we can account for the tower on William's floor plan, but what of Downham, the village, before the tower was built? As a way out I guess I would say there was nothing on the existing site. Downham means Dune Ham, or the "dwelling place among the little hills" I think the ancient site of Downham might well have been around the little hills of Worsaw and Warren and Catgallows Wood, where the Brigantines had a settlement, down below the Barrow on the summit of the Hill. Bear in mind, he said, my Hypothesis about the early history before 1350 is but speculation. However it does offer an answer to a number of unrelated facts.

A complex story and told with pictures old and new, Lord Clitheroe held the audience in some wonderment about the history of the very familiar surroundings of our lives today.

Our next meeting is on Monday 19th September, at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall and the topic Band of Hope and Temperance Movement - a talk by Susan Bailey.

Last Night of the Chatburn Proms

8.00 pm Friday 16th September.
Christ Church Chatburn again hosts this ever popular annual event which this year includes music from the musicals performed by Milnrow Band with guest soprano and building up to a flag waving and rejoicing sing along to all the prom favourites. Tickets include wine and light refreshment and are £10 from Roy Porter Butchers Chatburn or 01200 441624 or 01254 384893.
All proceeds go to the church.

BARN DANCE 30th SEPTEMBER at CHATBURN SCHOOL

Everyone will be welcome at this family friendly dance as part of the Christ Church Harvest Festival. If you can walk you can barn dance. The caller will guide everyone through the steps, or simply enjoy being entertained by Still Reeling Barn Dance Band. Tickets include Pie and Peas served at 7.00 pm and Jelly and Ice Cream later in the evening, and there will be a licensed pay bar. Tickets for this get together are £8 adult and £6 under 16, and are available from Roy Porter Butcher in Chatburn or by calling 01254 384893.
All proceeds will be donated to
Christ Church Chatburn

IT CLASSES AND DROP IN SESSIONS CLITHEROE LIBRARY

A DROP-IN service for computer users with problems is held on each Thursday at Clitheroe Library between 9.30 and 11.30 am. There is no charge for using the service and you just turn up and wait for your turn.

In addition an 8 week IT class is offered to learners on Mondays from 10.00 to 11.00 am. This is also free of charge and would-be participants must be able to complete the whole course. It is due to start in early September, bookings are now being taken at Clitheroe Library.

10 K BREAKFAST RUN

BE INSPIRED. Run this circular route from the Spire of Christ Church, Chatburn to the spire of St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe on Saturday 10th September, 2016 starting at 8.30 am from Christ Church. Breakfast will be served from 9.30 am at Christ Church.

Run and breakfast £5 Breakfast only £3 (that's better—non-runners, families and supporters welcome).

For more information and a registration form contact andyfroud@gmail.com
The deadline for registration is 1st September.



News from the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership

THE Forest of Bowland AONB is leading an exciting new project to conserve and enhance the Pendle Hill area, thanks to major funding from the National Lottery.

Over the summer we have been carrying out a number of pieces of research, some of which you may have noticed around Downham and Twiston – volunteers are surveying visitors to find out about their likes and concerns about the area; a graduate archaeologist has been looking for prehistoric and more recent remains; and an ecologist has been mapping and recording habitats and boundaries.

In addition a number of individuals from both sides of the hill - Clitheroe and Nelson – have visited Downham with a tutor/artist to learn new techniques and to capture their own feelings either on paper or as a piece of artwork. This project – Fields on Prescription – has helped us to identify various 'barriers' that prevent some people from visiting the area: whether that is knowledge, motivation, confidence, or poor access to transport. The artwork produced is going on show at Pendle Heritage Centre on Bank Holiday Sunday, and some will also be exhibited at our next public Gathering – to be held at Barley village hall on Wednesday 5th October, from 5.00pm. Come along and find out more!

You can also keep up to date with activity and plans at www.facebook.com/pendlehillproject



Bank Holiday Saturday sees the St. Leonard's, Downham, Organ Appeal being launched with a traditional Gift Day in the village. Just before noon, the vicar's seat from the gothic style church will, with some ceremony, be transported to just outside the entrance of the Assheton Arms Public House (just inside if the weather is inclement), whereupon it will be promptly occupied by the priest-in-charge Andy Froud, suitably apparelled, to receive gifts from parishioners and visitors alike. It is hoped that these gifts will be restricted to cash and cheques (or promises thereof) rather than sides of mutton and other comestibles which were traditionally donated on Gift Days, for which purpose Gift Aid envelopes will be available. For the cash, not the sheep.

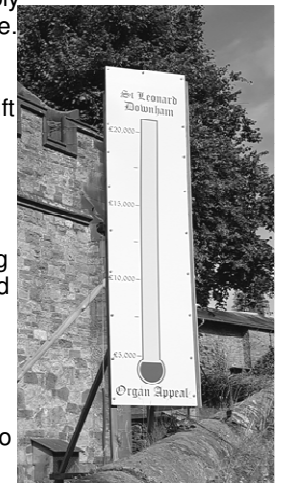
There has been a church in Downham since Norman times, and whilst the current pipe organ (described as being akin to the bodywork of a Rolls Royce wed to the engine and running gear of a Hillman Imp) is not that ancient it is certainly beyond economic repair, and so the appeal is launched to raise the £ 20,000 required to purchase an electronic organ, which will sit in the organ loft along with the pipe organ.

Andy being a great one for giving people opportunities, explains that the Gift Day is a perfect opportunity for people to make a contribution and "give" to the parish church. "Every day we have opportunities to help others in need, however great or small that need may be. It may be time or money or help but every day in our human encounters we have opportunities for good".

It is hoped that some of the many visitors to Downham, as well as residents of the whole parish and its hinterland, will come down on Saturday, have the "craic" with Andy and his entourage (two big lads with dark glasses and a money chest), donate a few bob and maybe have a drink or even discuss their wedding requirements. That's this Saturday, 27th—noon until 2pm. IW

ORGAN FUND TREASURE HUNT 22nd SEPTEMBER

After a break of several years, Graeme Robinson has been persuaded to organise another TREASURE HUNT. (Younger readers will not have experienced the fun and excitement of one of Graeme's legendary trips!) As is traditional, the hunt will start (and finish) at The Assheton Arms. For only £5 per car you too can support The Organ Appeal, have a fun evening and almost certainly see places you have not seen before! The Seafood Pub Company have generously agreed to supply a prize, so all you have to do is turn up at The Assheton Arms between 5.30 and 7pm (with a car), pay your Fiver, get a Hunt sheet and join the fun! Marking of question sheets will begin at 8pm, so those of you who need an early night will be able to join us too!



PARISH MEETING THURSDAY 8th September, 7pm

AFTER the Ascot Meeting and the Goodwood Meeting, the Downham Parish meeting must come next in the list of "must do" social events of the year! This year The Meeting will be held in Downham Village Hall on Thursday 8th September starting at 7pm. Be there or be square!!

THE PARISH CHURCH

THE FINIAL SAGA

ST LEONARD'S Cross Finial has been restored to the East end gable. After a long wait (for a variety of reasons) it has been repaired. Many thanks to John Faraday and team for lugging it up and firmly fixing it. RCA

BELL RINGERS

THE new ringers are getting on well, but are still a little way away from ringing peals! We were shown how it should be done by a party from the Universities Ringing Society. Surprisingly the "students" were not gangling youths, but exceedingly mature, with not one appearing to be under 60!

**Pudding Fest
More Than a Trifle Successful**

THE Pudding Festival on August 13th comfortably passed its target of raising £1,000 for the Children's Society. On a day when Clitheroe Town Centre was packed with visitors, many stopped to enjoy the amazing array of home-cooked products.

Our Vicar, Revd Andy Froud, paid tribute to the many volunteers and local businesses who had provided a wide range of cold sweets, desserts, puddings and cakes. "It was an extraordinary effort by everyone and a first for our local Children's Society fundraising committee. We are especially grateful for the help and expertise of Clitheroe Friends of Chernobyl's Children, who have run this event for the past 5 years and have built up a loyal clientele and who continue to support this great fun event."

Mascot for the day was Puddington Bear, whose adventures can be followed on St Mary Magdalene's Facebook page.

The Childrens Society works to support disadvantaged children to have better lives and to build a country where children are free from disadvantage: to find out more, go to www.childrenssociety.org.uk or to join the local fundraising team contact Tom Mclean

HEARING LOOP—NEW PLUGS

THERE have been no reported problems with the loop, but please do let a Warden, Sidesman or the Vicar know if you have difficulties. As part of the wiring a new double socket has been installed behind the choir stalls. This also saves any grovelling when plugging in the Hoover. RCA



The Organ Appeal has got off to a great start. The PCC is intending to kick start the appeal by allocation of a proportion of last year's Gift Aid refund from the tax man to the cause. In addition to the steady trickle of envelopes into the wall safe, a number of donations have been pledged for The Vicar's Gift Day on Bank Holiday Saturday.

The Downham Trust has generously agreed to match the value of donations given during August and September (up to a maximum of £5,000). RCA

COOKERY CLUB

Regretfully we need to change the date for the next Cookery Club Demonstration, Antony Shirley is unable to come on the 26th SEPTEMBER and we have rearranged his demonstration for MONDAY 10th OCTOBER. at 6.30 pm. For those of you who already had your names down, we are really sorry about this, but perhaps some of you who were unable to make the first date will be able to make this one. Please let Olive know—daveandoliveawb@onetel.com— at the earliest opportunity if this new date is suitable for you. As always numbers are strictly limited. OAwb



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COFFEE CLUB

HI everyone, in case my report puts you to sleep before you reach the end, I'm afraid there's a change of date for Septembers meeting. We're going to have it on the 15th which is a week later. Emma Naylor's wedding is on the 10th and preparations for erecting a marquee in the car park begin on the 8th, making access to the Village Hall difficult. I hope everyone can make the new date and look forward to seeing you there. Back to my report. We had a good turnout but missed a few of our regulars, though Andy brought Becky along to swell the numbers and sample our usual display of cakes, thanks Eileen and Philippa for your delicious contributions. We've also decided to replace the seven table cloths that mysteriously disappeared last year, and despite my best Miss Marple efforts to track them down, never turned up. The hall looks much brighter with the red and green clothes and they will be adorning the tables at our next meeting, hope you can all make it. BL



VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE is very pleased to announce that the net takings at the Gardens Open event was £5,090 and that the Village Hall benefitted in the sum of £3,000, the remainder going to the Rosemere Foundation, which had also made the sum of £525 from its own stalls at the event. Next year's opening will take place on the weekend of 22nd/23rd July, with Crossroads Care as the partner charity.

THE BONFIRE will be on Saturday, 5th November further details later.

The next Committee meeting is on Tuesday, 4th October at 6.30 pm OA

STOCKS TREE

SADLY the strong winds towards the end of August proved too much for the Lime tree by the stocks. While its forebear had lasted well over 100 years, this one has collapsed before it hit 20! After some tidying and site preparation a new tree will be planted this Winter.

GARDEN CLUB

THIS months report is going to be a bit different..... because there isn't one.

Carole has been feeling a bit fragile lately and sends her apologies for not reporting on the Garden Show results. Hopefully she'll be back on form next month and will give chapter and verse on everything. She asked me to thank everyone who entered, helpers behind the scenes and of course the very willing judges. The next meeting is on Thursday 1st September, at 7.30 pm at the Village all when we are to hear from Mr J. Sedgwick about allotments. BL



ANOTHER BOOK

OUR VERY OWN author and historian Jenny Palmer has written a second volume of autobiography.

Starting where *Nowhere Better than Home* left off, (that title being a quote from her mother after a holiday in Morcambe), *Pastures New* takes up the tale of a very exciting period in Jenny's life. The volume traces Jenny's experiences, hair raising, serene or funny through the seventies and eighties in 118 pages. The writing depicts adventures in Ramsgate, Libya, Spain, the Middle East, North Africa and South America and back to London.

Her Auntie Betty would have said "Whoda thowt it?" And that sums it up. Available from Jenny at £6.99 its an amazing read.



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

