

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

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September			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Trinity XI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
3rd	Tuesday		Village Hall Mgt Cttee	Village Hall		
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village hall	Steve Helliwell Gardens at Levens Hall	
8th	Trinity XII	11.00 am	Matins	Mr I Walton		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
9th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
10th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	Rimington in bygone Years	
11th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Trinity XIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs E Parker	Mrs A Wallace	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Running a B and B	
22nd	Trinity XIV	11.00 am	Matins	Mrs K Herron	Mrs D Braithwaite	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
23rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
25th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
29th	Trinity XV	11.00 am	Matins	Mr T McLean	Mrs P McFall	Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs J Shepherd
OCTOBER						
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall		
6th	Trinity	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs P Mercer
<p>THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER. IN SEPTEMBER THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL</p>						
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<p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall - 441484 Mr Ian Walton—445063</p>						
<p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon. Secretary Mrs Clare Ashworth—445112</p>						

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends,

"Yesterday is History, Tomorrow a Mystery, Today is a Gift, That's why it's called the Present"

Our Parish Church is entirely maintained by the generous support of the public. You, in other words. We have a team of teams. People who lead the prayers, open up church, do repairs, ring bells, sing in the choir, arrange the flowers; the list seems endless

We also rely entirely on the generous financial support of the public: some of that comes through fees for the occasional offices (weddings and funerals) but the vast majority through people making a generous and regular financial commitment to regular giving.

This is your parish church: and I want to thank every one of you who have used your God-given gifts over the years to support this church in its work.

We look forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival in October and celebrating the gifts of God's creation, each Sunday when we meet together as God's family we thank him for the gift of His Son Jesus Christ through whom we have the gift of eternal life, and each day we should remember that God has given it to us as a precious and unique gift

Yours in Christ

GOD of hope,
In these times of change, unite our nation, and guide our leaders with your wisdom
Give us courage to overcome our fears,
and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	JULY	2019
COMMUNICANTS	46	236
COLLECTIONS		
SERVICES	1144.	3665.
VISITORS	97	365
DONATIONS	262	5177
HOUSE BOXES	-	7
SPECIAL	1870	6054
TOTALS	3373	15268

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

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

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

Sunday, July 14th

Benjamin James HARDMAN
son of James and Renata HARDMAN

HOLY MATRIMONY

Saturday, 17th August

Rebecca Joanne Mahan and Joseph Andrew Southcott Burge

DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

The Group returns on Tuesday 10th September at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm with
a visit from Brian Stott who will talk about Rimington in bygone years and the
impact of the Industrial Revolution,

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CARE IN THE

COMMUNITY

Join us for an informative
talk about

**CARE AND SUPPORT IN THE
COMMUNITY,**

including an understanding of
what it is like living with
dementia.

**Mon 7 Oct
6.30pm**

**Downham
Village Hall**



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Gisburn Festival Hall

We are a group of local Christians from different church fellowships, who meet together once a month. We are not a church nor trying to start a church but aim to share God's love with all who walk through the door.

An ideal opportunity to bring your non-churched friends?

We would love to meet you. Join us at 7.00pm for coffee and cake, a time of getting to know each other. Usually on the third Friday in the month, but no meetings in August and December.

Fellowship
Prayer
Worship
Teaching

See our website page for more information:

<https://thefillingstation.org.uk/station/ribble-valley>

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The Parish Church Banner Sermon

ON Sunday 18th August the Downham Banner Sermon was preached by the Revd Andy Froud.

Based on the text, *Go and Do Thou Likewise*, that is the centre of the story of the Good Samaritan Andy spoke of our responsibility for the wellbeing of each other which is embodied in the reply of Jesus in this parable to the question "Who is my Neighbour?" The Samaritan did not think about the race or the religion of the man; he just saw a man who needed help... Andy touched on the history of the Downham Benevolent Society when two hundred and thirty years ago a group of Downham men came together to do exactly what the text urges.

A quarter sized replica of the banner was on show together with some information about the conservation of the Downham Banner and its location at the Clitheroe Castle Museum.



Marie Curie Pendle Hill walk and Fun day

THE morning walk started with 22 and 2 dogs assembled on the green to be joined by the High Sheriff of Lancashire sending them off.

Great atmosphere as they set off with everyone returning in one piece! The fun day was busy with Pendle Hill Landscape and In Situ supporting with their activities and talkeoke! Music played, ice creams were flowing and hot dogs eaten games played, tombola never stopped. David and Michelle worked their magic in the ice cream shop.

Tremendous thanks to all who came and supported and everyone who helped. Grateful thanks to voucher donors Assheton Arms, Chequered Flag and Dave the bee keeper. The final total raised, once all sponsorship collected, will be announced.

Rabbe Valley Marie Curie Fundraising Group.

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THE PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOXES

It's never too early to think about filling a shoe box with small gifts for those who do not receive Christmas presents.

This year our shoe boxes will be sent via the Christian organisation International Aid which does a similar work to Operation Christmas child. This is a local organization based at Longton near Preston.

There are three advantages: the voluntary donation towards transport costs is only £2 (not £5); you can be more age specific; you can do a box for an adult, rather than a child if you wish.

Leaflets will be in the churches at the end of September.

Further details from Derek Hardacre 01200 429341

FESTIVAL OF BAPTISM

FOLLOWING a Festival of the Eucharist in 2017 and a Festival of Prayer in 2018 a third festival for parishes is being held at Blackburn Cathedral this year, on 19th October. This year's festival will contribute to the ongoing 'focus on discipleship' as a Diocese by being a Festival of Baptism. Main speaker Bishop Stephen Cottrell of Chelmsford. Further information on the events page of the Diocesan website

(www.blackburn.anglican.org).

To book places email:

jeanmduerden@virginmedia.com

DEMENTIA AWARENESS

THE Village Hall Management Committee has organised a care in the community talk by the Trainer of a domiciliary care company, Right at Home, which is aimed at raising awareness of living with dementia. As we live longer so we shall see and are seeing, an increase of people with the condition. Even if we are not directly affected at present we all need to know something about dementia and what it is like to live with it or care for with a loved one who does. The talk and discussion session is on Monday 7th October, at 6.30 pm at Downham Village Hall.

GARDEN CLUB

WELL, it came around again.

The day of the Garden Club Show!

All the tables were up and decorated and then in they all came, the wonderful scent of all the different flowers, the vegetables, the plants and photographs, but where was all the baking and jams, marmalades and chutneys. I think we may have let the side down this year, I know I did. Note to self- must do better.

It was an amazing show however, the roses and sweet peas, the phlox, the plants all filling the hall with beauty. The vegetable tables were groaning and the photography as always was of the highest standard.

The prizes were won by:

Flowers and Plants

- Bernard & Caroline Gethins

Vegetables

- The Assheton Family

Photography

- Bernard & Caroline Gethins

Confectionery

Francis & Peter Eldridge

Rose Bowl (most points)

Francis & Peter Eldridge

Audrey Roney Plate (Confectionery)

- Francis & Peter Eldridge

Best in Show - Bernard & Caroline Gethins

Congratulations to all the winners

The next meeting will be on Thursday September 5th with Steve Helliwell talking about Levens Hall and gardens.

Everyone welcome.

CA



ALTERNATIVE GARDENS OPEN

DESPITE the horrendous wind which threatened to make off with everything (including ourselves at times) we stood our ground and opened our gardens on Brookside on Sunday afternoon (18th August).

We opened for business at 2 pm and by 2.15 every table was occupied.

What a wonderful afternoon we had! The tombola ladies were constantly kept busy and were sold out by about 3.30. The Prosecco, cakes and strawberries likewise were being consumed quite fast despite an ongoing battle with wasps.

Even with the wind and wasps I think we won the day with a wonderful turn out of friends and family alike.

Our thanks must go to many people: everyone who worked on the day, those who gave tombola prizes, all the bakers and the village hall committee for the Prosecco. I would also like to thank everyone who made donations. On the day we made £310.90 Donations we received £370 making a superb total of £680.90 which will be divided between PARKINSONS UK and ATAXIA.

I hope I haven't missed anyone out, just in case,

THANK YOU EVERYONE. CA

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER PROGRAMME

Last Night of the Ribble Valley Proms
Saturday 21st September at 7.30pm

Old School Rooms,
Lowergate, Clitheroe

Tickets 01254 384893

WHO would have imagined that curling in a village hall could be so successful at our July meeting? With thanks to Counsellor Gary Scott, who guided us through the rules and techniques, it was a riotous evening. The key, is to slide the stone on a curl much like the spin on a tennis ball. All members became thoroughly competitive. Members were paired up and played until we had a final winning pair, who surprise, surprise happened to be Jayne Feibel and Yvonne Carter in an exciting finish beating Bev Thompson and Sharron Dobson by 1 point. The delicious strawberries and cream to follow were donated by Danielle Richards and Diane Poole. A curling meeting could well become a fixed feature in the WI calendar!

Downham's August outing was to the Haworth Art Gallery in Accrington where curator, Gillian Berry gave a wonderful insight to both the house, its history and its collection of Tiffany glass. This informative talk and tour gave us a great appreciation of the amazing different types of vases, tiles and mosaic that Tiffany glassworks produced before its demise 86 years ago. There's more to Tiffany than lamps - just like there's more to the WI than Jam and Jerusalem! But with that in mind we were booked into Tea Room to sample scrummy home-made scones and cake and the verdict - very satisfying.

The next meeting is Thursday 19th September at 7:30 in the Village Hall with a talk about *Running a B&B*. New members and visitors will be made very welcome but if you'd like to find out more, please ring Diane on 07904 111167 or Anya on 07757 117147.

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