

**PARISH CALENDAR 2021**

SEPTEMBER		EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
1st	Church open daily					
5th	Trinity XIV	11.15 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
12th	Trinity XV	11.15 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
14th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	Worston	
19th	Trinity XVI	11.15 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace		Mrs B. Lewis Mrs j Shepherd
26th	Trinity XVII	11.15 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		Mrs J Feibel Mrs A Wallace
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<b>OCTOBER</b>						
2nd	<b>Saturday</b>	2.00 pm	Decorate Church for Harvest Festival			
3rd	Trinity XVIII <b>Harvest Festival</b>	11.15 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs E Parker		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
10th	<b>Trinity XIX</b>	11.15 am	Remembrance Sunday			

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

AS IT'S September I hope you won't mind me brushing off this old chestnut  
Wake up, son. It's time to go to school.  
"But why, Mum? I don't want to go to school.  
Give me two good reasons why you don't want to go to school.  
One, all the children laugh at me. Two, all the teachers hate me -  
you give me two good reasons why I should go to school.  
Well one, you are fifty two years old.  
Two, you are the Headteacher.

It's easy for some of us to forget the stress of beginning a new school year: for the whole school community. And in this area there is the additional stress of the 11 plus this month and the weight of expectations on children. Add in the continued effects and concerns about covid 19 and it's definitely worthwhile going back to some basics that are often forgotten.

We are all children of the same heavenly Father, made in His image, and equally loved by Him regardless of our academic or sporting abilities." Jesus called the children to him and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16.) Children and those who are like them have a special place in God's kingdom.

What does it mean to be like a child? I interpret this to mean,acknowledging our complete helplessness before our Heavenly Father. Again, God loves us regardless of what exams we have passed, what certificates we have or what teams we captain. It shouldn't make us give up working and trying but it should give us a perspective to remember we are no better than anyone else in God's eyes.

Whether you pass the grammar exam, don't, or don't even take it you are still just as loved by God and your family on earth and in heaven

Yours in Christ,



## FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB

THE Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership are holding a free, nine-day "new to walking" festival – Together for Our Landmark – from Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September.

From archaeology to herbal medicine and from buggy-friendly walks to mindfulness, the festival is a great chance to learn more about the area's fascinating heritage and discover some hidden gems along the way.

Full programme details and booking information are available at:

<https://www.pendlehillproject.com/walking-festival>

**The annual Lord of Bowland Lecture** will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, starting at 7pm. This year's lecture - Maps, Mines and Minerals: 25,000 years of Bowland history – will be delivered by Dr Nick Riley MBE, C. Geol and will take place online. For more details see the Festival Bowland programme at:

<https://www.forestofbowland.com/Festival-Bowland-Events>

Places for the lecture are free but need to be booked in advance by emailing [sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk) SS



## GREENDALE FUNDRAISER FOR VILLAGE HALL

PROBABLY THE FIRST opportunity for a proper community get-together post-Covid, Downham Village Hall Committee and Greendale View Kitchen are putting on a fundraiser on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September from 6.00 p.m. Tickets will be £10 for pizza and a drink, with a pay bar after that.

There will be a raffle with some really excellent prizes and perhaps some surprise performances?! Please come along and support the Village Hall's renovation project – prices for necessary materials have really gone up during the pandemic and we are urgently looking around for more funding. Email: [olivia@asshetonpr.co.uk](mailto:olivia@asshetonpr.co.uk) to reserve your places. You can pay for your tickets by cash/cheque by arrangement prior to the event, which is planned to be as 'distanced' as possible.

Tickets will be limited, so it will be first come, first served for what promises to be a fantastic evening. If you would like to donate any raffle prizes, email Olivia on the address above. Apologies for any previous problems using the village email address as it has had some glitches.

## 'EDGEROW 'ARRY

LOOKING around the Parish at the fruit trees it appears that last Yuletide's secret wassailing has contributed to a bumper fruit crop. The old Anglo Saxon word for autumn was *haerfest* and gathering of energy-dense foods to store for the winter had important evolutionary benefits - a glut of simple carbohydrates from fruit gave instant energy for harvesting and surplus energy was stored as fat on the body to help with insulation from the imminent cold. Body fat also stores Vitamin D - mostly created from the sunlight that quickly diminishes as the equinox passes. It appears there is a correlation between Vitamin D levels and immunity that may help explain "flu seasons" and why some mammals hibernate. Perhaps a vestige of this seasonal preparation to hunker down in the cave can still be seen with the tradition of the "new season" for television shows starting as the days grow shorter. Check out how supermarkets also start to stack colourful tubs of sweets near their entrances this time of year!

So, be mindful of the artificial "harvest" of Roses and Celebrations, but revel in our natural season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, to pick the berries, fruits and rose-hips that are filled with vitamins, minerals and fibre. Make the chutneys, pies and wines to celebrate nature's bounty and be thankful to our Creator for the fruits of the earth.

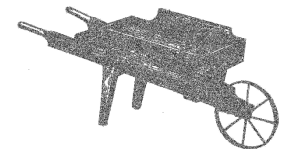
## VILLAGE HALL EXTERIOR PLANS

THANK YOU to everyone who has volunteered to help with the exterior aspects of the Hall refurbishment – there will be a presentation on the plans during the Greendale fundraiser on 25<sup>th</sup> September so do come along to that or speak to Olivia directly. Timing on activity will depend on the reroofing, new access ramp and electrical works being completed but we thought that if everyone knew what was planned, cuttings can be taken, 'end of season' bargains snapped up from Garden Centres etc in preparation.

## GARDEN/COOKERY CLUB?

During various conversations, it has become clear that there is also interest in a revival of both the Gardening and Cookery clubs once the Hall can re-open. The idea might be to combine the two and intersperse different events/talks/demonstrations and visits etc. We would also re-instate the Garden Club Show for next Summer.

We would really like to know what people think about the best way these could be run in future – possibly on a less formal basis than a regular monthly event? Again, some initial feedback from those attending the fundraiser would be really useful in making some plans for next year so please come along! OA/JA.



**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**Church and Covid**

IN TUNE with the gradual lifting of restrictions elsewhere in the country, arrangements in Church are changing too. It will no longer be necessary to wear a face mask in the building, but please feel free to do so if you feel more comfortable.

The Sunday congregation are enjoying being able to sing hymns again but, in order to keep services short for now, the verses will continue to be limited for now.

The Church will be open daily from 1<sup>st</sup> September (so long as the security guard remembers!). Visitors will be reminded to sanitise their hands on entry and exit.



**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

IN THE LAST few years Harvest Festival has been the first Sunday in October

This year that is Sunday 3rd at the 11.15 am Service.

We shall be decorating church on Saturday afternoon 2nd October at 2.00 pm. Any harvest gifts may be left at church during that morning or at 2.00 pm.

As in recent years flowers and perishable goods are distributed locally and non-perishables to the Ribble Valley Food Bank.



**NEWS**

**THE EDITOR can do only that—edit. He depends upon others to send interesting bits of information about what goes on around here, or is planned—he can't make it up or know everything by osmosis!**

**Please email contributions of news or interest to either Tom on [tommclean2015@gmail.com](mailto:tommclean2015@gmail.com) or Jason on [jason\\_addy@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_addy@hotmail.com)**

**YOUR contribution will be most welcome.**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

ANNE AND ERIC Musson who celebrate their Diamond Wedding on Thursday 26th August will be having a celebratory meal at the Calf's Head at Worston the venue of their Wedding Reception 60 years ago.

Anne, brought up in Downham was married at St Leonard's church and moved to Clitheroe thereafter and have been happily in the same house ever since, She has however, retained her passion for Downham.

Anne's account of her childhood here is captured in her book My Beloved Downham written 20 years ago and which still sells having reached a total of a thousand copies. She has donated a share of the profits to St Leonards church in memory of her mother Edith Watson of Chestnuts Cottage..

We wish Anne and Eric a very happy anniversary.

**NEWSLETTER**

THANKS to our newsletter distributors, who apart from a few copies that are posted to parishioners who live at the end of long driveways, distribute the newsletter to all homes in the Parish.

Thankyou Dave Awberry—Twiston, Diana Briathwaite, Helen Addy, Jeanie Creedie and Brian Lewis Downham, Tom McLean - Twiston Lane and Clare Ashworth—Lowergate. Thanks to the Naylor's of Chestnuts who did their bit also until their removal from the Village.

DOWNHAM WI Members met together on Har-Green Downham on 19th August for an informal catch



up, bringing their own chairs and refreshment. Although the sun didn't shine and it was a little damp it did not dampened members' spirits.

It was wonderful to see each other again, introductions were made with new members enjoying some lively wit and conversation.

The next meeting is being held on Tuesday 14th September, at the Calfs Head in Worston, our new home for the time being. There were suggestions for craft group, regular tea shop visits, and catch up for all members, an ice breaker or 2 to help the evening along. Other suggestions welcome

The October meeting to be held on 21st October will be a visit from The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership to let us know all about the Peat initiative and what members can do to help the environment..

Meetings start at 7.30 in the function room new members are always welcome, contact 07904 111167 for further information .

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