

Ringling Report

The Hon. Ralph Assheton Tower Captain

2016 has been a good year, in that a fresh group of newcomers have come together to learn to ring. Three complete novices and one long dormant ringer have been practicing since mid summer. As the year ends we are almost in a position to make music rather than just a noise! Hopefully we can build on this success in the year ahead.

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL CONCERT 19th June 2016

ENCORE Opera Group surpassed all expectations with a wonderful performance to the full church of 101 people. There has been an absence of opera in the Ribble Valley and this event was somewhat an adventure, but one that has unearthed a demand for more from Encore Opera Group.

Proceeds from this event through ticket purchases raised £520 for the church after expenses.

Two Mormon Concerts, Our Story Goes On

Held on 13th November brought in donations for the organ fund in excess of £6,000

Parish Newsletter

THE Newsletter is published by the PCC monthly, is delivered to every house in the Parish and some copies are sent further afield to friends with a continuing interest in what goes on around here. The PCC is grateful that the Newsletter is sponsored by individual members, companies and Village Groups. It continues to advertise and report on events and items of interest as well as promoting the Mission of the Parish Church of St Leonard.

UNITED BENEFICE OF CHRIST CHURCH CHATBURN & ST. LEONARD DOWNHAM

**PARISH CHURCH
OF ST. LEONARD
DOWNHAM & TWISTON**



MEETING OF PARISHIONERS & ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

**These meetings will be held on Sunday, 23rd April, 2017
at 12.05 p.m. & 12.15 p.m. in Church after Morning Service**

All Parishioners are eligible to attend and will be most welcome

1. MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (THE VESTRY MEETING)

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of Meeting held on 24th April, 2016
3. Election of the Church Wardens

2. ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th April, 2016
(Available at the meeting)
3. To receive the Annual Report 2016 of the Parish Church
(attached on the following pages)
4. To receive the Audited Accounts for the Year Ending
31st December, 2016 (to be presented at the meeting)
5. Election of the Members of the Parochial Church Council
6. Election of the Sidesmen and women
7. Chairman's Remarks
8. Any other business

**ANNUAL REPORT OF
THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
FOR THE YEAR 2016**



Priest in Charge The Revd Andy Frouod
Hon Secretary and address for correspondence
Mr T.A. McLean, Ings End, Rimington, Clitheroe BB7 4EH

Membership of the PCC – 2016

Ex Officio

The Lord Clitheroe – **Patron**

The Church Wardens

Warden Emeritus – Mr Norman Lund JP until September
The Hon Ralph Assheton, Mrs Philippa McFall,

The Deanery Synod Representatives
(elected at the annual meeting 2014 for three years)
Mrs Philippa McFall

Elected

The Lady Clitheroe	Mr P. Naylor
Mr B Lewis (Hon Treasurer)	Mrs M. Roskell
Mrs B. Lewis	Mrs K. Walmsley
Mr. T. McLean (Hon Secretary)	Mrs J. Whitsey
	Mr I. Walton

The P.C.C. consults together on matters of general concern and importance to the Parish. The functions of Council are to:

- Promote to the Parish the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical
- Consider matters of concern to the Church of England or any other matters of religious or public interest
- Make known and put into effect the provisions of the Diocesan or Deanery synod
- Give advice to the synods
- Raise matters with the synod
- Take responsibility for the financial affairs of the Church
- Take care of the Church fabric and the Church Yard

The Whalley Deanery Synod
Parish Representatives: Mrs Philip[pa McFall. 1 Vacancy

DEANERY SYNOD Representative Diana Wilkins resigned last year Philippa McFall has attended two 2 meetings

28th January 2016 St. Mary Magdelene. Clitheroe

Explanation of Vision 2026 by the Bishop of Burnley, followed by discussion on healthy Churches transforming communities and Mission planning.

October 6th. at Chipping community centre

Archdeacon Mark Ireland on "Making Disciples " with Dave Champness, Vision coordinator.

The Finances of the Parish Church
Hon Treasurer Mr Brian Lewis

THE INDEPENDENTLY checked accounts of the PCC for 2016 will be presented at the Annual General Meeting, which will take place in Church on Sunday 23rd April 2017.

Work during the year by the Finance sub-group identified that we a really living beyond our means. We are currently having to make up the shortfall between our regular income and our regular spending by nibbling into our capital. We need to retain our capital in case of a serious issue (such as the eventual replacement of the roof). The PCC will therefore be looking to increase our income in various ways over the next year. More details will be announced over the coming months.

From the Parish Registers – 2016

Holy Baptism - 3

19th June Olivia Kate daughter of Christa McFall & Alexander Silverwood
28th September Elsie Charlotte daughter of Simon & Katie England
Simon England adult

Holy Matrimony – 7

28th May Adele Dyson and Christopher Paul Jenkins of Colne
30th May Gabriela Alexandra Wright and Quincey Ernest of London
9th July Jonathon Richard Spratt and Caroline Teresa Leeming of London
12th August Oliver Alexander Harkness and Alison Wearing of London
10th September David Mathew Corr of London and Emma Jane daughter of
Philip and Christine Naylor of Downham
17th September David Stuart Parr of St Helens and Helen Davidson of Merseyside
1st October Richard David Middleton of Mitton and Sarah daughter of
Chris and Roberta Swarbrick of Downham

Christian Funeral

19th September Norman Lund Church Warden Emeritus of St Leonard's

MISSION STATEMENT OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LEONARD

WE, THE PARISHIONERS of Downham and Twiston, aim to serve God in the furtherance of His Kingdom on Earth through effective pastoral ministry

We attempt to achieve this in our contribution to the quality of life in the Parish by:

- Fostering an atmosphere of warm welcome in church
- Use of the liturgy, our material and human resources in a way which enables the whole community, including children, to worship Him
- Showing pastoral care in our neighbourhood
- Sponsorship of, and personal interest in, village activities
- Showing practical concern for mission and need outside our own Parish
- Having an ever-open and well-kept Church building

The Fabric of the Church Building

The Hon. Ralph Assheton, Church Warden

There have been a number of achievements this year. The biggest was the Organ Appeal and installation of our new digital instrument. Once again our sincere thanks are given to all those who helped this long hoped for improvement to happen.

After a long gestation the second event of note was the installation of a hearing loop.

The third point of note was the repair of the finial cross after its damage by storm.

As the year ends we await the Quinquennial report on our fabric. This will no doubt highlight a number of areas where work will need to be carried out. Hopefully none of it will be too horrendously expensive.

On top of the usual thanks to our cleaners, security staff (Di and Molly), clock winder (Dan), mowers (Shaun and Andrew), our newly recruited flag-raiser, (John Faraday) and all who do numerous tasks week in and week out, our especial thanks go to Ian and Phil for all their hard work surrounding the organ Appeal.

The Electoral Roll of St Leonard's Church 2016/17

Membership at the end of 2015 - 42 Members

There were five permanent removals from the Roll in year

Mr Norman Lund died

Mr Edwin Jackson died

Mrs Edith Hart moved away

Mrs Diana Wilkins moved away

Ms Gabrielle Wright moved away

Membership at the end of 2016 - 37 Members

Electors are those qualified to attend and to vote at the annual parochial church meeting where elections take place for Church Wardens, parish representatives for the Deanery Synod and the Parochial Church Council.

A new roll is prepared every six years. Renewals are now due in 2019, 2025 etc.

In the years between renewals, revisions are prepared for presentation in the annual report of the Parish Church.

The Business of the P.C.C.

Mr Tom McLean Hon Secretary

THE PCC MET FOUR TIMES in the year 2016.

Nine members were elected at the annual meeting; four members sit ex-officio (with two vacancies - The Twiston Warden and the second Deanery Synod representative) making thirteen members in total.

Attendance at PCC meetings in 2016 averaged eleven members.

Main business items of the Council in the year 2016 were:

1. Arrangements for services, including:
 - 1.1. Continuation of special family services, including Mothering Sunday and Christingle.
 - 1.2. Arrangements for other special services, including the Assheton Sermon, given by the Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley
2. Membership of the Wider Church through:
 - 2.1. Representation at the Whalley Deanery Synod
 - 2.2. Joint worship with Christ Church,
 - 2.3. Sharing in a team ministry with Chatburn Christ Church and Clitheroe St Mary Magdelene
 - 2.4. Mission 2016
3. Maintenance and Improvement of the Fabric of the Church Building.
 - 3.1. Replacement of Pipe Organ with digital model.
 - 3.2. Provision of Hearing Loop
 - 3.3. Commissioning The Quinquennial Report
 - 3.4. Dedicating a Memorial to the late Hon Nicholas Assheton CVO
 - 3.5. Cleaning Rota
4. Stewardship of the Finances of the church including:
 - 4.1. Fundraising including June concert as part of Ribble Valley Music Festival and Christmas and postcard sales.
Special events including a gift day for the Organ Appeal
 - 4.2. The disbursement of our Charitable monies.
 - 4.3. Scrutiny of accounts
5. Supporting the Ribble Valley Food Bank

Our Worship

ST LEONARD'S continues to serve the villages of Downham and Twiston, enjoying good relations with Chatburn as well as being part of the grouping of Clitheroe Churches.

The Music

Choir Mistress - Mrs Kirsteen Walmsley

The (small but enthusiastic) church choir has had another busy year, supporting the varying styles of worship and needs of our different clergy. It has been our pleasure to join in the musical celebrations of weddings, funerals, baptisms and weekly services.

Carol Singing had an alternative venue this year with parishioners of Downham and Twiston invited to join the choir and clergy at the front of the Assheton Arms for a 'one stop' evening of carol singing. It was delight to see many regular as well as new faces join us in near perfect weather conditions. Thank you, as ever, to all our members and supporters, we could not manage without you!

Also, many thanks to our talented pool of organists. Janet Ismail who departed in the year. James, Eileen and John all of whom have ably swapped their skills from the old organ to the new with hardly a hiccup!

As ever, any new members would be most welcome in our choir – you don't need to be an accomplished musician or feel the need to come every week. Please ask if you would like to try – we really do have the best seats in the house!!

Sidesmen and women for the year 2016

Mrs Barbara Lewis
Mr Brian Lewis
Mrs Philippa McFall

Mr Tom Mc Lean
Mrs Eileen Parker
Mrs Anya Wallace
Mr Ian Walton