

| PARISH CALENDAR 2022 | | | | | | |
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| AUGUST | | | EVENT | Sidesmen/ women | Altar Flowers | Church Cleaners |
| 7th | Trinity VIII | 11.15 am | Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud | Mrs B Lewis | Mrs A Wallace | Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor |
| | Sunday | 10.00 to 4.00 pm | Gardens Open | Downham Hall | <i>In Aid of Rosemere Foundation and Downham Village Hall refurbishment I</i> | |
| 14th | Trinity IX | 11.15 am | Matins Canon Andy Froud | Mr A Herron | | Mr & Mrs B. Lewis |
| 18th | Thursday | 6.00 pm | WI | Visit Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival meet at the venue | | |
| 21st | Trinity X | 11.15 am | Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud | Mrs E Parker | Mrs A Chadwick | Mr & Mrs I Walton |
| 28th | Trinity XI | 11.15 am | Matins Canon Andy Froud | Mr T McLean | | Mrs J Shepherd Mrs A Wallace |
| SEPTEMBER | | | | | | |
| 4th | Trinity XII | 11.15 am | Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud | Mrs A Wallace | Hon Mrs R Assheton | Mr & Mrs A Herron |
| <p>THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SPONSOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER</p> <p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE — Canon Andy Froud The Vicarage, Church Street, Clitheroe BB7 2DD 01200 423317 —0796 957 6691 —andyfroud@gmail.com</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton —441210 = Mrs Philippa McFall - 44148 =Mr Ian Walton - 445063</p> <p>DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman Mr Neil Wallace —441196 Hon Secretary Mrs Clare Ashworth —445112 Village Hall Bookings —info@downhamvillagehall.org.uk</p> | | | | | | |
| <p>Downham Social Media Resources The public Facebook page - "Downham Village" The private Facebook page "Downham & Twiston Residents" Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham WI Here to Help"</p> | | | | <p>CHURCH RESOURCES Regular worship is streamed by Canon Andy Froud on Youtube via St. Mary Magdalene website www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk</p> | | |

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From Canon Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

I know that many church schools and colleges will have finished their terms with this verse from the 29th chapter of Jeremiah - "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Unfortunately at least some of them will have given their students the good news without the bad - and in the process, short changed them.

If this is interpreted simply as an assurance that God is in control and will give you a happy, long and pain-free life then we are getting less than half the picture.

The context, as always, is important. Jeremiah is preaching here to the people of Israel who have been taken away from their homes to exile far away in Babylon, a place of tears and exile. They need to hear the good news that God still loves them, has not abandoned them and will return them to their homeland.

But Jeremiah is not offering false hope.

"When 70 years are completed for Babylon says the Lord." Hang on - in 70 years? I'd be at least 91. Jeremiah is not offering the false hope that other prophets did. It will all be over in a couple of years, they told the people. That's the sort of thing that gets popularity but it simply wasn't true.

The people who heard Jeremiah's promise of restoration would not live to see the reality. They would live out their lives without seeing the homeland that they yearned for. Their children would be born into slavery. But they did hear the good news that in the midst of the chaos and defeat, God has a plan and is working that plan out across the great sweep of history.

Yours in Christ,

GRANT to us, Lord, we beseech thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do any thing that is good without thee, may by thee be enabled to live according to thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

| DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES | | |
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| | June | 2022 |
| Communicants | 39 | 192 |
| | | |
| Collections | £ | |
| Services | 486 | 3,456 |
| Visitors | 30 | 150 |
| Donations | 5,338 | 7,392 |
| House Boxes | - | - |
| Special | 238 | 9,141 |
| Total | 6,092 | 20,139 |

IN OUR THOUGHTS PRAYERS

Lord Clitheroe Who is recovering at home following hospital treatment

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

9th May Eira Eloise daughter of David and Emma Core of Blacko

HOLY MATRIMONY

7th July Debra Schofield and James Whiteoak both of Clitheroe



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY— PUDDING FEST
AT CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL SATURDAY 30th JULY
At St Mary's Centre Church Street Clitheroe

Whalley Deanery Children's Society fundraising committee
Sample some puddings have a sit down and support the Children's Society

DIOCESAN BISHOP RETIRES



THE RT REVD JULIAN HENDERSON and his wife Heather said farewell to the Diocese on Saturday 16th July during a service at Blackburn Cathedral which was, at turns, both moving and stirring. It was also an opportunity to celebrate what God has done across Lancashire during Bishop Julian's tenure; particularly since the inception of our Diocesan 'Vision 2026 Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'.

Hundreds of clergy and laity from parishes across the County converged on the Cathedral to say goodbye and thank you alongside Bishop's Leadership Team members past and present; Lancashire faith and civic representatives (including the Mayor of Blackburn Cllr Suleman Khonat); Bishops from neighbouring Dioceses in the North West and many more. All the hymns and songs were chosen specially for the service by Bishop Julian and Heather. Also present were the couple's close family, including their three young grandchildren.

From an address given at a recent Bishop's House 'tent week' event Bishop Julian said "It is quite a sad moment for us both to be stepping aside after nine really happy and joyful years here in the great County of Lancashire and in a great Diocese. "We have made considerable progress over this time. There has been lots to be thankful for, particularly with our 'Vision 2026, Healthy Churches Transforming Communities' embedded and driving what we are doing here in Lancashire." Bishop Julian added: "God has brought a wonderful team together here in Lancashire; in our parishes and schools and also the central team based out of the Diocesan offices. I leave with great confidence that team will continue to take forward the work already started .."

Meanwhile, in his thankyou to Bishop Julian, The Archbishop of York said: "As the Diocese looks forward to celebrating its centenary in 2026, I want *you* to know that we know the time and energy you have invested will continue to bear fruit.

"**LOOKING TO THE FUTURE**, Bishop Philip and Bishop Jill have together written to all parishes in a letter sent from Bishop's House and also available on the Diocesan website. In the letter they say: "As in parishes, so in dioceses, vacancies can be unsettling but creative times. Some of you may have read our very own Mark Bradford's wonderful book 'The Space Between' in which he analyses the 'disruptive seasons' in the Bible and identifies them both as times of challenge but also as times of great growth."

We pray that the next few months, with all their challenges, will likewise be times of growth across our Diocese. We now need to give some attention to the vacancy and how best we can support each other over the next twelve months as we prepare to welcome a new Diocesan Bishop."



FESTIVAL BOWLAND

Summer Family Fun

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership's popular Free Family Nature Events are running throughout August. Full details are on their website, but here's a taster:

Uncovering Archaeology – Thursday 4th and 18th at Clitheroe Castle

Summer Landscape Walk – Thursday 11th from Barrowford

Natural Art – Thursday 25th in either Whalley or Nelson

For full details, including how to book, go to <https://www.pendlehillproject.com/whats-on>

Focus on Fungi

Fruiting bodies, hyphae, mycelium.... Fungi are little understood by many of us – but undoubtedly fascinating. Join Festival Bowland for a free online talk by Dr Irene Ridge on **Tuesday 13th September** from 7pm-8pm and find out more.

If that piques your interest, there will be a guided fungal foray in Gisburn Forest on the afternoon of **Saturday 17th September**, led by the North



Flowers with Rosemere

At Downham Hall Open Gardens this August 7th, Helen Addy will be making summer posies for donations to Rosemere - a Charity close to Helen's heart.

Using fresh flowers from the Hall gardens, Helen will also be demonstrating how to make a bouquet using garden-grown British flowers.

Please come along between 10.00 and 4.00 and treat yourself, whilst also helping out a wonderful charity that does so much for local people.



| Clitheroe Civic Society | | |
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| 5th September (AGM) | Peter Eastham | Transport in the Ribble Valley – From Roman Times to the Present Day |

The Autumn and Winter 2022/23 programme has been published. Talks are given at 7.30 pm on the first Monday of the month at the St Michael and St John Centre Lowergate Clitheroe. Non Members are welcome as are visitors.

DOWNHAM HALL OPEN GARDEN FLOWER FARMERS TO COME TO DOWNHAM HALL

Local members of the 'Flowers from the Farm' artisan cut flowers association will be a key feature at Downham Hall when the Gardens open to the public on Sunday 7th August. Kirsten Mackay of Henthorn Farm Flowers, Lois Pearson from Country Girl Flowers, Sara Barrow from Flowers with Passion, and Tracey Graham of The Mindful Seasonalist have joined flower and foliage supplier the Downham Estate to celebrate the organisation's annual 'Flower Farmers' Big Weekend' and raise much needed money for charity.

As well as informal tours of the kitchen and cutting gardens and borders and advice from the expert florists, a number of Ribble Valley plant growers will be at the event including the award-winning Holden Clough Nursery. The Langden Grill Food Truck will be on-site providing delicious food all day (10-4), with tea and cake additionally available in the courtyard from 2 onwards.

Prosecco and a violinist in the Rose Garden, the Royal Preston Morris Dancers, Ice Creams, the popular 'Human Fruit Machine', a classic car display, music and locally made craft products – including Mountain Croft Living fleeces - will all add to the festival atmosphere. The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership and the Ribble Rivers Trust will be running children's activities. All proceeds from the day will go to Rosemere Cancer Foundation's 25 Years Anniversary Guiding Light Appeal and the Downham Village Hall Refurbishment Project. Sunday 7th August. 10-4. Tickets - £5 (cash if possible). Under 5's free. Free Parking. Downham Hall, Downham, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 4DN.

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<https://www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk/event/the-flower-farmers-big-weekend-2022>
www.rosemere.org.uk
<http://www.downhamvillage.org.uk/index.php/downham-village-hall>

Organisers would be very grateful for any raffle prizes, human fruit machine prizes and anyone who has a gazebo they might be able to lend if the weather is either boiling hot or a bit chilly they should get in touch with Olivia



ROUND & ABOUT

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

ACCRINGTON Pipe Band visited the July meeting at the Calfs Head Worston on 21st July. The 3 young ladies were amazing, never done it before, but their knowledge was unbelievable, they were excellent ambassadors. The Pipe major started playing bagpipes at age 8 and used practice on them to get her through her exams. Dedication for you. .

Two drummers, and one piper all with family connections in the band of 26, with 12 ladies (allowed to join from 1960)

The band are invited to events internationally, as the oldest civilian Pipe band worldwide. The Menin Gate is a venue amongst many others..

Members learnt about all the daggers hidden in the uniform, the dirk, plus others which were sufficient for a soldier to kill, skin and eat meat as they went. Details of the headgear were explained and the use of ostrich feathers, and the Glengarry hat for less formal events.

Members went into the garden of the Calfs Head to listen to some wonderful tunes, and then had a go, trying on hats, drumming and bagpipe blowing, much to the delight of diners in the conservatory!

There will be a WI stall at Open Gardens on 7 August, with crafts, treasure hunt, bric-a-brac, cookery books and more.

The next meeting is at Kettlewell Scarecrow Festival on 18th August, meet at public car park (card payment) at 6pm. Car parking in field also available £3 cash.. Trail sheets available at £1. Village Hall refreshments available until 5pm for early visitors, pubs and cafes open.

17th September visit by coach to Blackwell House Windermere, then into Jetty Boat Museum, lunch, and tour of the museum, optional boat ride. DP

New Family Treasure Trails within Pendle Hill Landscape

ARE YOU planning your summer days out with the children, and looking for exciting things to do close to home? Two new family Treasure Trails based around the Pendle village of Chatburn and around the grounds of Gawthorpe Hall could be just what you are looking for! The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership (PHLP) Scheme has launched the new Trails as part of the 'Discover Pendle Hill' project adding to the trails developed in 2019 in Sabden and Barrowford.

Year 6s from Chatburn school have been working with the national Treasure Trail franchise to create family self-guided adventure trails, which provide an exciting challenge that combine mind-twisting clues with fascinating stories and local facts. The children spent several days out exploring their local area looking at heritage and places of interest and devising a series of clues that guide you to solve the 'spy mission', they produced the artwork for the front cover.

Mrs Pickup at Chatburn Primary School said; "A fantastic experience for myself and the children. It was great that the process of developing the trails linked to many of the National Curriculum links, from geography to maths and art, but also the local history we learnt through researching and exploring the village. Year 6 pupils at Chatburn were asked to describe their experience of creating the trail, they said it was: "Fun", "Fantastic", "Intriguing", "Exciting". "Great team work". The Trail leaflets are on sale at Hudsons Ice Cream Shop, Chatburn and Gawthorpe Hall museum shop. Follow the Pendle Hill Project website or Facebook page to find out more: www.pendlehillproject.com/discover

BOOK - A NURSE'S WAR a diary of hope and heartache on the home front June 1943—June 1945

KATHLEEN JOHNSTONE, 1913—1982, was daughter of Ellen and George Johnstone. George was butler for 16 years, to Ralph Assheton MP, PC (later 1st Baron Clitheroe, KCVO) of Downham Hall. For much of the time covered in her diary Kathleen was a student nurse at Blackburn Royal Infirmary who spent a good deal of her off-duty time at her parents home in Downham. The diary pictures wartime life in both town and country and was part of a Mass Observation project starting in 1939.

The book *A Nurse's War* is an expertly edited version of Kathleen's diary by Patricia Malcolmson and Robert Malcolmson who visited Blackburn and Downham from their home in Canada, in early November last year. Here are four reviews

A born diarist - sensitive, observant, sometimes opinionated, never taking herself too seriously - Kathleen Johnstone gives us a wonderfully intimate and humane picture of a northern life towards the end of the war. In fact, a positive gem'. **David Kynaston**, author of *Austerity Britain*

'Warm, chatty and endlessly absorbing, the diary of student nurse Kathleen Johnson opens a fascinating window into the small joys and terrible tragedies of World War Two. From her delight at a "real egg" to her amazement at the new "wonder drug" penicillin, this delightful diary brims with intelligence and humour.' **Wendy Moore**, author of *Endell Street*.

'An inspiring and uplifting record of wartime life in a hospital. Kathleen Johnstone's warmth and wit render her diaries a gripping read.' **Lucy Fisher**, author of *Women in the War*:

Kathleen's days were never the same. She writes in clear and lively prose about life in the hospital: of her fellow nurses, her patients, about death and dying, and the progress of the war as wounded soldiers returned from Normandy in the summer of 1944. She muses on being working class, wartime austerity, and her anxiety about examinations. Here too are dances, Americans and a POW boyfriend in Germany. Kathleen's observations are witty, wry and astute - but above all relatable, even today. Poignant and engrossing, Kathleen Johnstone's tale of trauma, romance and friendship will leave a lasting impression. **Waterstone booksellers.**

Of interest to us, Kathleen's diary gives snatches of life in Downham and glimpses into the lives of villagers observed on her visits home. Kathleen, like many of her contemporaries, was a keen picture-goer, there are detailed descriptions of trips to some of the sixteen cinemas in Blackburn at that time and notes about the many contemporary films she saw in her off duty time. Eminently readable from this born diarist and her editors, the book is available in paperback, 293 pages, 8 pages of b/w photographs, price £8.99. *HarperCollins Publishers ISBN: 9780008519155* .

Mass-Observation is a United Kingdom social research project; originally the name of an organisation which ran from 1937 to the mid-1960s, and was revived in 1981 at the University of Sussex. Mass-Observation originally aimed to record everyday life in Britain through a panel of untrained volunteer observers who either maintained diaries or replied to open ended questionnaires, the project relied most on its network of volunteer correspondents. It was based in a working-class street in Bolton (known in Mass-Observation publications as "Worktown"),

In August 1939 Mass-Observation invited members of the public to record and send them a day-to-day account of their lives in the form of a diary. No special instructions were given to these diarists, so they vary greatly in their style, content and length. 480 people responded to this invitation and their diaries are now held in the Mass-Observation Archive. Kathleen Johnstone's diary is one such.

During the Second World War, Mass-Observation research was occasionally influential in shaping British public policy. In 1939 criticism of the Ministry of Information's posters led to their being replaced with more appropriate ones. In addition, their study of saving habits was used by John Maynard Keynes to successfully argue for tax policy changes

