

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

FEBRUARY		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	V before Lent Assheton Sermon	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud Revd Cilla Hawkes	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
10th	IV Before Lent	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs K. Herron	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
	Sunday	6.30 pm	Candle light Supper	CommunityChurch Clitheroe	<i>In aid of the Children's Society</i>
11th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church	
13th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
17th	III Before Lent Septuagesima	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Emma Logan—Carers' Link</i>
24th	II Before Lent Sexagesima	11.00 am	Matins Revd	Mr I. Walton	Mr & Mrs C. Ennis
25th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church	
26th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Dr Martin Seddon Quarry Tales</i>
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	
March					
1st	Friday	7.00 pm	Quiz	Village Hall	<i>In Aid of World Scouts Jamboree</i>
3rd	Next before Lent Quinquagesima	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mr & Mrs B Lewis
6th	Ash Wednesday				
7th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	

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DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From The Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway

Dear Friends

January can appear to be one of the darkest months of the year, with Christmas Day rapidly becoming a distant memory. I'm not sure about you, I think this January in particular seems to have had many long, dark, gloomy days but the Good News about the Gospel story is that there is always hope and there is always light.

In the Christian church the season of Christmas doesn't finish until Candlemas, which falls on February 2nd and some even keep their Christmas trees up until this day; an opportunity for the light to shine even longer.

Candlemas also gives us the wonderful story of Simeon and Anna who devoted their lives, waiting for years, for God to reveal himself to them. Simeon saw the baby Jesus as the fulfilment of all the hopes and dreams of the Jewish people. In the Old Testament God promised Moses that a prophet unlike any other would come. Isaiah told of a son born of a Virgin who would be called Emmanuel – God with us. Simeon and Anna are representative figures and the world has never been without people like them. People of hope and people of faith who never waiver in their belief. But Simeon also recognised the pain and suffering Jesus would one day have to endure for all his people. Following Jesus doesn't mean that our prayers will be answered straight away; Simeon and Anna waited a lifetime.

Following Jesus doesn't mean that we will never suffer in any way. When our dreams don't come true in a day, we, like Simeon and Anna need to remember that God is still at work. The story of Simeon and Anna gives us hope that God will fulfil his promises and that he will be with us; hope and light when days may seem dark.

With every blessing

Catherine

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	December	2018
COMMUNICANTS	83	482
COLLECTIONS	Nov/Dec £	2,018
SERVICES	773	4,194
VISITORS	64	704
DONATIONS	1,227	8,600
HOUSE BOXES	86	188
TOTALS	3,526	23,186

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Bob Swarbrick, Kath Swarbrick,
Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Betty Mercer
and others who are unwell

FAREWELL TO PHILIPPA MCFALL

PHILIPPA and Michael moved to Downham Mill in 1984, so it is bound to be with mixed emotions that she moves out at the end of January after almost 35 years. Blissfully for all of her friends she is not moving far, just to the bungalow at the top of the village (recently vacated by Jean Whitsey), which is being renamed Croft Cottage in recognition of Eddie Croft who built it. Philippa will be keeping her telephone number after the move (see back cover), but BT have been known to be slow with these things, so do not be alarmed if there is no answer for a while!

RCA

CAROL SERVICE

Very many thanks to all those who "volunteered" to read lessons. Without exception the standard was very high. Special thanks to the augmented choir for their beautiful singing. As well as sounding delightful, they gave the less regular singers amongst us a bit of a rest! All in all it was a lovely end to the year. RCA

SPECTATOR



February 14th = Valentines Day, February = the month of "lurve" I used to get very excited over Valentine's Day, especially when I was young, even though I hardly ever got one, in fact change that to never got one. Even when I made a deal with my sister so that we both definitely got one, she forgot to send mine!

When I got married I loved getting the cards and flowers and you may be surprised to know that Jon is an old romantic so asks every year, " shall we get valentines cards this year" we look at each other and go ," naw" we don't need a card to know that we are loved.

I think once you get to that stage, you start thinking about the love that is around you and every time I switch the tv on, I worry about how little love people have for others and even for themselves. It just seems like we don't care anymore about anything. I went on my trusty iPad and found some wise 4-8yr olds talking about love and the definitions of.

"When my gran got arthritis and couldn't paint her toe nails anymore, my gran dad did it for her even when he got arthritis as well"

"When mum makes dad a coffee and has a taste to make sure it's ok"

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas when you stop opening your presents and listen"

A little old lady and a little old man who still like each other even when they know all about one another

" Love is what makes you smile when you're tired"

A competition was held to find the most caring young person and here's the winner An elderly neighbour had just lost his wife and was sat in his garden crying. The boy who lived next door went over, climbed on his knee and sat there for a while. When his mum asked what he said to the neighbour , he replied, " I didn't say anything, I just helped him cry"

Maybe there is hope for us after all , Happy Valentines

FESTIVAL BOWLAND

IF YOU have children or grandchildren 8 years of age and over then don't miss two great events coming up during February half-term.

Tuesday 19th February, Planetarium Adventure, 1pm, 2pm or 3pm in West Bradford. Step inside the Yorkshire Planetarium's mobile dome for HD films with the wow factor! Journey through deep space, discover the constellations, learn about black holes and the life and death of stars and find out how humans went to the moon. (£5 per family – 2 adults and up to 2 children.)

Wednesday 20th February, Stories of the Stars, 7pm – 8.30pm, Gisburn Forest Bring along the family for an enchanting evening in Gisburn Forest! Cosy up around the fire for an evening of dark sky tales with storyteller, Sue Allonby and listen to our expert guide, Robert Ince, who will share stories of his own dark sky adventures. Weather permitting we'll embark on our own journey to explore the night sky. £3 per accompanied child.

Places on both events need to be booked in advance by contacting Sandra Silk on 01200 448000 or sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

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QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 1st March 2019

At Downham Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 Quiz starts at 7.30

Licensed Bar

Tickets £5.00 pp inc. Pie and Peas

Teams of up to 4 Prizes and a Raffle

All proceeds to World Scout Jamboree

Call Denise on
01200 445079
For tickets.

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TWISTON teenager Josh Palmer has undergone an intensive selection weekend to be offered one of thirty-six places in East Lancashire to attend the World Scout Jamboree 2019 in West Virginia, America. This is the biggest scouting event in the world, only being held once every four years with over 40,000 scouts from over 200 countries attending.

The cost of the trip is £3,900, and the scouts are encouraged to raise this through donations and fundraising events. He is hoping to raise some of this by holding a Quiz night at the village hall on Friday 1st March. For any donations or information / tickets please ring Denise on 01200 445079. Thank You. CP

TREES

AS AN antidote to the sad news of recent tree diseases, there is some good news. The Ribble Rivers Trust have planted several thousand trees on either side of Twiston Beck, just south of Twiston Mill. This is all part of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership project and aims to shade the brook, reduce muck and silt entering it and marginally reducing the speed at which rain water enters the brook, thereby fractionally reducing the flood risk downstream when we next have a deluge. The work can be admired from the footpath that runs alongside the wood. RCA



Whalley Deanery
Fund Raising Committee



Candlelight Supper

At The Kings Centre Millthorne Avenue
off Henthorne Road Clitheroe BB7 2LE

SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2019 - 6.30 for 7.00 pm

soft drinks available
vegetarian option available
and a selection of salads
delicious puddings

Entertainment by

CLITHEROE UKULELE ORCHESTRA

Why not come along and enjoy the evening
Support the Society by making a donation at the Supper
Further information and bookings from

CMV FOLK WEEKEND, DOWNHAM

THIS charity event at Downham Village Hall aims to raise awareness of CMV {cytomegalavirus}. All profits will go to two charities: CMV Action UK and Downham Village Hall. At the event the village hall will be used as a seated concert venue, the carpark will have a marquee with licenced bar, seating areas and stage; various stalls and covered areas for hot/cold food service, a hot beverage van, a messy play area with Becky from The Art Garden, tombola, secret auction and parking for disabled car drivers.

The 16 female folk musicians who are performing in the concert venue over the Saturday and Sunday are coming from Ireland and all over the UK and have amazing talent and all support CMV Action UK.

There will be one of two local female traditional folk dance group demonstrations in the tea time break both Saturday and Sunday. Flossie Mallaivelle (who is French Geordie!) will deliver a workshop on the Sunday morning on dialect and how language is used. Flossie will also be our MC for the weekend in the concert hall as well as closing the event on Sunday evening with a performance of song and banter.

Although this is a pre-bought ticketed event, with free entrance for children under 16years accompanied by a ticket holding adult, Friday evening in the marquee is free entrance to anyone wishing to come and listen or play/sing, we are inviting local folk clubs to join us too, the bar will open at 7pm. Dogs are welcome with well behaved owners who are on a lead! However please be aware there may be children so consideration to safety is paramount.

Event Organiser Linda Ennis says this is going to be an exciting event with top performers – find some on YouTube. Linda would be very pleased to hear from anyone who would be willing to put up one of the artists for the weekend this would help enormously keep expenses down, More information about this event will be published in future Newsletters.

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

AT THE meeting of the group on Tuesday, 15th January at the Village Hall our speaker, Shirley Penman, told the interesting story of the rescue and conservation of the full-sized bound copies of the Clitheroe Advertiser dating from 19th Century to the 1970s.. She recalled the removal of the volumes to Burnley where, subsequently they were to be thrown into a skip but the Civic Society group rescued them and obtained use of the top floor of the Clitheroe Town offices in which to house the volumes.. Shirley explained that a programme of conservation is being undertaken through grant aid. and that the volumes are accessible for study, research or pleasure any weekday morning between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm.

The Clitheroe Times and Low Moor, Whalley, Chatburn and Ribblesdale Observer (price one half penny) had been going for about seven years before a complete copy was saved. The Clitheroe Weekly Advertiser (Gratis) was up to No 61 in 1886 before a full copy was archived. The merger forming the Clitheroe Advertiser and Times came in 1920. Shirley took us on a tour showing the various offices and printing works that were used before the parent company removed production to Burnley. The members were interested to see three volumes one in very poor condition, rather like a bundle of scrap, one moderately useable and one of the newly bound volumes. These were book-marked, for our inspection, to Downham reports, one of the visit, with many pictures, to Downham and other places including Stoneyhurst, of HM Queen Mary in 1938.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 26th February at 7.30 at the Village Hall when Dr Martin Seddon will tell some Quarrytales, *Quarrytales Clitheroe* was a Heritage Lottery Funded oral history project run by Quarry Arts. It researched the quarrying industry in the Clitheroe area and recorded stories from those involved in every aspect of the industry. The story of the project was presented in a book and the recordings have been deposited in the British Library Sound Archive and will be available online very soon. Full information about the project is also on the Quarry Arts website www.quarryarts.org.uk where the stories can also be heard.

THE PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

IN AN attempt to remind passers-by that Christmas is a Christian festival, 500 LEDs were used to pick out the shape of the cross on the Church's East window. Externally the lights showed bright and white, while inside the stained glass cross sparkled gloriously. Please send any comments to the church wardens. RCA

CHRISTINGLE

The Days of Christmas got off to an excellent start with our Christingle Service on Sunday, 23rd December at 11.00 am. This year it combined the Christingle story with a charming tableau narrated by our Vicar and acted out by Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus and crowds of shepherds, angels and sheep. The story was spelled out by singing the appropriate carol at each major point in the journey around the church. St Leonard's was almost full for this service and it was great to welcome parents and children from the Downham Pre School into our worship. Christingles are always in aid of disabled and vulnerable children in the care of the Children's Society. We were able to contribute £200 to the Society's funds on this occasion,



ASSHETON SERMON

ON Sunday 3rd February, 2019 the Assheton Sermon is to be preached by the Revd Cilla Hawkes whose grand-father preached this sermon in 1906.

Revd Cilla is Associate Priest, in the Parishes of Stebbing, St Mary the Virgin; W. Lindsell, St Mary the Virgin; Great Sailing, St James and Little Sailing, St Peter & St Paul. She is Rural Dean of the Dunmow & Stansted Deanery in the Diocese of Chelmsford and Vocational Advisor for the Deanery. Please join us on this historic day.

COFFEE CLUB

We had a very pleasant morning last month, it was good to welcome the Vicar, along with our regular locals. We missed Carole, who wasn't feeling very well, but she's much better now.



In the absence of Carole's voice, I was volunteered to persuade our unwitting members to part with their cash and spend, spend, spend on our newly stocked bring and buy stall. We raised a record amount of money, so thank you to everyone who contributed. I hope that you're as pleased with your purchases as I am with mine.

Thanks also to our guest bakers and to Frances for her beautiful table flowers. Our oldest member, Betty, is back home after a spell in hospital and we send her our love and best wishes. Our next meeting is on Thursday, February 14th, yes Valentines Day, hope you can all make it BL

RECYCLING

Pease remember that the paper recycling bins on the Village Hall car park are for just that. It ruins the value of the paper if plastic wrappers are left on, or you leave the paper in the plastic bag you carried it all to the bins. Please just empty your bag into the recycling bin and take your plastic bag home to use again next time. RCA



BURNS NIGHT

History group members who have attended Lord Clitheroe's talks will know that Downham plays a little known yet important part in the story of Scotland: The 12th Century Battle of Clitheroe, fought on the Bowland Fells, saw King David of the Scots victorious. Following the peace treaty, Scotland's southern border was Swanside Beck.



Inspired by the music of a local piper in the Assheton Arms on New Years Eve, it was decided to celebrate Burns Night at the village hall. Remarkably, the whole event was organised in less than 4 weeks.

With incredible teamwork and community spirit the hall was packed with parishioners and guests. Traditional food, speeches, music and dancing were enjoyed by all, with many suggesting that this could be an annual village event.

Heartfelt thanks to all who contributed to the success of the night and for the very generous contributions to

ABF – The Soldiers' Charity.

JA



Downham WI's first meeting of 2019 got off to a great start with an entertaining talk by John Stirling entitled 'From Toytown to Buckingham Palace'. John had been a child actor, starting his career on stage as Noddy and then on television in 'Whacko' with Jimmy Edwards. He has worked with so many well-known actors back in the day but never gave us the impression that he was 'name dropping'. Almost by accident, John and his wife Annie, became involved with rescuing neglected donkeys and they brought along items to sell to support The Flicka Foundation who took on all their animals when they retired.

Edna Jackson and Marion Courtney were joint winners of the 2018 Competition Cup which was presented by Susan Whittaker.



Edna will hold the cup for the first 6 months and then pass it to Marion.

The next meeting is Thursday 21st February at 7:30 pm, where the guest speaker's talk is 'Carers Link Accrington – Music to make you feel good'. Newcomers are always made welcome and please contact Diane on 07904 111167 for more details. KB

RAINFALL 2018

THE long hot summer of 2018 now seems like a distant memory. In 2018 we had 40.47 inches of rain. This is relatively dry compared with the 150 year average of 46.44 inches and much drier than the last 10 years where the average has been 49 inches. On the other hand it was wetter than 2013 and 2010 when we had 37.50 and 35.49 inches respectively.