

PARISH CALENDAR 2020

February			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Epiphany IV	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Mr & Mrs England	Mr & Mrs C Ennis
4th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Assheton Arms		
9th	Septuagesima	11.15 am	Matins Revd	Mrs A Wallace	Mrs D Braithwaite	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
	Sunday	6.30 pm	Candle light Supper	St Mary's Hall	<i>In Aid of The Children's Society</i>	
12th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
13th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	Sexagesima	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
17th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	<i>Village Hall</i>	<i>Andrew Collinson the History of Bellman Park</i>	
20th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Sally Maxwell—Circle Dancing</i>	
23rd	Quinquagesima	11.15 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
26th	Ash Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
March						
1st	Lent I	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
3rd	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Mgt	Village Hall	Committee Meeting	
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From The Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway

I'VE ASKED so many people if they have enjoyed a good Christmas and New Year; some have said yes, but many have said 'Yes, apart from all the terrible coughs and colds but it's good to get back to normal' and that in some ways is what Ordinary Time in the Church Year is, getting back to normal.

Beginning on the day after Candlemas, where we celebrate Christ's presentation in the Temple, Ordinary time continues until Lent until it reappears again after the celebrations of Easter, Pentecost and Trinity are behind us and once again, we move into a period of what we might call normality, if there is such a thing. We all need these times – we couldn't maintain the hectic seasons of Advent and Christmas on a constant basis and we probably wouldn't appreciate them as much as we do now.

There's something good in ordinariness. Some ancient advice for modern parents states that, 'You should not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself.'

So what does it mean? What is Ordinary Time? Does nothing much happen in God's kingdom during those long weeks? We know through so many bible passages how God is deeply involved in our ordinary, everyday lives. The Christmas story tells us how God became a human being, lived among us, laughed, cried, despaired and suffered just as we all do.

So in 'Ordinary Time' it's not that nothing happens. It's a time when we have the opportunity to continue the rhythm of life, the time we remember that every aspect of our lives is blessed by the God of the everyday and how extraordinary is that?

Catherine

Please don't forget that from February our Sunday Morning Service will start at 11.15 am.

God of our salvation,
 help us to turn away from those habits
 which harm our bodies and poison our minds
 and to choose again your gift of life, revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	December	2019
COMMUNICANTS	58	476
COLLECTIONS £		
SERVICES	552	5,512
VISITORS	42	619
DONATIONS	350	6,528
HOUSE BOXES	-	14
SPECIAL	100	7,504
TOTALS	1,044	20,177

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Olive Awbery, Kath Swarbrick
 John Roskell and others who are unwell.
 The families of Bernard Driver and Bob Cleeve

Bernard Driver

Bernard Driver who died recently was born in Downham. The family lived at Rose Cottage. He attended the school here in the 1930s and had fond memories of his childhood before branching out in the wider world. Bernard became a successful business man who retired to Clitheroe and who remained interested in what went on in Downham. Bernard had a number of health issues which were borne cheerfully, he was in that respect, an example to us all. We shall miss his occasional visits to St Leonard's and the Village Hall.



Whalley Deanery
Fund Raising Committee



Candlelight Supper

At THE NEW VENUE The St Mary's Centre Church Street Clitheroe
 Bar and soft drinks available
 vegetarian option available
 and a selection of salads
 delicious puddings

Sunday 9th February, 2020 at 6.30 pm for 7.00 pm

Entertainment by
CLITHEROE GRAND CHOIR

Why not come along and enjoy the evening
 Support the Society by making a donation at the Supper?
Further information and bookings
 From your Children's Society Committee representative
 Tom 445471 , Philippa 441484 Brian 440925

NEW CLITHEROE SOUND ARCHIVE

DO YOU have any memories of Clitheroe? Do you know anyone who does? Then Clitheroe Civic Society would like to hear from you. In a new venture the society is looking to record the memories of Clitheroe people, as well as those from the surrounding Ribble Valley area, in order to preserve them for the future. It doesn't matter what your memories are, they want to record them.

Society Chairman, Steve Burke, said "This is a new and exciting venture for us. A group of interviewers has been trained and are ready to go. All we need now are the people, and their stories, to record. Whatever your memories we would like to hear them. Whether they are of your childhood, work or leisure activities - in fact anything. Then we want to preserve them for future reference. We are particularly anxious to record anyone who has memories of Clitheroe during the Second World War. We can come to you to make the recording or we can find a neutral venue, whatever suits you best. The recordings will be preserved in the new Clitheroe Sound Archive so that current and future generations can learn about Clitheroe and the surrounding area from first hand experiences".

The recordings will be available for all to hear, by appointment, in the Society's Archive Room at the Town Council Chambers. The Society recently rescued copies of all the Clitheroe Advertiser and Times newspapers which have now been digitised and these also can be viewed, again by appointment, at the Archive Room. For details of how to make an appointment visit the Clitheroe Civic Society website.

If you are interested in being recorded, or if you would like to volunteer as an interviewer or both then contact Andrew Schofield either by email on asr469@btinternet.com or call 07762 522051.

BOWLAND DARK SKIES FESTIVAL

AT THE Forest of Bowland AONB office we're busy putting together the latest Discover Bowland guide and events listings. One of the first things in the programme will be the Bowland Dark Skies Festival during February half-term (15th to 23rd). Bowland is a fantastic place for star gazing as the area has some of the darkest skies in England. Along with official Dark Sky Discovery Sites at Gisburn Forest, Slaidburn, Beacon Fell Country Park and the Crook o' Lune picnic site near Caton, we're lucky here to be able to simply step outside on a clear night and marvel at the constellations.

The Dark Skies Festival aims to celebrate our night skies and nocturnal creatures. Events include a pop-up planetarium, owl pellet dissection and, on the doorstep, a screening of Wallace and Gromit's - *A Grand Day Out* in Downham village hall. Keep an eye out for the new guide (available from early February) or take a look at our website to find out all the details www.forestofbowland.com SS

HISTORY GROUP

ON Tuesday 7th January, Shirley Penman, Clitheroe volunteer archivist and researcher treated to us to an exposition of the Clitheroe mayoral regalia, including chains of office, kindly modelled by the current mayor and mayoress.

The Mayor's chain was co-donated by Alderman William Garnet J.P. of Low Moor Mill. It was made by T & J Bragg of Birmingham in 1886. Made of 18 carat gold, it has *fleur de lis* at each compass point, a three-turreted castle and the red rose of Lancashire. It depicts the granting of the three town charters in 1147, 1283 and 1346.

The Mayoress's chain, more delicate in nature, was first presented to Mrs Standing in 1928 by Captain William Brass. This was followed by the deputy mayor's chain and medallion in 1958. The 52" long Corporation Mace was gifted to the town in 1672 by General Monke. It has depictions of the castle, thistle, harp and the Lancashire rose, as well as the coat of arms of local families like the Braddyls, the Asshetons and the Parkers. The custom of holding regalia is believed to date back to Roman times and was a measure of a town's status.

On Monday 17th February Andrew Collinson will be talking on the History of Bellman Park. For our March meeting we are supporting the LIVES on the LINE event (see page 3) on 14th. AND ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS TO GET THEIR TICKETS SOON JP

A Happy New Year from all of us at Stage Two Downham.

OUR Spring production will take place on Wednesday 1st April 2020 to Saturday, 4th April, commencing at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall.

This time we bring you a thriller set in 1950's America. 'Strangers On A Train' is a play by Craig Warner, based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith and was the basis of the classic 1951 Alfred Hitchcock film.



The plot focuses on a chance meeting on a train. Guy Haines and Charles Bruno think that they can say anything while chatting because they are strangers. Bruno suggests that they could get away with murder. He could kill Guy's unfaithful wife while Guy could eliminate Bruno's hated father.

Our production will be directed by Vivienne Thornber. She has wide acting and directing experience with other drama groups in East Lancashire and this will be her debut as director for Stage Two Downham.

Tickets are £8 and we plan, once again, to offer the popular pre-theatre meal deal with the 'Assheton Arms' in Downham.

Priority ticket booking for mailing list members will open on Monday 24th February 2020.

Further details and booking arrangements nearer this time.

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LIVES ON THE LINE

Looking at the lives of the navies that built the Settle to Carlisle railway
Stories about life on the line, how they survived and told in song and narration by
Karin Grandal-Park



**DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL, DOWNHAM,
BB7 4BR
SATURDAY, 14th March 2020
DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30PM START**

We are pleased and excited to announce that KARIN GRANDAL-PARK has agreed to perform for us her beautiful touching songs and stories of the folk who lived, worked and gave their lives to build the Settle to Carlisle railway line in particular the iconic piece of engineering that is Ribbleshead Viaduct which sits surrounded by Wernside, Ingleborough, Peneghent and the wild North Yorkshire Moors.

Karin wrote all but one of the seven tracts on her CD Lives on the Line (which was sponsored by Stories in Stone, HERITAGE FUND & YORKSHIRE DALES MILLENIUM TRUST). For our charity evening's performance she will be accompanied by a fantastic team of musicians as well as a narrator.

For our second act we are also privileged to have a set performed by AVA GREENALL on fiddle & PHIL KNIGHTLY on ukulele. Our two talented local musicians will entertain us with tunes with a 'train' theme!

To finish the evening we have MAIL TRAIN a recently formed 5piece band from Wigan with their upbeat sound of well known and self penned songs to sing along with and tap your feet.

RAFFLE prizes include railway memorabilia, train set, beautiful handmade feather wreath, books, CD's, chocolates & alcohol. £1per ticket

BAR (cash) serving a varied selection of wines, beers & soft drinks, tea and coffee will be available. Complimentary snacks will be handed around free of charge in the evening.

To avoid disappointment please don't delay in reserving your ticket. £6 per person to reserve a ticket by email to cmvfolkweekend@gmail.com or call Linda on 07041629304.

BOB CLEEVE STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



WE learnt with great sadness of the sudden death of Bob Cleeve on Christmas Day. Bob was the longest serving member of *Stage 2 Downham* which began life in Waddington. He also acted for a number of other drama groups in the area and was a long-standing member of the Clitheroe based 'Wrong Direction' barbershop ensemble. His overall acting career spanned 50 years and 100 productions!

Our Chairman, Kim Croydon says, " *Bob was a talented performer, a committed treasurer and a great friend. I have so many wonderful memories of Bob's appearances on stage in so many different guises. He was a gifted actor with a great sense of comic timing.*"

Bob's last Stage Two performance was in our November production when he gave a typically amusing interpretation of the part of Nigel, the aspirant but ultimately thwarted King Lear, in 'A Bunch Of Amateurs'. He gave a memorable performance in the autumn of 2017 as the grumpy Stephen Febble in 'The Weekend'. This was a role he particularly enjoyed as he said he was just playing himself! Who can forget his memorable line, " *If the Third World War breaks out when I'm on the lavatory, could someone bang on the door!*" **Bob will be greatly missed.**

THE PARISH CHURCH

MORNING SERVICE

THE Parochial Church Council has approved a retiming of the morning service from 11.00 am to 11.15 am. This is an attempt to assist our clergy in their somewhat hectic travel arrangements on Sunday mornings. A pilot scheme, this will be reviewed after one month.



ASSHETON SERMON

THE sermon this year was preached by the Revd Christopher Wood vicar of Waddington and West Bradford. The congregation were given the full C of E with Bells and the Matins Service, (appreciated by the Prayer book Society members present). As to the Sermon a sweeping look at 17th Century English history combined with an examination of Sir Ralph's faith in the resurrection of the body, epitomised in the text *I know that my redeemer liveth....* All this with a side note about the inclusion of the text by Handel in his great work The Messiah. A scholarly and awesome event yet crisply clear to the Person in the pew,

BURNS NIGHT 2020

A packed village hall commemorated the Scottish Bard with a full evening of fun, food and frolics.

Heartfelt thanks to all who supported the event and to all who worked so hard to make it such a success. A true community spirit for a very good cause
ABF *The Soldiers' Charity.* JA

COFFEE CLUB



IT WAS a very windy day as we gathered for the coffee morning this month. This was born out by the numbers which were a little low, not helped by the fact that Barbara went walk about, saying something about invigilating. However we were a jolly crowd and spent a lovely couple of hours catching up

Our thanks as always to Frances for some beautiful table flowers.

See you all again next time on Thursday, 13th February, Usual Time 10-12. Usual Place Village Hall CA

BRIDLEWAY

Unlike the ancient Trojan Cassandra, I obviously have not been granted the skill of prophesy! Yet again my prediction that construction of the Downham/Chatburn bridleway would commence by a certain date has proved wrong. Frustratingly there is still some outstanding planning red tape to be completed. While hoping that this is just a temporary glitch I refrain from offering a new start date! RCA

TREE PLANTING

The River Ribble Trust have been busy organising tree planting along Twiston Beck. Last year their volunteers worked near Pendle Bridge and also below Twiston Mill. This year they are planting some areas in between, so if you would like to help just take a look at their website. No prior experience is required. RCA

RECYCLING

the recycling area at the Village Hall was seriously misused over Christmas. There appears to be a misunderstanding by some users that someone, (presumably RVBC) will tidy up anything not placed in the bins. This is not the case. Anything not in the bins has to be picked up (usually by me) and taken to Henthorn. This is made doubly unpleasant by the bags often being split and wet. Ten sacks of assorted junk was no pleasure to move. The future of the facility is in serious doubt. Please do not abuse it! RCA



DOWNHAM W.I. CHRISTMAS PARTY

WELL, well, well, what an evening of surprise our Christmas party turned out to be! We were supposed to be in the Village Hall, but what with the election, we luckily and with many thanks, ended up at Greendale View Kitchen, being served with delicious food.



Then followed a Christmas quiz delivered by our now famous, quiz master, Susan. The table with Eileen, Frances, Sheila, Marion and Rosemary won- (no surprises there). Then members were presented with a Panto sketch, this is really the only way I can describe it, performed by the Downham WI Committee.

Who would have thought Prince Charming (Dawn) could be soooo handsome? and those ugly sisters, they were something horrible (Bev and Yvonne) contrasting with the super smooth narrator (Diane). The Fairy Godmother (Sharon) was quite special too, nobody else, can say 'ping' in quite the same melancholy manner; as for Cinderella (Any), she seemed to consent to anything with her 'awrights'. Anyway, thankfully it was all over after a good many laughs.

On a more serious note, Barbara was presented with flowers for her fantastic work as Programme Secretary, which she has undertaken for a good many years without a hitch. Olive -in her absence- was thanked, along with along with Dave, for their Village Hall car park weeding party. It will, once again, look wonderful in the Spring.

SENSATIONAL 60S DISCO

Saturday 7 March 2020
Downham Village Hall

Let's Twist Again!

Tickets already selling (£12).
If you want to book now please ring
Sue 07966 699 326
or 01200 440912.

OUR JANUARY MEETING

was presented by a wonderfully exuberant Roy Porter, who gave us a touch of history, a touch of magic and enlightening views on the meat industry today. Despite having been a few times to Downham WI, this was once again, a talk with difference. We listened to how the story of the butcher's shop has changed with the times but always maintaining high standards throughout. In the 1940's there were approximately 30 butcher shops in Clitheroe now only a small handful, including the supermarkets, remain. Roy Porter's continue to hand cure bacon on site, make the now famous pies which started when Anne was asked if she would 'jus' do one on her day off. How they adapted to the changing dietary tastes of the public when he came across an invoice from 1946 that showed sirloin steak was substantially cheaper than lamb's liver! It was interesting to hear his views on how the need to adapt to climate change has sharpened up practices which means that butchers like Roy Porter's should come into their own, providing outstanding quality, locally produced products without the need for packaging. Thank goodness, Roy never became a meat inspector- Chatburn and Downham are all the richer for way things turned out. Roy kindly gave us some samples of Anne's delicious and world-famous pork pies.



The winner of the competition's trophy 2019 was Susan Whittaker who was presented with a very large cup.

The next meeting is 'Circle Dancing' with Sally Maxwell on Thursday 20th February at 7.30pm. All new members and guests are welcome as ever.

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