
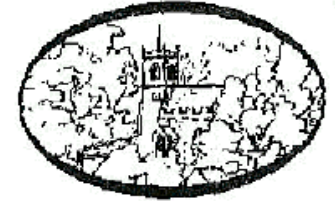


Parish Calendar 2015						
June			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Managemt Cttee Meeting	Village Hall		
3rd	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B Lewis	NEW	
4th	Thursday	7.00pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Chairman's Walk</i>	
6th	Saturday	3.00 pm	Wedding	Steve Horrocks & Liz Bloor		
7th	Trinity I	11.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
8th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Friends Meeting House, Sawley		
		6.30 pm	Cookery Club	Village Hall	<i>Giles Shaw Wellgate Fisheries</i>	
10th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	NEW	
11th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
14th	Trinity II	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr I. Walton		Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
17th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	NEW	
18th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Stories of Perfume</i>	
19th	Friday	Eve	Food Festival Fund Raiser	Downham Hall	<i>See Page 6</i>	
20th	Saturday	11.00am to 3.00 pm	Open Day	Christ Church Chatburn	<i>Inspect the completed re-ordering</i>	
		Eve	Pinnacle Party	Downham Hall	<i>See Page 7</i>	
21st	Trinity III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Alan Reid	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
22nd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
24th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean	NEW	
28th	Trinity IV	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs A. Greenhill		Lady Clitheroe Ms C. Raw
		3.30 pm	United Hymn Singing	Village Green	<i>Our Three Churches and Visitors</i>	
29th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Lord Clitheroe—Downham Hall</i>	
July						
1st	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B. Lewis	NEW	
2nd	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club	Garden Visit	<i>Casa Laga Whalley meet @ bridge</i>	
5th	Trinity V	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
6th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – The Revd Andy Froud—sabbatical leave The Revd Andrew Whitehead 01200 444734</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p> <p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210</p>						
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

2015 Issue 6 June

From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

You can worship God anywhere. True - as far as it goes. Thousands of years ago the Psalmist was inspired to write - "the earth is the Lord's and all that therein is" (Psalm 24:1) It is true that, particularly here in the Ribble Valley we can experience the true beauty of God's creation outdoors. As King David also wrote "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handy-work." (Psalm 19:1)

I think it was St Francis who said that the creation offers its creator continuous worship if we could only open our ears and eyes to see it. And walking through the village with the birds singing and bathed in the early morning sun again it easy to see that the creation offers worship to its creator.

But we also need to worship with other Christians. One of the great truths of Pentecost is that the Holy Spirit moves particularly where the people of God are gathered together. The Books of Acts, the story of the early church records that "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." (Acts 2:1). Sadly sometimes people find going to church to be a boring or irrelevant chore: but to be together with other Christians in safety is both a privilege which we enjoy in this country and one which we often take for granted.

Fortunately (hopefully!) in the beautiful setting of the village of Downham this month you can join in songs of praise with all of God's creation outdoors on June 28th at 3.30 pm on the Green: here's hoping it stays fine! (if it's not we will meet in the church)

Yours in Christ

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; Through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	April	2015
COMMUNICANTS	86	775
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	66	656
VISITORS	37	47
DONATIONS	275	3,467
HOUSE BOXES	-	-
SPECIAL	-	-
TOTAL	378	4,453

ANNUAL MEETING OF ST LEONARD

ON SUNDAY 26th April at noon and 12.15, after the morning service and a coffee break the Annual Meetings of the Parish Church took place. The first was the Vestry Meeting where Parishioners elected the Church Wardens for the year 2015 /16 Mrs Diana Wilkins who had served for years had indicated that she did not wish to stand as Twiston Warden again was thanked for her service. The meeting elected Mrs Philippa McFall and The Hon Ralph Assheton, unopposed, as Wardens for the year. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting which followed at 12.15 pm received the annual report of the Church (copy available on the table in church or on request), received the Annual Accounts and re-appointed the Auditors Messrs Adams of Clitheroe. The parochial Church Council and Sidesmen and women were elected to serve for the year.

Parochial Church Council members:

Ex Officio:

The Patron The Lord Clitheroe DL
Church Warden Emeritus: Mr N. Lund JP.
Church Warden: The Hon. Ralph Assheton DL
Church Warden & Deanery Synod Representative: Mrs P. McFall
Synod Representative Mrs D. Wilkins.

Elected:

The Lady Clitheroe, Mr. B. Lewis, Mrs B. Lewis, Mr. T.A. McLean, Mr P. Naylor, Mrs M. Roskell Mrs K. Walmsley, Mrs J. Whitsey, Mr J. Whitsey Mr I. Walton

Election of Sidesmen and women:

Mrs A, Greenhill, Mr B. Lewis
 Mrs B. Lewis Mrs P. McFall,
 Mr.T. McLean, Mrs E. Parker,
 Mr. J. Whitsey, Mrs D. Wilkins,
 Mr I. Walton.

The Meeting thanked the church volunteers including our **Newsletter Distributors:**

Downham Mrs D. Braithwaite, Mrs J. Credie
 Mrs H. Addy, Mrs C. Naylor; *Twiston Lane etc*
 Mr T. McLean; *Twiston* Mrs D. Wilkins,
 Mrs Clare Ashworth and Mrs O. Awbery.

SPECTATOR.

WOW, I just can't believe that I am writing for June's magazine. Where has the year gone? At this rate it will only be three months before December is here and we will be meeting ourselves coming back! Before you read this, I will have had a visit from my cousin Liz, spent a week in hospital hopefully having my medication tweaked, been on our jolly hols to the dear old Isle of Man AND...will officially be an OAP as I will be drawing my pension. So I may, like the poem by Jenny Joseph, "start wearing purple, with a red hat that doesn't go and doesn't suit me and I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves." Well perhaps not the summer gloves but the red hat and brandy might be worth a go!

Also in June, the grandchildren are back from Liverpool and Cumbria uni, exams over phew! and on the subject of exams, I found on the Internet, (what did we do before Google and iPads?) 'The Funniest 33 GCSE Answers.' It is hilarious, I could hardly breath and it is so funny, I had tears running down my face. Here is a taster and I am hoping they are joke answers because if not, the future of mankind is in serious trouble!

***Ancient Greece was inhibited by mummies and they wrote in hydrolics. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere.

***The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the bible Guinesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

***Moses led the Hebrew slaves to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread made without any ingredients. Moses went up on mount Cyanide to get the Ten Commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada.

***Solomon had three hundred wives and seven hundred porcupines.

***The Greeks were a highly sculptured people and without them we wouldn't have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

***Julius Caesar extinguished himself on the battlefields of Gaul. The ides of March murdered him because he was going to be made king. Dying he gasped out "tee hee Brutus".

***Queen Elizabeth was the Virgin queen. As a Queen she was a success. When she exposed herself before her troops they all shouted" hoorah".

***Handel was a famous composer, he was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large.

(Very serious trouble!) see you in July.

CLITHEROE CASTLE PINNACLE PROJECT

WINE AND CHEESE EVENING SATURDAY 20th JUNE

THOSE of you who read the Clitheroe Advertiser (other publications are available) will have seen that Clitheroe Civic Society is raising money to repair and restore an original pinnacle from the Palace of Westminster, which has graced the Castle Rose garden for many years.

One of their fundraising events will be a Cheese and Wine Party in the marquee at Downham Hall (see also Food Festival Party). For more details and tickets (at £10 each), contact Mrs Olwyn Claydon mobile no. 07872823782.



GARDENS OPEN 2015—UPDATE

PLANS are advancing as the days draw nearer. What looks like a very good programme is developing with the Brass Bands and singing, stalls and other entertainments. Posters are going out in June and articles are to be published in Magazines and Newspapers. If any one would like to help for an hour on either day please let Olivia know on 441210. OA

FESTIVAL BOWLAND EVENTS

A VERY full programme of events for this year's Festival of the Forest of Bowland is in progress. Here are just two which are coming up soon. Further details are available on leaflets from the Library and on line at www.forestofbowland.com

Ribble Valley Ramble - Sawley

Friday 26th June 10.30am – 4.00pm

Meet at the Spread Eagle Inn for a bacon sandwich followed by a guided walk of around 7 miles (some steeper climbs and stiles may be involved) then return to the Spread Eagle for a two course meal. Cost £14.99 including sandwich and afternoon meal. Booking essential. Please phone 01200 441202 or email spread.eagle@zen.co.uk

Limestone Flowers and Reefs—Downham

Saturday 18th July 2pm – 5pm

A gently-paced walk, with some steeper climbs, of around 2 to 3 miles across the limestone reef knolls of Worsaw Hill, Warren Hill and Crow Hill looking at the wonderful flora. Booking essential. Please phone 01200 448000 or email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

VILLAGE NOTICE BOARD

DOWNHAM village notice board is currently outside the front door of the Post Office. In view of the fact that fewer locals than ever will pass it close enough to read, once work to convert the building to bed and breakfast is completed, it has been suggested that it be moved to the bottom of the village. One possible site would be next to the Ice Cream shop. Please give comments, thoughts or possible alternatives to Ralph Assheton or Shaun Roney.

CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL PARTY FRIDAY 19th JUNE

AFTER the success of last year's party to raise money for and entertain the Sponsors of the Clitheroe Food Festival, a similar event will take place on the lawns of Downham Hall. Hopefully the weather will be kinder this year! Once again, a marquee will be erected to accommodate the diners and dancers.

Those of you in Downham who would like to come along should enquire about tickets at the Assheton Arms (£45/head), but we hope that you will (weather permitting) enjoy music wafting in on the breeze as you relax in the comfort of your own gardens. The host needs his beauty sleep, so those of you who prefer the quiet will not be disturbed all night!

OPEN DAY AT CHRIST CHURCH CHATBURN

A WARM invitation is extended to everyone to drop in to the open day at Christ Church Chatburn to celebrate the completion of the development and experience the benefit of the new facilities.

The development included the installation of a kitchen and café area, a disabled and child friendly toilet, a meeting room and vestry and a new heating system.

The new kitchen facilities will be put to good use for producing bacon sandwiches, tea, coffee and cakes which can be purchased on the day and there will be a cake decorating competition for the kids.

Church members will be on hand to show and discuss the new features of the church. There will be displays and presentations about the history of the church and the recent development, and live music will be performed by members of the congregation throughout the day. There will be a raffle and the proceeds from this and the refreshments will be donated to the upkeep of the church.

All are welcome to visit Christ Church, Sawley Road, Chatburn BB7 4BE between 11.00 am to 3.00 pm on Saturday 20th June

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

ARISING directly from the successful Chatburn Music Events series this festival spans more than fourteen events involving 200 performers and at least six venues.

Downham St Leonard is to host the Pendle Trio on Sunday afternoon 19th July at 2.00 pm with an optional after the concert Tea Deal at the Assheton Arms. All profits will be donated to Church funds.

Festival Leaflets can be found in Church. An enlarged version of the Programme will be available soon and further details of 19th July will be included in next month's newsletter.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

BOB Swarbrick held court at home on Saturday, 9th May, pretty well all day and a constant stream of well-wishers called with their greetings, cards and gifts. Bob was on excellent form for his 80th and stories were exchanged about VE Day, 75 years ago, Blackpool, Market Gardens—there was no stopping it. A happy day. Many Happy Returns Bob.

Kath Swarbrick has written: Kath and Bob wish to thank their wonderful family, friends and neighbours for coming to see Bob on his birthday. He had a wonderful 80th Birthday. Thank you all.

United

Songs of Praise

Christ Church Chatburn
St. Leonard's Downham
St. Mary Magdalene's Clitheroe
and

everyone else who would like to join in!

The Green, Downham

(in St. Leonard's Church if wet)

Sunday, June 28th
3.30 pm

Bring your own chair if you'd prefer to sit.

FESTIVAL EVENTS in BRIEF—JUNE

Wednesday 3rd 7.30 pm Ribble Valley
Council Chamber The Melandra Duo
Harp and Clarinet

Thursday 4th 11.30 am Knowle Green
Village Hall Piano and Mandolin

Friday 12th 7.30 pm Chatburn Methodist
Church Three Valleys Gospel Choir

Friday 26th June Parish Church of St Mary
Clitheroe 7.30 pm AJ Brown
Jazz Saxophone

THE PARISH CHURCH

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

NEWLY ELECTED Church Wardens, Ralph Assheton and Philippa McFall received their staves of office from the Venerable John Hawley, Archdeacon of Blackburn, on Wednesday evening 6th May at Emmanuel and All Saints Church, Oswaldtwistle. On this important occasion in the calendar of the Church, Parochial Church Council representatives supported their Church Wardens from the Whalley and Accrington Deaneries as they were solemnly sworn-in for the ensuing year.

The very full church ensured a jolly good sing!

SERVICE CHANGES

THE Priest in Charge's pilot scheme of a week day service in both Chatburn Christ Church and Downham St Leonard enters its second month, This takes the form of a shortened, said celebration of the Holy Communion. All parishioners are welcome to sample this change to our service pattern and to make known their views to Wardens or other PCC members.

christian aid WEEK 10 to 16 May

THANKS to all who have generously donated, especially at this time of the appalling earthquakes in Nepal. Thanks to our collectors Diana Wilkins, Helen Addy, Philip Naylor and Diana Braithwaite, the contributions of our Parish have been gathered in.

The Parish collection raised £297.

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

OUR MAY meeting was the visit to The Roman Museum at Ribchester on Monday 18th. Departing the Bridge at Downham at 6.30 pm for car sharing, the group arrived on time at 7.00 pm to find no one there to meet us. Maybe we have been confused and it's 7.30. We waited. No one came. We were knocking on a nearby door to get the details of local contacts when a man collecting for a charity said "Try down the lane she might know". The woman who answered the door told Clare that we were expected but didn't know what had gone wrong, but why didn't we go to the Ribchester History Group due to meet at the sports and social club at 8.00pm?

Welcome drinks were available and, warmed up by the start time, we enjoyed their speaker Brenda Fox on Lancashire Toll Roads. Brenda gave an interesting and at times amusing talk on Toll Roads and Bars, including one at Barrowford, Chatburn, Paythorne and others near here, as well as a national overview. She told us how the large milestones at the road side between 'Garstang and Lancaster had been buried, by government dictat. for the duration of the second world war, she said this was "So that, in the event of invasion, the Germans wouldn't know where they were". We were met by a kind and helpful group of people and have agreed to exchange our speaker lists.

Our next meeting which will be as exciting, but different, is Monday 29th June at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. The presentation will be by Lord Clitheroe on Downham Hall.

Our thanks to the Newsletter Sponsor for the June issue
Downham & Twiston Garden Club

COFFEE CLUB



The coffee club this month was, as always, very well attended. With lots of cake and coffee and this time accompanied by some lovely chocolates in honour of Barbara's birthday. .

The stalls(bric a brac , books and jigsaws) did brisk business and it all took place as usual with good humour and lots of chuckles. It was very nice to see our two Joseph's who also brought their parents. . As you might imagine a nice time was had by all.

The next meeting is at 10.00 am on 11th June. CA

COOKERY CLUB



AS you may know we are starting up Cookery Club again and the next date is Monday 8th June 2015, when Giles Shaw of Wellgate Fisheries will be demonstrating. The venue is the Village Hall Kitchen as usual and the time is 6-30pm. Price will be £10 per head, pay at the door (but booked in advance).

The Cookery Club evenings are most enjoyable and comprise a demonstration of cookery by a professional chef, followed by a supper of the food prepared, all served with accompaniments and wine. The numbers are strictly limited due to the size of the kitchen, so replies to 415926 are essential. OAwb

GARDEN CLUB



BEcause of the election, the Garden Club for May was held in the Chatburn Village Hall and what a meeting it was! Jason Addy (one of our own), gave a talk and pictures entitled "In Bloom".

He began by introducing us to Spodden Valley of Rochdale, the site of the worlds first then largest asbestos factory. The environmental campaigners worked hard to ensure the safety of the site also linking with the R.H.S. In Bloom Competition. Wildflower planting, community orchards and habitat creation. Jason also put forward an idea for Downham in Bloom consisting of Beautiful Cottage Gardens, open spaces, hedgerows, pastures, and environmentally friendly businesses. This talk was very well received and ended with many questions.

The next Garden Club meeting will be the Chairman's Walk at 7.00 pm on 4th June, starting at the village hall returning to the hall for supper. CA



THE WI report has been delayed this month and a summary will appear along side the report for June in the next Newsletter. The next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 18th June at 7.30 pm when the main topic is "Stories of Perfume".