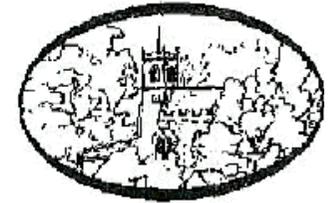


Parish Calendar 2016						
March			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club AGM	Village Hall	Ann and Gordon Sharp	
6th	Lent IV Mothers' day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	NO	Mrs D. Braithwaite Mrs F Eldridge
9th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
10th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
13th	Lent V	11.00am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr I. Walton	FLOWERS	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
		2.00 pm	Games Afternoon	Village Hall		
14th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	96th Birthday Party	
20th	Palm Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E, Parker	IN	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
21st	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	Andy Froud	
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	LENT	
26th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
		12:01 am	<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins—Clocks go forward 1 hour</i>			
27th	Easter Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Jim Duxbury	Mr B Lewis	Lady Clitheroe Ms A Wallace	
28th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chaburn Methodist Church		
April						
3rd	Easter I	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell	
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DOWNHAM & TWISTON**



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From The Revd ANDY FROUD

Dear Friends

I often get things wrong. Contrary to what my children seem to think , I don't do this just for their amusement and entertainment. Some things aren't that important - it doesn't matter that I thought Taylor Swift was a bloke. Some things are a bit more serious, like remembering to look left and right at roundabouts. This was something I was taught as a result of “needing” to attend a speed awareness course.

I would be the first person to say that I am not always right - but one thing I am sure of - the resurrection of Jesus Christ. St Paul writes to the church in Corinth and specifically to those who are teaching there is no resurrection of the dead that if this is true then all of his preaching and by extension his life, is useless. This is where St Paul takes his stand and where he advises the Christians of Corinth and the Christians of Downham, Chatburn and Clitheroe to take their stand too.

But we don't just celebrate the resurrection at Easter or funerals but every day of our lives. But the church is the focal point of our celebration because that is where in the company of believers we find God's Holy Spirit. The church, to use Eugene Peterson's memorable phrase “is formed by the Holy Spirit to be a colony of heaven in the country of death...an appointed gathering of named people in particular places who practice a life of resurrection in a world in which death gets the biggest headlines.”

I might get some things wrong but the resurrection of Christ is something I have a have staked my life on. Again - because he is much better writer than I am - I finish this Easter message with the words of Eugene Peterson, describing the everyday resurrection life to which we are called: “The practice of resurrection is an intentional, deliberate decision to believe and participate in resurrection life, life out of death, life that trumps death, life that is the last word, Jesus life.”

Yours in Christ,

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	January	2016
COMMUNICANTS	45	
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	301	
VISITORS	-	
DONATIONS	232	
HOUSE BOXES	-	
SPECIAL	-	
TOTAL	533	

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Bob Swarbrick, Helen Addy, Jean Whitsey, Carole Ashworth, Diana Braithwaite

DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

February meeting - The coal mines of Read and Simonstone by Brian Jeffery.

WITH maps, diagrams and photographs, Brian Jeffery's informative talk described the geology underlying the Read and Simonstone coal mines. He described how coal was extracted in the eighteenth and nineteenth century from the bowl-shaped seams, running under the River Calder, in mines such as the Dunkirk Colliery, the Calder Colliery and the Pasture mine, otherwise known as Billy Fly Pit. Men toiled underground in shafts up to a thousand feet deep, while women and children pulled the coal-laden tubs and loaded them into carts, to be transported on horse-drawn tramways. Problems such as faults in the rock and landownership were overcome as the area grew in prosperity. Brian's photos revealed the sites of ancient mine shafts, equipment, engine house and waterwheels such as the Constant Mary, while census records, maps and oral testimony filled in the details, uncovering a rich industrial heritage.

The speaker next month, on 21st March will be the Revd Andy Froud. Last year Andy had some weeks of Sabbatical leave and part of his research was about Dr John Webster (1610–1682), cleric, physician and chemist with occult interests, a proponent of astrology and a sceptic about witchcraft. Born at Thornton in Craven, he was head master at Clitheroe Grammar School. The memorial to him in Clitheroe parish church is embellished with a horoscope. Andy has called his talk Magic, Faith and Politics in the Seventeenth Century.

JP

IT'S good news bad news month. which first? Good I think, though it's more *scary good* than ordinary good. Anyway, come summer, I will be having new treatment for PARKINSONS which will hopefully improve my quality of life. It's not a cure sadly but, I will take an extra few years, especially if I can get out and about, which leads nicely onto the bad news.

Our local bus service to be axed! How can this happen? We all pay Council Tax don't we? In fact the way Jon swoons every year when he gets notice of the sizeable increase for the coming year, I think we must be paying everyone else's too! Now things could have changed, so please feel free to skip the rest if it's out of date news but at the time of writing, my understanding is that we are to lose the number 7 bus which passes hourly and have no service at all which seems very brutal. Why can't we have a reduced service? Also, fellow bus travellers that I have spoken to, most of whom like me have free Old age/disabled bus passes, would gladly pay a fixed amount say 50p per journey if it would help to keep the service going. No bus service at all will be so isolating for many people, especially elderly and disabled. Cousin Elaine from Bradford also reminded me, quite rightly too, that we would also be losing some very lovely and caring bus drivers that have become more like friends.



Taxi fares are too high to use regularly at between £8 - £10 from Downham to Clitheroe one way and I think people who don't know, tend to think if you live in Downham you are financially well off or drive a car. Wrong! I went on the council website to sign a petition re the buses and after registering, which takes FOREVER and can cause one to lose the will to live, I finally added my name and a message popped up which said 42 others had signed. Oh dear...I don't think 43 of us will scare the council into changing their minds, but I really hope they do because what's the point in me having radical treatment to stop me looking like an escapee from Monty Python's *ministry of silly walks*, and enables me, if it works, to walk, like a normal person, down to the bridge to catch the bus when there's no bus..tut!

BUSES

THE bus saga drags on! After the unusual LCC procedure of announcing that all the bus *subsidies* would go, then starting consultation, then confirming that the subsidies would all go! It now appears that a skeleton service may be salvaged. The details remain unconfirmed and Downham may lose its link direct to Barley, but not all hope is lost. Watch this space!

RCA

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

MOST things are in place for this year's Ribble Valley Music Festival, and in the course of organising this and putting together some contributions towards articles on the local live music scene for tourist and other publications, it has become increasingly evident that the Ribble Valley is becoming a haven for live music with no less than 6 music festivals this year.

With the Ribble Valley Music Festival being the most comprehensive of these in terms of variety of music and duration it has meant that careful planning has been necessary to avoid clashes with the other music festivals, though they each last only a few days and cover a smaller range of music styles.

The Ribble Valley Music Festival opens the festival season on 23rd April, followed by the others in the area, and continues after the others and right up to year end.

The Ribble Valley Music Festival has been planned to, once again, bring some artists to the area for the first time, and have a programme that includes the desire by many to have some rare sought after music genres that are not often performed in the area.

The good news in terms of cost to you is that ticket prices remains the same as last year, and very reasonable at between £8 to £10, and you will not be lumbered with a booking fee at any of the events.

A lot of the music can be heard at its best in the marvellous acoustics of local churches, including 16th June at St Leonard's and several at Christ Church Chatburn, as many of you commented last year.

Information leaflets have started to be distributed today and within the first few hours many have been taken.

Clive Greenwood

WANTED

WEDDING Photographs of your marriage in either Christ Church Chatburn or Chatburn Methodist Church for a display to celebrate church weddings at a special Vintage Afternoon Tea on 9th April at Christ Church Chatburn. Photographs taken at either church of your wedding would be welcome to help relive the memories of a joyful and meaningful day. Original photographs can be copied for display.

Contact Barbara Greenwood on 01254 384893 before the end of March.

FLORAL ARTS EVENING

GOLD medallist and international artist **Craig Bullock** makes a rare local appearance with an entertaining demonstration of his award winning flower arranging skills. The evening will also include two raffles with a chance to win Craig's astounding creation and a stunning Easter Hamper. "Something of the Nature" takes place at 7.30 pm 17th March 2016 in CHRIST CHURCH, CHATBURN BB7 4BE

Tickets £8 including wine and can be obtained at Roy Porter Butcher in Chatburn or call 01200 441624, 01200 440002 or 01254 384893. Proceeds will be donated to Christ Church. CG

BROOK SIDE BARN CLEANER

ANYONE who might be interested in a hours cleaning work each month in the offices at Brook Side Barn should contact Tom Manson at Ingham and Yorke for more details.

DEFIBRILLATOR

MATTHEW Dugdale from Chatburn has done a great job of obtaining a defibrillator and cabinet for the village. All that remains to do is to work out how to wire it into the old telephone box and arrange some suitable training for villagers. Watch this space for details. RCA

downhambanner.com
Saving a bit of Lancashire

BY NOW we should have been reporting progress with the Downham Banner Project, using a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for its conservation and exhibition at the Museum of Lancashire in Preston. Sadly this process has been held up by the Lancashire County Council's proposals to close some museums, including the Museum of Lancashire.

The project includes work with the museum but it may be that we will be able to modify the proposal or find different ways of delivering the same outcomes. Consultations continue.



WEST BRADFORD VILLAGE HALL

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games and cards or
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Toddlers bring your own toys



Tea and other drinks provided
bring some cake or biscuits
to share

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

13th March

2.00 to 5.00

Adults £2
Children Free



CAR PARK

SADLY RVBC are not immune from budget cuts. One of their borough wide decisions was to make all RVBC operated car parks "Pay and Display". The Estate strongly felt that this would be inappropriate for the Lower Hall car park. Not only discourage people from using the car park and thus increase on street parking, but it would require a relatively large and unsightly notice board with the meter machine. After discussions between both parties it has been agreed that RVBC will end their lease of the car park, which the Estate will henceforth administer. However RVBC have agreed to continue looking after the WCs and Information centre for the time being.

It is envisaged that a discreet "Honesty Box" will be installed, with monies collected being donated to the Pendle Hill Fund which helps manage the Open Access areas on Pendle. RCA

THE PARISH CHURCH

THE ASSHETON SERMON

THIS year the sermon was preached by the Right Revd Philip North, The Bishop of Burnley, Bishop North chose to unravel the mystery of the Colossians text (Col 3 v 3-4) set by Sir Ralph in 1688.

For Ye are dead , and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.



CANDLE LIGHT SUPPER

THE Whalley Deanery fundraising committee for the Children's Society arranged this annual event on Sunday 7th February, at the King's Centre in Clitheroe. The now traditional fare of lasagne, salad and delicious puddings was greatly appreciated by supporters from six parishes and whose donations netted £450 in aid of the society. After supper the evening was rounded off with entertainment by Suesi Windell accompanied at the piano by Roger Britnell. This was interspersed with a few amusing poems read by Pam Jelley, to the delight of all.

In thanking everyone for their hard work and support, the Chairman, The Revd Andy Froud, mentioned that there are eight Children's Society projects in Lancashire, all deserving of our support.

GARDEN CLUB

GARDEN Club members reassemble at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 3rd of March for the first meeting of the new season. This will be the AGM - possibly the fastest AGM on record. This will be followed by a brief description of the 2016 programme. Members will then be treated, by Gordon and Anne Sharpe to their latest production "Pastures New" and of course—THE RAFFL:E. Visitors and new members are most welcome



CA

COFFEE CLUB—FEBRUARY

It was quite an eventful meeting. We had a visit from our friend Norman Lund, who made a special effort to join us...he looked really well and thoroughly enjoyed having a good natter with everyone, it was good to see him. We also had a little surprise for Edith, who, along with June, has been a stalwart on our bring and buy stall since Coffee Club started... Carole gave a little speech in her own inimitable style and presented her with a bouquet and our thanks. I took a photo of them and Betty (move over Molly) and they all looked very well, especially Carole, which was quite amazing really, as unbeknown to everyone including Carole herself she had suffered a heart attack earlier and had put the pain down to indigestion! After being admitted to Blackburn Royal. She was fitted with three stents and was back on the ward by six o'clock in the evening, good old NHS. She's home now, feeling much better and all her friends at Coffee Club wish her well.



Our next meeting is on the 10th of March from 10 o'clock hope to see you there. BL

JANUARY 2016

DOWNHAM Vice-President, Mrs Barbara Lewis, welcomed members and guest, Mr Michael Southworth, to the first meeting of 2016, wishing everyone a Happy New Year.



After the Resolution vote, members voted to use the proceeds from the Sales Table, for the Lancashire Flood Recovery Fund. Due to members' generosity, a much needed, £50, was raised towards the Fund.

Members did not quite know what to expect when Mr Southworth began his talk, 'Tax Care & Toy Boys'. The talk was extremely informative, being about : making wills; the different sorts of arrangements that can be made; and what happens if you don't make a will. Mr Southworth underlined the absolute necessity of making sure your wishes are put in place and how to safeguard your

interests. A very succinct talk during which, even the most well informed members, learned something new.

FEBRUARY

PRESIDENT, Mrs Frances Garner, welcomed members to the February meeting with some very sad news. Mrs Garner informed members that fellow member, Betty Robinson, had died in her sleep at the weekend. Mrs Garner gave a lovely eulogy about Betty, who had been fighting cancer for a number of years. Mrs Garner said, 'she was unassuming, had a zest for life and never complained about her illness or the treatment.' There was a minute's silence. Betty will be very sadly missed.

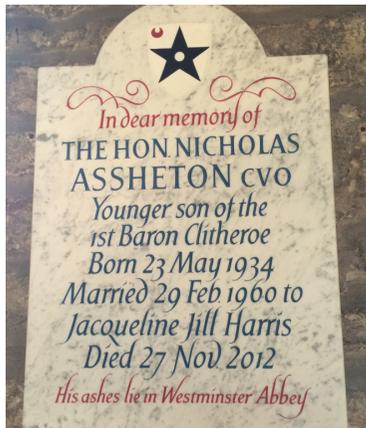
The talk on Thursday evening was by a lady of Australian heritage, who now lives in this country, and who is a cartographer by profession. Peta Allingham, who's talk, 'Travels in a Quirky Car', described, with accompanying slides, the many travels and adventures she had undertaken in her '2CV' car. Peta fell in love with 2CV's in the early 90's and since then has undertaken some dangerous and exciting journeys. She undertook a journey, overland from Australia, via Hong Kong, and overland through Pakistan and Iran, to a 2CV Raid (meeting and rally) in Northern Europe. It was a fascinating talk and the journeys she described were not for the faint-hearted!



Susan Whittaker gave a report about the WI Fun Quiz, which three teams from Downham attended at Grindleton WI.

The next meeting will be on the 17th March at the Village Hall, when there will be a birthday party, to celebrate the 96th year of Downham WI.

AK



During the service, The Bishop blessed and dedicated the recently installed memorial to The Hon Nicholas Assheton CVO. Members of the Assheton family were joined by a large congregation. the service was conducted by The Vicar The Revd Andy Froud.

