

PARISH CALENDAR 2020						
March			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Lent I	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E Parker	NO	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
3rd	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Ctte	Village Hall	AGM and Committee Meeting	
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	AGM	
6th	Friday	2.00 pm	World Day of Prayer	Chatburn Methodist Church		
7th	Saturday	7.00 pm	Sensational 60s Disco	Village Hall		
8th	Lent II	11.15 am	Matins	Mr A Herron	FLOWERS	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
11th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
14th	Saturday	7.00 pm	Musical Event	Village Hall	Lives on the Line	
15th	Lent III	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	IN	Mrs D Briathwaite Ms J. Shepherd
19th	Thursday	10.00 am - 2.00 pm	WI	Village Hall	Centenary Exhibition	
22nd	Lent IV Mothering Sunday	11.15 am	Family Service Revd Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron	LENT	Mr & Mrs P Mercer
25th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
29th	Lent V	11.15 am	Matins	Mrs K Herron	NO	Mrs S Tavis Mrs A Chadwick
April						
1st to 4th	Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 pm	Stage 2 Downham	Village Hall	Play - Strangers on a Train	
5th	Lent VI	11.15 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	FLOWERS	Mr & Mrs C Ennis
<p>THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER. IN MARCH THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY DOWNHAM WI</p> <p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd 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 - 441484 Mr Ian Walton—445063</p> <p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman & Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon. Secretary Mrs Clare Ashworth—445112</p>						

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From The Revd Anne Hardacre

AS I WRITE I am in the middle of a chocolate free February. (Yes, you did read rightly.) You will note that I have chosen the shortest month, though perhaps not the best year for this! Derek will have to keep a close eye on me, as I am very good at making excuses - 'they are chocolate chips not chocolate...

Actually I think we are all good at making excuses, especially for our sins. We blame our upbringing, our health, our circumstances, anything rather than ourselves and admitting our own responsibility for the wrong we do. There may be exonerating circumstances, but in the end we all have the choice to do right or wrong.

Lent is a time to admit our faults and take responsibility for them; to stop making excuses. It is a time to say sorry to God and ask his forgiveness and where appropriate to say sorry to the people we have hurt. It is a time to change our behaviour. When we do this, God promises to forgive us and remove our sins far away - 'As far as the east is from the west' the Bible tells us. He also offers us the help of the Holy Spirit as we seek to change.

People sometimes ask us, 'What are you giving up for Lent?'. Perhaps this year we could give up try, with God's help, to give up making excuses.

Have a Blessed Lent,

Anne

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

GOD of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life. Loving God, We thank you for our mothers, who gave life to us, and who care for us. We are blessed by their self-sacrifice and love.
Amen

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES	
	January
COMMUNICANTS	63
COLLECTIONS £	
SERVICES	208
VISITORS	25
DONATIONS	432
HOUSE BOXES	25
SPECIAL	-
TOTALS	690

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Olive Awbery, Kath Swarbrick
Terry Braithwaite, and others who are unwell.
Molly and the family of John Roskell

John Roskell

Friends and neighbours will have been saddened by news of the death of John announced in the last few days.

We are invited by the family to the Assheton Arms to remember John at 11.30 am on Thursday 5th March following a private cremation at Skipton.

HISTORY GROUP

ON MONDAY 17th February, Andrew Collinson outlined the history of Bellman Park, situated on the borders of Chatburn and Clitheroe. With an insider's view of the area - his family farmed Bellman Farm for 33 years - Andrew demonstrated via documentary evidence from censuses, newspapers, trade directories, maps, photographs and artefacts, the development of the site from early times to the present day. Bellman Farm, the last property in Clitheroe, used to be Bellman Inn or Hark to Bellman before 1825. Its first residents can be traced back to 1287. It is a little-known fact that from 1822-49 there was a racecourse on the site, ¼ mile long and attended by up to 5000 people.

Industrialisation began with three lime kilns burning lime for agricultural purposes. Limestone quarrying began with the advent of the railroad in 1850. Rowe and Carter, entrepreneurs from Blackburn started Bellman Lime Works in 1867. Respect was shown to James Carter by the erection of a monument with a drinking fountain. The Bellman Lime Kiln is the only kiln of its kind in the North of England, due to the loading of waggons from underneath. A working party has cleared the immediate site of trees, Andrew hopes that, with the awarding of a Heritage grant, work can now proceed apace to conserve this historic building, so that future generations can appreciate it. We look forward to accompanying him on a guided walk around the site in the summer.

In March we are supporting the LIVES on the LINE event (see page 3) on 14th. AND ENCOURAGE OUR MEMBERS TO GET THEIR TICKETS SOON This is a fundraiser for their Summer cmv folk festival weekend

On Saturday 18th April e are invited t join a conducted walk round Worston starting at 10 am at Worston Mission. Conducted by Brian Jerrery this is a free-of-charge event,

The next History Group meeting at the Village Hall will be on 11th May at 7.30 pm when our speaker will be Barbara Alty and her subject The History of Shaw Cottage, 1680—2020 the oldest occupied house in Clitheroe. JP

FESTIVAL BOWLAND

During 2020 All Hallows Church in Mitton is celebrating its 750th anniversary.

Enjoy a guided tour of this lovely medieval church and discover its history - including that of the Shireburn Chapel - along with the Millennium re-ordering work which has brought hidden features to light.

The first of this year's tours will take place on Tuesday 14th April, from 10.30am until 12 noon and places can be booked by contacting the Forest of Bowland AONB office on 01200 448000 or by emailing sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

As part of these celebrations further church tours will be taking place on the second Tuesday of each month between May and Sept.

(See www.allhallowsmitton.org.uk for details and booking of these subsequent tours.)

DOWNHAM STAGE TWO

A REMINDER that our Spring production will take place on Wednesday 1st April 2020 to Saturday 4th April 2020 inclusive, commencing at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall. We will be performing 'Strangers On A Train', a play by Craig Warner, based on the novel by Patricia Highsmith, which was the basis of the classic 1951 film directed by Alfred Hitchcock. Our production will be directed by Vivienne Thornber and rehearsals are now well under way. Tickets are priced at £8 and will be on general sale from Monday 2nd March. Programmes will be available, free of charge, on the night of performance.

To make a ticket only reservation, reply to stage2playinfo@gmail.com from 24th February onwards, stating:
Your full name; Date of performance; Number of tickets required; Contact telephone number – essential!

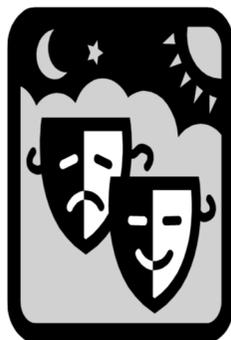
We will send you a confirmation and your ticket(s) will be available for collection on the door on the night of the performance.

We have again arranged the popular pre-performance meal plus ticket deal with 'The Assheton Arms' in Downham. This is priced at £23 per person for a two course meal – including a drink and a play ticket which will be given to you at the end of your meal.

For all meal deal enquiries and reservations contact 'The Assheton Arms' directly on 01200 441227, quoting 'Stage Two Downham' when you book.

Award finalists and winners

We are very pleased to report that we received a total of ten very deserved nominations for awards within District 3 of NODA Northwest (The National Operatic and Dramatic Association), on the night we received two awards: Best Male Comedy Performance – Richard Hubbard for his performance as Jefferson Steele in 'A Bunch Of Amateurs' and Best Supporting Male In A Drama – Kenny Entwistle for his performance as Roat in 'Wait Until Dark'.
AO



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. 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 5 piece 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.

£6 per person to reserve a ticket by email to cmvfolkweekend@gmail.com or call Linda on 07041629304.



Downham WI Quiz Night
Friday 24th April
at Downham Village Hall
7.00pm for 7.30pm Teams of 4
Tickets are £8.00pp
includes a pie & pea supper.
BYO drink.

This is a Downham WI Centenary fund-raising event.

*If you do not have a team,
book for yourself
and we will put teams together*
Prizes and a raffle

Tickets available from Diane - ring or text
0790411167



DOWNHAM WI
Invites you to

**A CENTENARY OPEN DAY
&
EXHIBITION**

At Downham Village Hall
on
Thursday 19th March 2020
10am until 2pm
Tea, coffee and cake available

THE PARISH CHURCH



World Day of Prayer

At the Methodist Church ,Chatburn.
Friday 6th March at 2.00 pm
This year prepared by the women of
Zimbabwe

It was back in 2012 – eight years ago – that Zimbabwe was invited to prepare the 2020 World Day of Prayer. At that time, the country was facing many challenges.

Since then, Zimbabwe has gone through many changes notably the ousting of Robert Mugabe. But the new dawn that so many had hoped and prayed for has not happened. In fact, life for ordinary Zimbabweans is harder than ever.

Mothering Sunday

MOTHERING Sunday is a day celebrated by Christians in the United Kingdom. It is generally observed in parishes of the Roman Catholic Church, Church of England, as well as in the rest of the UK and many Anglican parishes throughout the world,

It falls on the fourth Sunday in Lent, exactly three weeks before Easter Day. Once observed as a day on which people would visit their "mother" church, it has become an occasion for honouring the mothers of children and giving them presents. Although it is increasingly being called *Mother's Day*, that name properly belongs to the American secular holiday which is quite distinct from the original Mothering Sunday.

At Downham we have long celebrated within a short family service thanksgiving for mothers, symbolised by the giving a small gift of flowers, this year on 22nd March at 11.15 am.

RAINFALL

MONTHLY rainfall figures have been collected at Downham for 151 years. As one would imagine there have been highs and lows. In 2019 we had 57.57 inches, which is above the average for the previous 10 years (51.74 inches) and well up on the 151 year average of 46.51 inches. However we were a long way short of 2012 which was the wettest recorded at 67.32 inches. RCA

BRIDLEWAY

After what felt like endless delays, work on the bridleway has begun. At the time of going to press almost half of the length has been excavated, fenced off and had the base layer of stone put down. It is therefore hoped that the section from Chatburn to Greendale will be complete within the next week or two (weather permitting), with the remaining slightly longer length from Greendale to Downham soon after.

It is hoped that the route will be opened for use as soon as work is complete, with an official "Opening" ceremony at some future date. RCA



GARDEN CLUB

WELL it is here again. March. Time to get digging and hoeing and of course The Annual General Meeting of your Garden Club. Time to meet up with friends you haven't seen yet this year, have a cup of tea and see what is going on in general in the club this year.



The first meeting is on Thursday 5th of March. At the Village Hall at 7.30 pm Everyone is welcome, come and see what we have to offer. CA

COFFEE CLUB

IT WAS a quiet affair at Februarys coffee club, due to holidays, appointments and maybe a few senior moments!



However everyone enjoyed the refreshments and good conversation. Our table looked less cheerful..as Frances and Peter were sunning themselves in the Carribbean, we're looking forward to hearing all about it. Due to an appointment ,we had to shut up shop early but thanks to the willingness of our members to "muck" in and clear up ,we were able to leave them in charge. Thank you so much ,we really appreciated your help. Looking forward to seeing you all on March 12th from 10.00 BL

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

AT the Downham WI, this month, we danced our way to the tea break. Sally Maxwell introduced us to 'Circle Dancing' which was really small snatches of folk dance from around the world. The music was enlivening and there was no stopping as we beat out the throbbing heart beat with our shoes. We were off on an international tour - the French always step to the left, the Bulgarians to the right; the Kenyans sweep their arms up to the top of the mountain and the South Americans sweep their arms to the moon. Mostly we got it, however when Sally showed us the 'ghost step' it really was a step beyond, so we sidestepped that one! In another era, Sally was a Greenham Common activist and when she spent time in the police cells she and the others could not dance, so she sang the melodies instead.



Next month is the Downham WI's 100th birthday party. Much preparation has been put into this along with an exhibition showing the archives, photographs and scrapbooks of many old and current residents of Downham and the Downham WI since its inception in 1920. Everyone is welcome to drop in and celebrate with us between 10.00 am and 2.00 pm on Thursday 19th March. Refreshments will be served. If you have a moment, please bring a cake!



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.