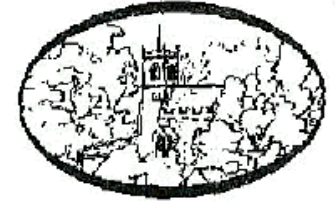


Parish Calendar 2015						
May			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Easter V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B. Lewis	Mrs Molly Roskell	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
4th	Monday	Early May Bank Holiday				
6th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs P. McFall	NEW	
7th	Thursday	7.00 am to 10.00 pm	Polling Day	Village Hall		
		7.30 pm	Garden Club	Chatburn Village Hall	Jason Addy—Colour	
10th	Easter VI	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean Mr i. Walton		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
11th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
		6.00 pm	Drama Workshop 3	For young people 6 to 11		
13th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean	NEW	
14th	Thursday Ascension Day	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
		7.00 pm	Holy Communion	Mr B. Lewis		
17th	Easter VII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Alan Reid	Mrs P. McFall		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
18th	Monday	6.00 pm	Drama Workshop 4	Village Hall	For young people 6 to 11	
		6.30 pm	History Group	Visit Ribchester	Meet Downham Bridge 6.30 pm.	
20th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	NEW	
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Members' Night	
24th	Whitsun Day Pentecost	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs A. Greenhill		Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
		1.00 pm	Wedding	Benjamin Coates and Danielle Whittaker		
25th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
		Spring Bank Holiday				
26th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church		
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	NEW	
31st	Trinity Sunday	11.00am	Morning Prayer Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		Mrs D. Braithwaite Mrs F Eldridge
<b>June</b>						
2nd	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Managemt Cttee Meeting	Village Hall		
3rd	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs B Lewis	NEW	
7th	Trinity I	11.00am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
<b>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE</b> – Rev'd Andy Froud—01200 423317 <b>OUR CHURCH WARDENS</b> The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 <b>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b> <b>Chairman and Bookings Secretary</b> Mr Shaun Roney—441667 <b>Hon Secretary</b> The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210						
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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



# newsletter

2015 Issue 5 May

From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

MANY of you will know of my keen interest in the Webster memorial on the south wall of the St Mary Magdelene Church. It is not entirely because it appears in a book called Strange Britain, although as I recently pointed out to our Ladies Group, I am immensely pleased to be Vicar of a church featured in the book.

The man commemorated, Dr John Webster, lived at the time of the English Civil Wars (1610 -82) and the top of the memorial, which we believe he would have designed himself, starts with a Latin riddle: "whoever understands this figure will know that I also understood it". The design is a star of David with two concentric circles around it and in the points of the star are the symbols of the six planets known at the time. In the centre is the sun.

From this starting place I have, over the last six years, read about the religious and political upheavals of Civil War period, alchemy, the Pendle Witches, Clitheroe Royal Grammar School and the British university system: all interests of this remarkable man. Now I have an opportunity to take a sabbatical of 3 months to bring some of the those studies together in a form which I hope will be of interest to anyone who wants to find out more about the rich faith heritage which the Ribble Valley enjoys.

What this means in practice is that Rev'd Andrew Whitehead will have full pastoral responsibility for St Leonard's during the period from June 29th - 8th October (the period is slightly over three months as it includes some of my holiday. Please refer all of your questions to him during this period, whether personally, by phone or by email. Grateful thanks to him without whom I would not have this opportunity to take a sabbatical

I will still be living in the Vicarage (apart from some study breaks) but Beccy and I will be worshipping at another church (for those of you who like to guess, its not in this Diocese but it is still quite nearby). I will still stop and have a chat with anyone in the street with a minute to spare - just don't mention work!

This will be my first sabbatical in 22 years of ministry so I hope you will excuse my enthusiasm for what might seem a rather arcane area of study and I hope that as with the sabbath it will be a time of peace, refreshment and re-connection with God

Yours in Christ

**G**RANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only -begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	March	2015
COMMUNICANTS	77	775
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	147	590
VISITORS	-	10
DONATIONS	752	3,192
HOUSE BOXES	-	16
SPECIAL	260	267
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,159</b>	<b>4,075</b>

**WELCOME**

Trevor and Louise **Rutherford** and Kellsey who have moved into Greendale View. They are opening the business in the near future and we will have to get used to a change there—no longer Greendale Cafe but Greendale View Kitchen. Good luck in your new home and with the business venture.

**FLOWERS at EASTER**

DAFFODILS, Catkins and Forsythia decorated St Leonard’s for Easter and thanks to Ann Musson the Altar flowers looked beautiful (and lasted well over three weeks). Ann has provided flowers at Easter every year in memory of here Mother, Edith Watson who died sixteen years ago.

**RIBBLE VALLEY 1940’S MUSIC GROUP**

**WEEKLY SESSIONS** led by professional musician **Gaynor Sutcliffe** are being organised as a result of recent successful war-time musical events.

They take place at 7.00 to 8.30 pm at **Chatburn Christchurch** on **Wednesdays** until 15th July. Your first session is a free taster and if you continue the charge is £5 a session.

Further information and booking by ringing 01254 384893.


Enjoyment and stress-busting are promised and backstage activities such as makeup and props are included.

**SPECTATOR.**

**H**mm...I think living with number one daughter could be a mixed blessing! On the plus side she is an angel who magically organises us, makes washing up disappear, takes out the ashes and gets the fire going so that its nice and warm when we get up in the morning, takes us shopping and to appointments.

**BUT....**she is very sensible, **AND.** she has eyes in the back of her head...**AS WELL AS..** being very clever! "Is that another teddy you're knitting?", she asked me the other day. I volunteered to knit one for a 'nappy cake' (don't ask) but thought I would do a selection and I had knit 10 before I knew it. I'm supposed to be looking out for any compulsive or obsessive behaviour, which can be a side effect of my medication. She stared at me for a couple of seconds. "What?" A few teddies do not an obsession make. "What about the hats?" Ok well I did knit about 40 hats with pom poms and made everyone have one for Christmas but that does not make me obsessive compulsive. "And there's eBay" said Zoe, looking directly at me and not the least bit worried about the hard stare I was giving her. That worked really well when she was little and I wondered if I should start counting to three before sending her to her room! Actually I do love looking on ebay, it's amazing what people buy and sell, but obsessive?..me?...no...! I do love a bargain though and can't resist a lovely dress.

Yes, I admit we don't have much wardrobe space, and yes I could set up a dress shop, but sometimes I just see one that I have to have, in a none obsessive way of course. So I thought I was being very clever when I bought a gorgeous long dress, bargain at only £12 and cut the price tags off so it wouldn't look new. (Ok, so this is starting to sound weird even to me!) Anyway a few days later I was parading about in the new dress and looking in the bedroom mirror when Zoe put her head around and said,"Is that new?"..."no" I lied. "Yes it is because I can see the price tags still on". Then completely forgetting I had taken them off earlier, I admitted it was before remembering again. Darn, she is good. I walked off quickly, tutting to myself as Zoe gave ME the hard stare and before she started counting to three!

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 ★  **DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL HOLDS YOUTH DRAMA WORKSHOPS** ★  
 ★ The second set of the series of subsidised youth drama groups are at the ★  
 ★ Village Hall at 6.00 pm to 7.30 pm on 11th and 18th May. Aimed at children aged ★  
 ★ 6 – 11 years old, the sessions will cover Movement, Voice and Character, Mime and ★  
 ★ Drama improvisation. As reported last month they are being held .conjunction with ★  
 ★ leading local theatre company, Stage II,. ★  
 ★ A nominal fee will be charged. To find out more—or to book the May dates ring Kella ★  
 ★ Bowers on mobile 07976252000 or email [kellab@ymail.com](mailto:kellab@ymail.com) or Fran Osborne ★  
 ★ [fran Osborne@hotm.com](mailto:fran Osborne@hotm.com) or Kim Croydon [k.croydon53@gmail.com](mailto:k.croydon53@gmail.com) ★  
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## Re VERY SUCCESSFUL COFFEE MORNING AND "UPPING OUR FRIENDLY" IN AID OF PARKINSONS

A HUGE big thank you to all those who helped with the coffee morning. It was a great success. Thanks to the organisers, Molly and Carol, Brian and Barbara, what a lot of time they gave to make sure the occasion ran smoothly and was informative as well as fun. I loved the cards with info about Parkies on the tables for people to peruse when they took a break from all that 'upping! Thank you to the people serving refreshments, those selling bric-à-brac, books and gorgeous cakes, preserves and all manner of goodies. Many thanks to those who baked, cooked, donated and bought. Last but not least thanks to friends and friends of friends and neighbours and friends of neighbours who flocked in on the day, we nearly needed a bigger room. If I have missed anyone then I am truly sorry but I am still reeling from the excitement!

The raffle was a great success and my friend Carmel won the bottle of Port which is her husband, Andrew's favourite tippie. I understand the port come from the cellars of Downham Hall (I had to stop her from curtsyng when she heard that!) and it was produced in Porto, where they have just booked a holiday for Andrew's 60th birthday as he has always wanted to go. So, my good friend was thrilled and delighted, and so am I. We raised over £300 for Parkinsons. UK. Thank you

Lynda

## GARDENS OPEN 2015—UPDATE

DOWNHAM Hall opens its gardens to the public on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July this year in aid of Downham Village Hall and Downham St Leonard's church fabric fund.

The weekend will feature music from Clitheroe Town Band and the Barnoldswick Brass Band as well as performances from local choirs and singing groups. There will be tours of Downham Hall's gardens, including the newly revitalised kitchen garden, which now supplies some of the area's leading gastropubs with a wide range of produce.

Plant stalls are run by Stanley Grange and Downham Hall's own gardener and there will be lots of garden-related goodies to buy. There will be a pop up art gallery from Studio@Bashall Barn and visitors will also be able to view sculptures by Clare Bigger from Trapp Forge. A tombola, raffles, a 'human fruit machine, ice creams and delicious cream teas are also on offer.

Members of Pilling Old Car Club will be bringing an eclectic selection of vehicles along for the weekend, including a 1938 Wolseley Police car which was used in the TV series 'A Perfect Hero' starring Nigel Havers and Joanna Lumley.

As well as the always-popular WI cakes, a selection of other local companies stalls add to the festive atmosphere, including Mouse Enterprises' pickles, cordials and jams, organic meat, dairy and other goodies from Gazegill Organics and Leagrams Organic Lancashire cheese.

Entry is £5.00 and children under 12 will be admitted free. Opening hours are 2.00 p.m – 4.00 p.m on each day  
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## LIGHTS at St Leonard's

EAGLE eyed parishioners (or perhaps more appropriately owl eyed) may have noticed the improved external lighting for the Church path. The existing lights have been tweaked so that a sensor now turns a light on as you walk down the path. This has been made possible by the legacy of the late Barbara Taylor.. RCA

## MAYORAL VISIT.

His Worship the Mayor of Ribbles Valley Councillor Michael Ransom hosted all the Lancashire Mayors on a visit to the valley last month. After breakfast in The Assheton Arms the 20 Mayors and consorts visited the Church for a brief history of the building, the village and the Assheton family. They then visited Chipping to learn about sheep milking, before lunch at The Inn at Whitewell and a tour of Stonyhurst College. RCA

## MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK TO THE TWISTON MEETING

COUNCILLOR Gary Scott and Carol Palmer would like the people of Twiston to know that they are doing all they can to get the Highways Dept. to do what they consider urgent repairs to the potholes and actual road condition. Carol is liaising with someone at the moment and will hopefully be able to give more information shortly. CP

## RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

ST LEONARD's is the venue for a concert by the Pennine String Trio on Sunday afternoon 19th July at 2.00 pm. This will be Downham's part of the programme of the Festival some details of which have already been seen. Further details and ticket sales will be publicised by Music Festival Organiser, Clive Greenwood. He has organised a meal deal with Assheton Arms for Afternoon Tea after the Concert at about 4.15 pm. All in aid of St Leonards.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF VILLAGE HALL

THE Committee was joined by a parishioner for the annual general meeting of the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th April. Carol Palmer has resigned from the committee due to other commitments and was thanked for 40 years service on the committee.

The Chairman, Shaun Roney, was re-elected unanimously as was the rest of the Committee en-bloc. Shaun reported that the Village Hall had had a good financial year, this being echoed by the presentation of the accounts by Treasurer Brian Lewis. The annual report (which had been circulated with the April Newsletter) was received, discussed and adopted by the Committee. The Report and the annual accounts for 2014 are on record.

A committee meeting followed at which the arrangements for junior drama workshops were discussed. A cookery club demonstration is being arranged for June. Progress on the outstanding maintenance work, including a new ramp to replace the worn out fire escape steps were reported to be in hand. Arrangements for the Gardens Open were also progressed and the press release is included in this Newsletter,

Some **VOLUNTEERS to help with Teas** still needed for either day, please get in touch with Olivia if you can spare an hour or two.



**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**SERVICE CHANGES**

THE 8.30 am service at Downham and Chatburn has become impossible to sustain. In order to get the best for the Parishes from the resources available, there will be one service at Chatburn and one at Downham at 11.00 am. A pilot project is to be mounted, whereby a weekday service will be held at each Church, At Downham this will be Morning Prayer at 10.00 am on Wednesdays.

There will be an Ascension Day Service of Holy Communion at St Leonard's on Thursday 14th May at 7.00 pm.

**BOILER**

THE replaced electrode in the boiler seems to have worked a treat (famous last words) and there have been no unexpected interruptions for the last few weeks. RCA

**VISITATION**

NEWLY ELECTED church wardens and all members of the PCC are invited to the Deanery Visitation at which the wardens are Admitted to their office by the Archdeacon of Blackburn, The Venerable John Hawley. This year this is at the church of Oswaldtwistle Immanuel on Wednesday 6th May, 2015 at 7.30 pm.

**christian aid WEEK is 10 to 16 May**

ENvelopes are enclosed with this Newsletter and will be collected later. If for any reason you miss the collection and wish to make a donation you may put your envelope in the wall safe at church—from where it will be forwarded to the collector. Helen Addy has very kindly agreed to take over from Jill Cragg collection on the bottom half of Downham, while Diana Braithwaite continues to collect from the top end and Diana Wiliins for Twiston. **Please remember to gift-aid it!**

**DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP**

THE History Group enjoyed a talk by Jean Asher from Settle on 20th April at the Village Hall in which she traced the development of the Quaker movement from 1652 when George Fox first walked up Pendle Hill and then on to Swarthmore Hall where he preached to a large gathering of a thousand people. She highlighted the objections these 'first publishers of truth' had to the established church, preferring to be guided by 'the light within.'

Their refusal to pay tithes and church dues, to swear oaths or to doff their hats and their insistence on holding religious meetings in their own houses meant they incurred severe penalties in the form of heavy fines and imprisonment.

Jean's vivid portrayal of the lives of Newton, Slaidburn, Settle and Downham Quakers reflected the 'Sufferings' of early Quakers up and down the country. She described their meticulous record keeping - a boon for family historians, the care they took of widows, the poor, the sick and the unemployed and the emigration to Pennsylvania of many Bowland Quakers, up until the Act of Toleration in 1689, when finally their religion was tolerated.

Our next meeting is the visit to The Roman Museum at Ribchester on Monday 18th May. Departing the Bridge at Downham at 6.30 pm for car sharing, for the guided tour at 7.00 pm. JP

**GARDEN CLUB**

GARDEN Club members had A most interesting talk from our very own Suzanne Davis of Hey House Bungalow, ably assisted by Richard on the projector. The topic was Permaculture. Suzanne explained that this meant living in a sustainable way. Living and working in this way was based on principles and Suzanne talked briefly about these. They include self sufficiency, minimising waste, recycling, composting, using renewable sources, producing our own food, slowing down and using hand tools to use less fossil fuel. Suzanne also introduced members to the Offshoots Project in Burnley where she works. This project is based in a long-unused walled garden at Towneley Hall and shows how the principles are put into practice. It is open to visitors and runs demonstrations and courses as well as opportunities for volunteering.

The club raffle and refreshments ended the evening. There is an unclaimed raffle prize, white ticket 11, please contact Carole to claim.

Next month we meet on 7th May at Chatburn Village Hall, when Jason Addy will talk about "Colour". CA

**COFFEE CLUB**

IT WAS a Coffee Club with a difference in April, when we opened the doors to lots of visitors, who hopefully were going to spend lots of money in aid of Parkinsons disease and they didn't disappoint. April was "UP YOUR FRIENDLY" month and the fantastic sum of £334.30pence was raised, thanks to everyone's generosity. We were given raffle prizes, jars of jams, chutneys and pickle plus cakes galore. We had our usual book stall and bring and buy which proved very popular. The atmosphere was wonderful and our own member, Linda Whitsey special lady, was really touched



MEMBERS of Downham W.I. enjoyed an interesting talk at their April Meeting by a local lady, Susan Tinker. Susan has lived in the area all her life, being an ex-head girl of the grammar school, and a reception teacher for 30 years.



On retirement, whilst remaking some 'pew bags' for little ones at her church, replacing themed bible stories, activities and toys in the bags, she developed a whole new career. As well making puzzles and support materials for Bible stories, Susan also started creating characters to go with the stories by painting polystyrene eggs. Her egg characters are marvellous. Susan now speaks at Children's Conferences, goes into schools to do assemblies, and is continuing to develop her range of 'egg characters.'

Two members of Downham W.I. have been successful in the ballot for the special W.I. Garden Party in June at Buckingham Palace to mark the centenary of the W.I. Mrs Margaret Smalley and Mrs Margaret Smith will both be going to Buckingham Palace, with Mrs Eileen Parker, who has received an invite from the L.F.W.I., in recognition of all the work she did for the L.F.W.I. in the past. For Mrs Smith it will be a family trip, because her daughter and two of her cousins have also won their respective ballots, at W.I.'s in different parts of the country!

The next meeting will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May and Julie Waddington of Trading Standards will present a play on "Doorstep Crime" and members are invited to bring a neighbour; plus the Resolutions Meeting. AK

by everyone's support. Our thanks go to all who contributed in any way, we couldn't have done it without you. Our next meeting is on Thursday, 14th May at 10 am—hope to see you all then. BL

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