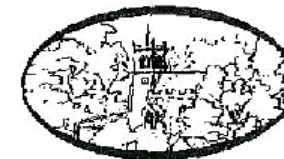


PARISH CALENDAR 2022

MAY			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Easter II	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs E Parker	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
4th	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Craft & Laugh Group	Worston Mission Rom	Downham WI venture non members welcome	
8th	Easter III	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace		Mr & Mrs P Mercer
15th	Easter IV	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis	Mrs B Lewis	Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	Members Night, Resolution vote, upcycling table, and upcycling ideas to make.	
22nd	Easter V	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr A Herron		Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
29th	Easter VI	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
JUNE						
5th	Whit Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Mrs A Wallace	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs j Shepherd
	Sunday	12.30 pm	Royal Funday	Croft	Parish Jubilee celebration	
	Whit Sunday	3.00 pm	Hymns on the Green	Hare Green	Accompanied by Barnoldswick Brass Band	
THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SPONSOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER IN MAY 2022 THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY BOWLAND BIO ENERGY						
OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE — Canon Andy Froud The Vicarage, Church Street, Clitheroe BB7 2DD 01200 423317 —0796 957 6691 —andyfroud@gmail.com OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton —441210 = Mrs Philippa McFall - 44148 =Mr Ian Walton - 445063 DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman Mr Neil Wallace —441196 Hon Secretary Mrs Clare Ashworth —445112 Village Hall Bookings —info@downhamvillagehall.org.uk .						
Downham Social Media Resources The public Facebook page - "Downham Village" The private Facebook page "Downham & Twiston Residents" Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham WI Here to Help				CHURCH RESOURCES Regular worship is streamed by Canon Andy Froud on Youtube via St. Mary Magdalene website www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk		

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DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From Canon Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

If the new Bishop of Blackburn is like their two predecessors; a Southerner, unfamiliar with this area, I will give them the same advice that I gave to them: buy yourself a decent set of waterproof clothes and hang the expense. I like to be warm and dry (they're not paying me for this free advertising, you know) but I have discovered that when running in the rain it is probably easier simply to get wet.

The problem with all waterproof clothing (except perhaps the most expensive stuff out of my price range) is that if you are exerting yourself it will become hot and uncomfortable. It gets to the point where you are grateful for the rain cooling you down. If you're moving fast enough you won't get cold and you will just dry off naturally or get to the end and change.

Running made me question the whole business of trying to keep dry.

It also made me reflect: do I do that with the gift of the Holy Spirit? Do I try and avoid what God gives so freely, generously and abundantly?

On Whitsunday 5th June we celebrate the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Just as rain refreshes dry soil, so God refreshed the souls of His people with His Holy Spirit as promised in the prophet Joel and elsewhere in the Old Testament.

Peter talks about the Holy Spirit being poured out at Pentecost (Acts 2:17) like the "latter rain" or "autumn rain" that brought about the hastening of the harvest and fruitful crops. The Lord is saying that He will send rain to fields that are totally barren as a promise of hope.

This Pentecost may we open ourselves afresh to God's Holy Spirit and just allow ourselves to be soaked in God's abundant love and be brought to new life

Yours in Christ,

I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service... But I shall not have strength to carry out this unless you join in it with me, as I now invite you to do: I know that your support will be unfailingly given. God help me to make good my vow, and God bless all of you who are willing to share in it.

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES

	March	2022
Communicants	42	111
Collections	£	
Services	525	2,027
Visitors	30	50
Donations	472	1,116
House Boxes	-	-
Special	2,791	2,791
Total	3,818	5,884

MARK HOLDEN

We are sad to report the death of Mark, resident of Downham for 27 years, after a short illness and spells in hospital.

The thoughts and prayers of neighbours and friends are with Alison and the family. Mark's funeral is on Friday at Accrington. Donations in Mark's memory are invited in aid of the Downham Village Hall restoration fund.

NEW BOOK FROM LOCAL AUTHOR

JENNY PALMER, Twiston resident, local historian, author, poet and senior member of the Palmer, Watson, Whipp, Bulcock dynasty has written a sequel to her family history *Whipps, Watsons and Bulcocks a Pendle Family History 1560 - 1960*. Entitled *Witches, Quakers and Nonconformists* she delves into the links between these groupings and her family. As well as an overview of church and chapel she describes the involvement of her ancestors with the unconventional factions that emerged from time to time. She also highlights the tough, forthright characteristics of people living in the harshest of times and, in some periods of history, cruellest of situations. We do not have to stretch the imagination too far to get a feel from this writing about family life in Twiston in the past. We are told about people who stood up for their beliefs against punishment, ostracism and poverty. The work is not short of strong evidence from family papers and academic references.

Jenny has written other memoirs, poetry and stories. This volume of 114pp is available at the Downham Ice-cream shop and from the author. Price £7.00

Clitheroe Civic Society

Next meeting of the Society, the last before the summer break, is at 7.30 pm at the Assembly Hall (St Michael and St John Parish Hall) Lowergate Clitheroe BB7 1AG

Monday 9th May
Andrew Snape
*The Problem with Philip:
A Holden Martyr*

An analysis of an oral tradition handed down for generations in many branches of the Holden family. But what was the tradition and who was the martyr?

Stonyhurst College Museum

'The oldest collection of museum objects in the English-speaking world.'

STONYHURST College has collected remarkable artefacts and books dating from its earliest days at St Omers, near Calais in the Spanish Netherlands in 1609 when sanctuary was offered to sacred Medieval objects at risk of destruction during the Reformation. The first items to arrive were sumptuous 15th century vestments of cloth of gold and red silk damask ordered by Henry VII for use in Westminster Abbey and taken by Henry VIII to the Field of The Cloth of Gold.

Objects in the Collections bear witness to the unique place of the College in English Catholic History and show how pupils and staff have made their mark on the world as scientists, travellers, archaeologists, soldiers and missionaries.

Paintings, drawings and prints include works by Turner, Rembrandt and Durer.

There is a collection of important Christian religious relics and 17th Century Baroque Flemish church silver.

Manuscripts from the 12th Century onwards include many fine illuminated Books Of Hours. Ethnographic artefacts come from every continent, from Ancient Egypt to the fall of the Berlin Wall.

Scientific and taxidermy specimens include the work of the naturalist, Charles Waterton, and 17th Century Chinese and Mogul astronomical equipment.

Visiting the Museum.

There are Public Open Days in Summer 2022 on Fridays and Saturdays from 8th July to 20th August. Admission is £7 per adult; £3 for 16-18 year olds and Under 16s free. Book online at: www.stonyhurst.ac.uk/about-us/stonyhurst-college-historic-collections

Group tours can be arranged, Monday to Friday only. [For further information contact Alan Osborne: a.osborne@stonyhurst.ac.uk](mailto:a.osborne@stonyhurst.ac.uk)

Volunteering at the Museum.

We have a fantastic team of volunteers but we are always interested in hearing from anyone who would like to join the team. Our volunteers are essential to making the Museum an exciting and accessible place for our visitors, enabling our collection of unique, fascinating and fragile objects to be viewed in a way that ensures the safety of both visitors and the museum collection. We are looking for volunteers who have a confident, warm and welcoming manner and who have an interest in history, art and culture. For further information contact



FESTIVAL BOWLAND

Langden Butterfly Walk

Wednesday 4th May, 2pm – 4.30pm

Lead by the Lancashire Branch of Butterfly Conservation. £3

Medieval Bridges of the Ribble Valley (ONLINE)

Tuesday, 10 May, 6.30pm – 8pm
With Chartered Civil Engineer, and North West of England Institution of Civil Engineers chair, Chris Hudson Free

Bumblebees for Beginners (ONLINE)

Wednesday, 18 May, 12pm – 1pm
With the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust/Forest of Bowland AONB Meadow Makers project. Free

Fascinating Butterflies and Moths (ONLINE)

Thursday, 26 May, 6.30pm – 8pm
With Dr Dave Wainwright, Butterfly Conservation's Senior Conservation Manager for northern England. Free

Booking essential. For more information and to book a place on any of these events please email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk or phone 07973 923142.

BOWLAND'S DARK SKIES LIGHT UP CASTLE GALLERY

A brand-new exhibition of night sky images has opened in the lovely setting of the Steward's Gallery at Clitheroe Castle Museum.

The exhibition has been organised by the Forest of Bowland AONB Partnership and Clitheroe Castle Museum staff to highlight the magical site of the night skies in Bowland – an area fortunate to have relatively little light pollution.

Following a call-out earlier this year, photographers submitted their dark sky images via the visitor gallery on the AONB's website. The images have been transformed into stunning prints, which will hang in the Steward's Gallery adjoining the museum.

The exhibition, which opened in late April, will run until Sunday 5th June. Admission to the Steward's Gallery is free.

Opening times (daily 11.00 am to 4.00 pm) for the museum and gallery are available online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/museums/>

Have a belting Beltane...

Ever since Neolithic times we have been measuring the year in eighths - based on the summer and winter solstice and the spring and autumn equinoxes.

Although purloined by the Socialist International, and banking staff as a holiday, May Day has its roots in our Celtic past as Beltane bonfires were lit, May poles were danced around, and sacred wells were dressed with flowers to celebrate the coming of summer and the hoped fecundity of the months to come.
JA

LANCASHIRE & WESTMORELAND HEDGELAYING GRAND PRIX

APOLOGY Something happened at the Newsletter headquarters last month between the copy being loaded and the print shop. The result of this was a large blank text box taking up space on page 3 and a corresponding loss of words at the bottom of the page.

Apologies to our readers, the organisers of the Grand Prix, the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Forest of Bowland AONB from the editorial team

The bit that missed out was the biggest thanks for a successful event which is now shown below.

The biggest thanks however goes to Dave Padley from the Lancashire and Westmorland Hedge Laying Association who made the day run smoothly in coalition with the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership. Our achievements of repairing and creating 1km of dry-stone walls and 6km of hedgerows throughout the lifetime of the Partnership, as well as carrying out training in dry stone walling and hedge laying, would also not be possible without funding from the National Heritage Lottery fund. CMM



Hi, if anyone out there has a few hours a month to spare, CLITHEROE FOOD BANK would be delighted to welcome you.

Like many voluntary organisations, we've suffered, due to the pandemic and our numbers have dwindled.

We welcome clients every Monday and Friday, from 10.30am until 1.45 pm. Volunteers start at 10am to catch up on necessary information and have a brew and a bit of banter.

I volunteer twice a month on average but whatever fits in with you would be appreciated. There's a variety of help needed and if anyone would like to join this very worthwhile organisation, I can put you in touch with one of our leaders, who'll be happy to tell how we work.

Call me on 01200 440925 or 07810267703

Many thanks

Barbara Lewis



'ARRY 'EDGEHOG Says Plant soon for a lemon balmy summer...

LOOK AT THE PRICE of lemon balm tea bags in Health Food shops or that online retailer named after a Brazilian river! If you want to be able to sleep well at night without worrying about inflation then plant some lemon balm in your herb patch. Related to the mint family, this vigorous and aromatic plant, *Melissa officinalis*, has an array of health benefits related to cognitive function, and its apparently helps in relieving stress, anxiety and insomnia. A sprig of the leaves makes a delicious tea - hot or chilled.
JA

KEN'S QUIZ

IN AID OF

The Children's Society

At Clitheroe Cricket club

Friday 6th May at 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Teams of up to 6 players
£10 per person including Supper

information and tickets from
Ken or Jo on 01200 428859

THE PARISH CHURCH ANNUAL MEETINGS

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (The Vestry Meeting) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on Sunday 24th April, 2022 at 11.45 am, in church, following the morning service.

At the meeting the Parochial Church Ciouncil, Sidesmen & Sideswomen. and Church Wardens were re-elected for the ensuing year.

The Annual Report of the Parochial Church Council for the period ending 2021, was received. Copies were distributed at the meeting and are available from the Hon Secretary for parishioners unable to attend.

The Hon Treasurer, Mr Brian Lewis presented a strong financial position delivered with a clear caution that an increase in the parish share, paid to the diocese, and the rise in fuel and electricity costs would present difficulties in the next years.

The Chairman, Canon Andy Froud thanked the church wardens, and everyone involved for their additional hard work in the past two years



JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 5TH JUNE

Arrangements for the Royal Funday are enclosed. 12.30 onwards on Sunday 5th June. See also Downham and Twiston residents' facebook page.

HYMNS ON THE GREEN

OUR WHITSUNDAY celebration is making a welcome return and will take place on Hare Green at 3.00 pm on 5th June accompanied by Barnoldswick Brass Band. The congregation of St Leonard's invites parish and visitors to Join for half an hour of informal worship singing old favourites.

SUMMER CONCERT

ANOTHER revival is the summer concert at St Leonard's Church. This year, on Saturday 11th June at 7.30 pm we welcome the Lancaster Singers, a group established over forty years ago with a fine reputation for choral music across a wide ranging repertoire.

Full details of the programme are enclosed on the concert flyer. For further information and purchase of tickets on line see the singers' website www.lancastersingers.org and sample their performances on you tube <https://www.youtube.com/user/LancasterSingers>

Locally tickets are available from Barbara on 440295.



DOWNHAM CELEBRATES THE CORONATION CLITHEROE ADVERTISER JUNE 1953

Party For Downham Children

ON Coronation Day, children of Downham enjoyed a tea party, provided by Sir Ralph Assheton, at the George and Dragon Inn. Present at the function were the Vicar, the Rev. W. Allen, and Mrs. Allen, who, after tea, presented each child with a spoon as a souvenir of the Coronation.

The spoons had been provided from the proceeds of a house-to-house collection and other efforts.

The children then chose Elizabeth Hornby and John Gooby to convey their thanks to Sir Ralph, and they immediately went to Downham Hall for this purpose.

Owing to the weather conditions, the sports which should have followed, were postponed to a later date, but the firework display took place, as planned, on the village green.

Earlier in the week, each resident over 70 was presented with a souvenir tin of biscuits.



Members met at their April meeting welcoming 6 ladies from Rimington who have joined.



Kirsty Rose Parker explained the 72 seasons initiative which helps wellbeing. During an online programme of research with people it has been identified that observation and interaction of nature the changing seasons has kept their wellbeing levels almost level whilst those not interacting experienced low levels during the main covid pandemic. The research is continuing using a more face to face study over the next few months when results will be available in the Autumn when Kirsty will return.

Some members are now taking part in this programme and look forward to Kirsty's return.

22nd April and some members and friends visited The Little Savoy Community Cinema in Colne to watch Mama Mia, the Singalong version, dressed for the occasion! Dancing and singing their way through the film a great night had by all, with some Burnley members joining in the fun, an opportunity to meet new friends.

The new programme is now available, and the next meeting will be on 19 May at The Calfs Head in Worston 7.30pm This will take the form of Members Night, Resolution vote, upcycling table, and upcycling ideas to make.

Coffee/Chat on 4 May 10am at Shackletons and Craft and Laugh at 7pm at the Mission Room Worston.

All welcome.

Enquiries: Diane 07904 111167. DP