

Parish Calendar 2014						
November			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	All Saints 4th before Advent	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean		
3rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Licensing Service	Mr T. McLean	<i>Licensing the Rev'd Andy Froud as Priest-in-Charge</i>	
Collection for The Bishop's Ordination Fund						
6th	Thursday	7.30pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Christmas Flower Arrangements</i>	
9th	Remem- brance Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Mrs D. Wilkins		Mrs D. Braithwaite Mrs F Eldridge
		10.50 am	Matins	Mrs B. Lewis		
Collection for The Royal British Legion						
13th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	2nd Before Advent	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Christ Church Chatburn	Mrs M. Roskell	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Alan Reid	Mr T. McLean		
19th 22nd	Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 pm	Stage 2 Downham	Village Hall	<i>FLARE PATH Terence Rattigan</i>	
20th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Chatburn Methodist Ch	Norman Harris 'GASPING FOR BREATH IN THE HIMALAYAS'	
23rd	Christ the King	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs E. Parker		Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
		11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
24th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	Work of the Area of outstanding Natural Beauty Team in the Forest of Bowland	
30th	Advent Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	NO FLOWERS	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
		11.00 am	Family Service Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mrs A. Greenhill		
December						
4th	Thursday	7.30pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Christmas Dinner</i>	
7th	Advent II	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Christ Church Chatburn	IN ADVENT	Mrs G.Cragg
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
		6.30 pm	Advent Carol Service	Blackburn Cathedral		
Advance notice Twiston Carols, at Lower Smithy Fold, on Sunday 14th. December						
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Rev'd Andy Froud—01200 423317</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 Mrs Diana Wilkins – 445250</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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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends



Florence Chadwick (1918-1995) was an American long distance swimmer. In 1952, Florence attempted to swim the 26 miles between Catalina Island and the California coastline. As she began, she was flanked by small boats that watched for sharks and were prepared to help her if she got hurt or grew tired. After about 15 hours a thick fog set in. Florence began to doubt her ability, and she told her mother, who was in one of the boats, that she didn't think she could make it. She swam for another hour before asking to be pulled out, unable to see the coastline due to the fog. As she sat in the boat, she found out she had stopped swimming just one mile away from her destination. Two months later, she tried again. The same thick fog set in, but she succeeded in reaching Catalina. She said that she kept a mental image of the shoreline in her mind while she swam.

This month which sees the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls we remember that Christians are surrounded by a "great cloud of witnesses" who inspire us with their examples and surround us with their prayers. Like Florence Chadwick, we do not make our journey through this life by ourselves: but Christian's also need to remember the calling we have as Christians to share in God's eternal life. We give thanks to God for "the means of grace, And for the hope of glory."

As the nights draw in and the darkness surrounds us may we not forget the promise and hope, which God has given us through Jesus Christ, of the eternal city where there is neither shadow nor darkness

Yours in Christ

PLEASE NOTE
Remembrance Day service
starts at 10.50 am

Heavenly Father,
grant that our priests
be strengthened and healed by the
power of the Eucharist they celebrate
May the Word they proclaim give them
courage and wisdom.

We pray that all those whom they
seek to serve may see in them
the love and care of Jesus,
our Eternal High Priest,
who is Lord for ever and ever.
Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	September	2014
COMMUNICANTS	45	467
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	146	1,939
VISITORS	58	495
DONATIONS	990	8,587
HOUSE BOXES	11	34
TOTAL	1,205	11,055

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

The Revd Andy Froud as he takes up his duties here.

ALL SOULS

As is traditional at this time of year we remember those who departed this life in particular during the last twelve months.

In January George Chapman aged 85 from Smithfield and Valerie Hall formerly of Downham, aged 72, in April, Billie Barker who was 92 and had lived in Downham and Chatburn all his life. Also in April Pat Huston of North Carolina who was interregnum priest here for only one year, some twenty years ago and had a special place in our hearts. On June 1st Brenda Lund died aged 88, after a short stay in hospital for surgery. In August the ashes of Sheila Robinson joined those of her husband Max. They had lived in Downham after Max's retirement in 1990 and Sheila had moved to Sale soon after Max died in 1999. In September after happily living in Twiston for 18 years Valerie Flanagan aged 68 after a long illness.

History Group Project EVACUEES

IN July the ashes of Kathleen Crewe were interred, joining those of her husband, Ged, whose ashes were placed here twenty five years earlier. This because of his love for Downham which had been kindled when he was a boy as an evacuee here, at the start of the second world war, from Manchester. Their story fits with the History group research about the evacuees who came to Downham. So far members have interviewed about twenty people some who live around here and remember the evacuees and some evacuees themselves. We hope to publish a short paper of their memories in 2015.

SPECTATOR

I AM sat here thinking about my recent birthday and wondering how On earth I got to 62 when it only seems like yesterday that I was 22! Still, I got to do lots of things that I wanted to do and I have shared my life with lots of lovely people, including my cousin, 'R Elaine' from Bradford who was over this weekend and who really enjoys coming to visit, especially if her visit coincides with my turn for church cleaning. She goes into work and tells everyone that she helped to clean Downham church, poor thing doesn't get out much! Anyway on her stay last week we went for lunch to a local garden centre where I found THE most wonderful chair ever. It was so comfortable and just plain gorgeous. I could LIVE in that chair, but Jon didn't seem keen to buy it for my birthday even though I said it was in the sale. He felt £1400 was a bit more than he had planned on spending! Tut. Maybe someone will get fed up with theirs and sell it on EBay really cheaply and I will spot it when I'm on my iPad in the middle of the night when I can't sleep. Yay.

Then whilst we were having lunch, Elaine spotted some interesting paintings of Downham. One of the paintings included a view of our cottage and we started fighting over who should have it, Elaine saw it first but it was My cottage and My birthday, So we asked how much they were and the answer was £175. "Each?" There was a small chance i could have it if that was the price for 2..."yes, each," said the waitress patiently. "Would the artist do a BOGOF?" (Buy one..get one free) Worth a try! " NO" was the prompt reply. Ah well, another possible birthday gift bites the dust!

Then I found something in my price range, a box of cards aimed at lively conversation around the dinner table but equally good on long car journeys I found. £4.99, a snip AND I could buy it myself, who needs birthday presents? I picked up the box containing 'Controversial' questions and the first card I picked asked, "should women be Bishops?" Hmm, I put that box down and I bought the milder sounding 'Spill The Beans' with questions like, "who is the funniest person you know" that's easy..it's me! and "have you ever complained in a restaurant" Ha ha, Jon could converse on my complaining for hours! then another card read, "suggest a title for your life story". Ooh, I thought a lot about that one on the way to Blackpool, which is where we went for the day on my actual birthday. I used to love going to Blackpool with the Big Dipper, fruit machines, candy floss, loud music and sticks of rock. It was a sign of the times however, when the only rides that day were on scooters and power chairs in the mobility showroom we had gone to visit! Then I thought of a good title for my life story, "beam me up Scotty!"



Downham Village Hall



Stage 2 Downham

a World War Two drama set in Lincolnshire in 1942

FLARE PATH

by Terence Rattigan.

19th - 22nd November from 7.30pm. Tickets £6
from

Tourist information 01200 425566 and ticket hotline 07833 203495

MEAL DEAL pre-play supper 2 courses and a drink from 5.30 pm
book table at the Assheton Arms 01200 441227 you will receive play ticket on the night
Supper and theatre ticket £20

WE ARE invited to the Advent Carol Service at Blackburn Cathedral

**The service this year is to be held
on the Second Sunday of Advent – 7th December at 6.30 pm (for about 1hr 20 min)**

The Advent Carol Service is an example of the very best in liturgical drama, moving from darkness to light through the great space which is our cathedral. It seeks to reflect the great Advent themes of hope and expectation which precede our celebration of Christmas.

DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING

THIS YEAR'S Downham Parish Meeting, held on Wednesday, 1st October at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall was the best attended.... and longest for years!

There was disappointment that the Highway Authority were not prepared to impose any speed restrictions between Downham and Chatburn because it did not meet the criteria required.

The poor state of the road outside the Pre school, and LCC's tardiness in sorting it was discussed.

The continued aggravation of dog fouling was again raised. The new RVBC warning signs were discussed and wording agreed. The inexplicable actions of some who bag up their waste and then leave it hanging from gates and fences, or throw the bags over hedges or into gardens was marvelled at in a suitably disgusted manner!

An enquiry about the telephone box confirmed that it was on the list to be painted red by the estate. Councillor Gary Scott volunteered to investigate its use as a defibrillator site as he is attempting something similar in Chatburn.

He also reported that exploratory work is still going on in Chatburn at ways to alleviate traffic congestion on Downham Road.

The problems of poor broadband speeds in the village was discussed. Gary Scott reported on his efforts to promote better connections for us all. He will continue to push.

There were concerns raised about noise created by the pub, and inconsiderate car parking. A number of constructive suggestions were made. There was considerable concern at the application by The Assheton Arms to alter their licensed hours of business. The advertisement appeared to indicate much longer opening hours. Long discussion ascertained that most at the meeting accepted that the pub was essentially good for the community. They accepted that patrons should be able to be served food and drink; and that occasional late night activities (if quietly indoors) and with due warning to neighbours would be ok. The meeting was less happy about the noise nuisance that they felt was bound to occur if the general licence to serve drink was extended.

Ralph Assheton was re-elected as Chairman and Di Braithwaite as Clerk. The meeting ended with a reminder to residents that although there is usually only one Meeting per year, issues and concerns can be directed to the Chairman or Clerk at any time. RCA

**Our thanks to the Newsletter sponsors for the November issue
Downham Village Hall
and
Bowland Bioenergy Ltd.**

Archbishop set to shine a light in the darkness

The Archbishop of York, The Most Rev. Dr John Sentamu, will visit our Diocese in Lancashire in early November for two days.



The highlight of the visit, which takes place on Tuesday and Wednesday 4th and 5th November will be an evangelistic mission event 'Light in Darkness' to be held at Blackpool Tower Ballroom on 4th November at 7.30pm.

A bus has been organised to depart York Street Clitheroe at 6.00 pm, returning at about 10.00 pm at a cost of £10 per seat. Bookings may be made at the Parish Office, Church Street, Clitheroe, 01200 422 828 email admin@stmmaryclitheroe.com

REMINDER OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



TIME once again to think about children who will not have a present this Christmas. Operation Christmas Child attempts to redress that by giving us the opportunity to send a present to a child not as fortunate as our own. More information and labels are available on the table at the back of church.

HISTORY GROUP

OUR NEXT MEETING is near to the publication date for the Newsletter so a report will not be available until next time. The meeting is on Monday, 27th October at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm and the topic, very appropriately for the centenary of the start of the Great War, is Accrington Pals by Les Bond.

On 24th November we are to have a presentation by Cathy Hopley, the Development and Funding Officer of the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. She is to tell us about the work of the ANOB and about a particular piece of work called *Pendle Hill Partnership*, which is the centre of an application for funding with English Heritage and which includes Downham and other villages close to the Hill.

People will remember that we were disappointed not to be funded by EH for the Banner conservation and display project late last year, submitted in partnership with the Lancashire Museum at Preston. The Banner group has been in discussion with Cathy Hopley and there is room for the Banner conservation to be included in the Pendle Hill Partnership application, as it fits with several of the objectives of the brief.

Non members interested to hear about the work of the ANOB and the Pendle initiative are warmly welcomed to the join group members for the evening.



Royal British Legion Chatburn and District Branch are holding their Remembrance Service at Rimington Memorial Hall this year on Sunday 9th November 2014. Form up at Rufus Carr Garage at 10.15am to parade to the Memorial Hall for the service at 10.45am. Medals can be worn.

THE PARISH CHURCH

LICENSING our Priest-in-charge

THIS important formal process will take place with due ceremony in a service led by our Diocesan Bishop the Right Revd Julian Henderson at 7.30 pm on Monday, 3rd November. This will be a joint service including our partner church in the Joint Benefice of Chatburn Christ Church & Downham St Leonard.

Essentially a service of welcome, this service marks the beginning of a new phase of ministry for priest and people. It is one to which all come with a high sense of anticipation of God's blessing on the years ahead, and it is right that this beginning is marked by a special service both of celebration and of dignity

Light refreshments will be served after the ceremony. All parishioners are invited to support our new Vicar in your prayers and by attending this service.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

OUR Harvest Festival on Sunday, 5th October at 11.00 am, a Family Service, was conducted by our Vicar, the Revd Andy Froud, in a beautifully decorated church building. Gifts of non-perishable food were passed on to the Ribble Valley Food Bank. The favourite hymns were ably led by our choir and organist James Robinson.

St Leonards Day Saturday 8th November 10.00 am to Noon.

FOLLOWING the now tried and tested formula, volunteers are sought to help with a few "housekeeping" jobs around church. These are tasks that go above and beyond our diligent cleaners' duties, but do not require expensive specialist contractors. There is a range of things to do both indoors and out, depending on the weather and personal preferences. In particular we make sure that our War Graves are clean, tidy and decorated in advance of Remembrance Day. RCA

COFFEE CLUB

ONCE again there was a good turn out for the coffee morning this month. Beautiful jigsaws and reading matter were snapped up ready for the coming winter. The Bring and Buy stall also did well but June and Edith asked if there could be a little more bringing please as well as buying. Our two youngest members (Joseph and Joseph) came along to see what was going on, accompanied by both sets of parents. Of course I must mention the variety of delicious cakes, enjoyed I am sure, by everyone there.

Our thanks of course to all who staff the stalls, to all who contribute, but especially to those that come and support us.

P,S please leave a cake for me next month! Our November meeting is on 13th at 10.00 am. The December coffee club will again take the form of a soup and sandwich lunch, please inform Barbara if you would like to join us Thank You CA



Lancashire Business Award

THE first Lancashire Business Awards competition showed the success of two local businesses. From over 60 nominations, Bowland Bioenergy was the winner of the main award, the "Superfast Lancashire Award" which "...celebrates the very best of Ribble Valley business". Congratulations Ralph and team.

Meanwhile The Assheton Arms picked up the "Food Business" award to add to their list of accolades. Congratulations to them too.

Following on from last moth's report, a correction—the final figure for the Downham contribution to the Biggest Coffee Morning in the World was an astounding £500. OA



GARDEN CLUB

WHAT a wonderful display of colour greeted us as we arrived for our meeting this month! Once again Phill Dunnett had brought a wonderful collection of plants to talk about. Winter Colour was what we asked for and that was what we got, from the smallest pansy to the superb climbing Winter honeysuckle. I think everyone went home with the odd plant or two after a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

It was quite a depleted meeting this month due to holidays, work, illness and the odd broken leg. We send our best wishes to everyone and hope to see you at our next meeting on 6th November, which is entitled Flower Arranging for the Season with Barbara Charleston. Please remember menu's, money and if possible, a raffle prize for the Christmas dinner. CA

Rainfall

UP until the end of September we have had 34.64 inches of rain. Although not quite a drought, we are quite a long way short of our annual average of around 50 inches. While October has been damp in parts and unusually warm (as I write mid-month), we are probably overdue for some serious rain. Remember to check gutters and grates now that Autumn leaves are all around. RCA



Ice cream shop bench

THE Russell family approached the Estate with the request to provide a bench in memory of a family member who had many happy visits to Downham. The result is the beautiful teak bench outside the Ice cream shop on Hare Green. The wide flat arms make it ideal for resting a cup of tea, or plate of sandwiches upon. It is well worth testing out! RCA



President Frances welcomed everyone to the Annual meeting, especially Deb Phillips LFWI Advisor.

She also welcomed Sam Taylor and presented him with the Downham WI Children's Trophy for most points in the Clitheroe Area WI Show.

Members were informed of the latest events, which included making garlands, a scrabble afternoon, mosaics, Fashion Show at Rimington Fri 31 October at 7.30, all listed in the latest newsletter with a draft copy of the Clitheroe Area WI Show Schedule on the back.

Barbara Lewis handed out menus for the WI Christmas Party at the Calf's Head.

A number of members signed up for a 'Weeding Session' at the Village Hall car park Wednesday, 12th November 10.00 am. to ensure a wonderful display of daffodils next spring.

OPEN TO ALL Lots of great prizes at a Bingo night with a Christmas theme. This will be held on Monday 1st December in Downham Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets are £8 and include games and a hot supper. Please ring Rosemary on 01200 428257 for your tickets. [proceeds in aid of Downham WI's Denman bursary fund]

AGM: The committee's report told of another busy year with a great variety of activities and speakers enjoyed by members. Frances Garner was welcomed as President for a second term of office and there are 3 new members on the committee.

At the end of the meeting members enjoyed swapping items and anything left was given to Margaret Smith who is running a Rotary stall in aid of the Air Ambulance, Polio Plus and Children's cancer.

Supper of cheese and biscuits followed.

At our next meeting on 20th November, the speaker is Norman Harris and his subject 'GASPING FOR BREATH IN THE HIMALAYAS'. The Competition: a photo of hills/mountains and Sales Table: TRADE—'Christmas is coming. CN