

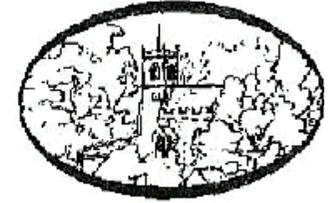
Parish Calendar 2015						
November			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	All Saints Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	The Hon Mrs R C Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Sylvan Wreaths—Pippa & Gill</i>	
6th	Friday	6.00 pm	Bonfire Night	Village Hall & Car Park	<i>Limited numbers see page 6</i>	
8th	Trinity XXIII Remembrance	10.50 am	Matins Revd A. Reid	Mr I. Walton		Mrs P. McFall Mrs M. Roskell
	All Souls	6.30 pm	Commemoration Revd Andy Froud	Chatburn Christ Church		
9th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
11th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	New	
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Second before Advent	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs E. Parker		Mr & Mrs H. Brown
16th	Monday	6.30 pm	VH Management Cttee	Village Hall		
17th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Village Hall		
19th	Thursday	7.30 am	WI	Village Hall		
22nd	Christ the King	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr T. McLean		Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
23rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
25th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	New	
25th to 28th	Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 pm	Stage 2 Downham	Village Hall	Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lilly	
29th	Advent I	11.00 am	Matins Revd Jim Duxbury	Mr B Lewis	NO FLOWERS	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
30th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	<i>Village Hall</i>	<i>Roger Frost - Calder Valley</i>	
December						
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Christmas Dinner	
6th	Advent II	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	IN ADVENT	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud The Vicarage Church Street Clitheroe BB7 2DD 01200 423317 / 0796 957 6691</p> <p>OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484</p> <p>VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667</p>						
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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

newsletter

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From The Revd ANDY FROUD

PLEASE NOTE

Dear Friends

**Remembrance Day service
starts at 10.50 am**

“Do I have to Mum?”

“I’ll do it later”

“All of them?”

Just some of my responses to my mother’s pleas to get me to write “thank you” notes (I was a child at the time I hasten to add.) Now I am older, I stand over my children the same way and force them to write letters to thank people for birthday and Christmas presents.

Saying thank you and remembering are inextricably linked: we show that we remember someone’s gift by saying thank you to them. Failure to remember is painful: if we forget someone’s name or a birthday or anniversary we feel ashamed.

The month of November is a time to say thank you and to remember. Remembrance Day is on November 8th. In the morning we will at all our local churches remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms and the life which we enjoy today. We should remember all of those who have fought: whether they died or returned home. And in remembering the individual human cost of war we can recommit ourselves to searching and working for peace.

Also on the evening of 8th November at 6.30 pm we will hold our annual service of commemoration, particularly for those who have died over the last year. As a church, we invite those who know grief and loss to remember those who have died but also to share in our hope that those who have died in the peace of Christ will rise again in glory.

The month begins with All Saints Day 1st November: the day when we remember that all of us, as Christians, have been called to be saints, God’s holy people. It’s something we can easily forget but something that we should always give thanks for: that God has called us to be holy as He is holy and invited us to share in the eternal light and joy of His kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of thy Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when thou dost gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of thy promises; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	September	2015
COMMUNICANTS	54	1,163
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	no	1,145
VISITORS		399
DONATIONS	information	11,870
HOUSE BOXES		34
SPECIAL	for Sept	2,937
TOTAL	yet	16,385

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Bob Swarbrick, David Awbery, Carole Ashworth, Edith Hart

CAROLE ASHWORTH HAS WRITTEN

Could I please say a heartfelt thank you to all my friends who sent me some lovely cards, flowers and their Best Wishes for my recovery. My op was successful and I am fully recovered, back to normal! Thank you again, Carole.

Do you know a young person worthy of the Lancashire Young Citizen of the Year award?

The annual search is on to find the High Sheriff of Lancashire's Young Citizen of the Year 2016 as part of a countywide competition.

Do you know someone who has made a real difference in their community, supported a local organisation or has selflessly helped a family member or neighbour and deserves recognition?

This year, High Sheriff Amanda Parker is welcoming applications about young, inspiring people who have put others first.

She said: "As High Sheriff I am committed to recognising the many young people who are doing fantastic work in their communities, making them safer and happier places to live.

Application forms can be completed online at www.lanpac.co.uk
For more information you contact Al Yusuf on 01772 412796

SPECTATOR

I AM looking forward to another village bonfire this year. A community gathering, just like in the 'olden days' when neighbours spoke to each other face to face and not via the Internet, Skype, Face Time, Twitter etc etc. Any excuse for a get together and distraction from the boredom and poverty of everyday life was always welcome. For us kids it was very exciting indeed.

I remember one street we lived on in Bradford, Western Street, a two up one down 'back to back' house with its own outside toilet at the bottom of the garden, very posh, even with a tiny, smelly paraffin lamp for heating and light and newspaper hanging on a nail behind the door! The house we had previously lived in had one toilet at the end of street...for the whole street!..but this house did have the advantage of being near the Public Baths, where mum would take us for a proper bath once a year whether we needed it or not! We then progressed to a tin bath in the kitchen, filled up by water heated by a boiler. This took a lot of filling so the five of us shared one bath and there was a pecking order, me first as eldest and little brother last, he always looked a bit dirtier getting out than he did getting in! Then we moved into a new council house with a bath and toilet inside....luxury!

Anyway, back to bonfire night of old where the provision of food, pie and peas, roast chestnuts, pomegranate and toffee apples, was the responsibility of women. The huge fire in the middle of the cobbled street was tended by the men and in the previous few weeks, the older kids would have gone 'plotting' a term which covered collecting anything suitable for burning on the fire by knocking on doors and sending out raiding parties to bonfires bigger than ours and hoping no guards were on patrol otherwise you had to be a good runner! Younger kids built a 'guy', and trailed him door to door, and into public houses 'begging' for money to buy sparklers and fireworks.

We were all very poor materially, but everyone contributed something in, what I personally feel was a more respectful and caring era which seemed to disappear forever when we were told, "there is no such thing as community, only individuals" hmm

Jon, bless him, who doesn't ask for much, is hoping there will be the same bonfire toffee as last year, courtesy of the wonderful Fran. It was so delicious that I ate mine and everybody else's share and could hardly open my mouth to speak all evening.....just how he likes it!



STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



Our next production is 'Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily' by Katie Forgette. The wit of Oscar Wilde meets the cunning of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. When Oscar brings his dear friend Lillie Langtry to Baker Street. Someone has stolen the highly intimate letters that Lillie has exchanged with the Prince of Wales and it is only Sherlock Holmes who can solve the case.

Expect laughter and suspense as the mystery unfolds from Wednesday November 25th to Saturday November 28th at 7.30pm at Downham Village Hall.

Tickets priced £6 can be purchased from Tourist Information (tel: 01200 425566) or ticket hotline 07833203495.

The Assheton Arms, Downham (tel: 01200 4412270) is also offering a Meal Deal, 2 courses plus ticket for just £20.

We look forward to entertaining you!

Our thanks to The Parish Newsletter
Sponsor for the November issue
The Downham Women's institute

BROOKSIDE WALL

LCC have been as good as their word and rebuilt the erstwhile collapsing wall of the brook at Brookside. The weather during September was virtually rain free, so none of their work was washed away. Rumour has it that the contractors enjoyed their time in the village, including the occasional ice cream and hospitality from residents.

Peter and Frances Eldridge have kindly planted hundreds of Daffodils in the newly seeded top soil, so fingers are crossed that they enjoy their new bed and brighten the area for many Springs to come.

TREE SURGERY

Richard Davis is continuing to tidy up and make safe roadside trees. Work is drawing to a close on the Chatburn side of the village.

Contrary to the slanderous rumour that he somehow made a hole in the wall opposite Rimington Road End, it can be confirmed here that it was in fact caused by an octogenarian car driver whose foot slipped from brake to accelerator. (Before another rumour starts, the driver is not a Parish resident!)

DEFIBRILATOR

A bid has been made by Ribble Valley First Responders to the British Heart Foundation for a defibrillator to be permanently sited in the village telephone box. A result is expected in November, though power to the machine and training will have to be arranged before the box arrives.



ROAD SIGNS

A recent road accident prompted a request at the Parish Meeting that LCC should reinstate the "S" bend warning signs near Clay House. LCC have duly been reminded RCA

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

THE WORLD'S largest Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse is appealing for Christmas parcels for children who would not otherwise receive a present this year. We are invited to fill a medium sized shoe box with gifts for a child. A leaflet is available in church which lists age groups, what is wanted and what items are not. Full details appeared last month boxes should be ready by 15th.

DOWNHAM WI

BINGO NIGHT

@
DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

Monday 16th November

7.30 pm

all welcome

Admission £8 includes hot supper
tickets from

Rosemary Norgrove
4282571

In aid of The Denman Bursary

**WE ARE
MACMILLAN.**

Halloween Party Downham Ice Cream Shop

Saturday 31st October,
6.00 to 9.00 pm

All Welcome,
in support of
Macmillan Nurses

potato supper with peas
only £1.00 proceeds to
the charity
Games & the best dressed
Witch

FAREWELL ANDREW

TIME flies when you're having fun or so they say. It certainly doesn't seem like just over three years since Andrew was ordained deacon at Blackburn Cathedral to serve as curate originally at St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe. During that time Andrew has started Techie Heaven for secondary age children, Children's Church for pre-school children and their families and, of course most importantly, with Rebecca, Andrew has grown his family to include Joseph now as well as Eleanor. Many have told me how much you have enjoyed Andrew's singing in church, his practice of using his Ipad to preach from and, of course, many of you will have enjoyed the hospitality of their home at 3 Abbot Walk.

Andrew has a background in management, being Head of Business Support at Lancaster University, before going to train for the priesthood at Westcott House Cambridge and we are very grateful that he has been able to bring his management expertise to the running of these parishes and especially the St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe. I know I have learnt a great deal from Andrew and will miss his company.

The loss of St Mary's Magdalene's, Christ Church and St Leonard's will be the gain of Cawston with Booton and Brandiston, Haveringland, Heydon, Oulton, Aylsham, Blickling, Brampton, Burgh-next-Aylsham, Buxton with Oxnead, Lammas with Badersfield & Little Hautbois and Marsham.

Andrew, Becca, Eleanor and Joseph go with all of our thanks, prayers and best wishes. AF

HISTORY GROUP

DOWNHAM and Twiston History Group was given an interesting talk and presentation about the history, composition, manufacture and uses of cement from pre roman times to present day. The talk by Peter del Strother, former chief executive of the local cement works was given at the 19th October meeting of the group. The presentation included interesting aerial views of the local works and description of the changing landscape over the last century together with details of public access to view the massive quarry.

The Group's November meeting will be a talk about the Calder Valley, a return visit by Roger Frost on Monday 30th at 7.30 pm in the Village hall.

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DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

**DOWNHAM & TWISTON
BONFIRE & HOT SUPPER**
Downham Village Hall Car Park

FRIDAY 6th NOVEMBER - 6pm
Fireworks followed by food
at about 7.15 pm

Admission by Ticket only
Adults £5
Children 5 to 12 Years £2
Under 5s Free

Supper included in price
Hot Drinks for Sale
Please bring your own
soft drinks

Tickets on sale
LIMITED NUMBERS
Ring 01200 441141

**OWN FIREWORKS & SPARKLERS
ARE NOT ALLOWED**

RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL

ROUNDING OFF this highly successful festival, which included a great concert at St Leonard's on 19th July, is the closing event at Clitheroe Parish Church on Friday, 13th November at 7.30 pm tickets £10 from Roy Porters, Clitheroe Parish Office at St Mary's Hall.

*A lively party atmosphere created by
Western Valley Hot Club
led by Gaynor Sutcliffe,
2011 British Country Musician of the Year,
playing Western Swing, Gypsy Jazz
and Rock & Roll.*

THE PARISH CHURCH

ALL SOULS

ON 8th November at 6.30 pm we hold our annual All Souls Commemoration at Christ Church. Chatburn. This is a service for Downham, Chatburn and Clitheroe. Although mainly for those who have suffered a recent bereavement, everyone is very welcome to remember before God those who have died and pray for healing and peace for the bereaved. Those who have died over the last twelve months will be remembered by name and there will be an opportunity for everyone to light a candle in memory of a loved one. AF

FAREWELL

Andrew Whitehead's last service was a magnificent Choral Evensong at St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe. The singing was quite something to remember with an enjoyable party in the St Mary's Hall afterwards. Our parish gave Andrew and Becca a beautiful framed photo taken, of course, from the porch of St Leonards. It will remind them of hill country when they settle in flat Norfolk. We send them off with thanks and every good wish.

COFFEE CLUB

IT WAS almost all change at the Coffee Club this month. Edith of course was there as usual, but then we had not only yours truly out of action but also Brian and Barbara were swanning around getting ready for their trip to Aussie Land. Despite all this, we had an excellent morning. Grateful thanks must go to Fran & Peter, Molly, Di, Philippa and Edith for the work they put in on the day. Of course none of this would have happened without our wonderful bakers, not only those that did bake but also those that offered. Also thanks must go to Carole for her usual supervisory role. A great morning when the members all pulled together! CA



DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING

THE recent Parish Meeting highlighted a number of positive actions following since the 2014 Meeting.

Dog fouling signs have now been erected at strategic points around the village to remind owners of their responsibilities and the penalties for failing to meet them. The RVBC Dog Warden will be making periodic visits (sometimes in disguise!) You have been warned!

Most of the issues concerning the pub have been addressed. The incinerator has gone, customers are being actively encouraged to be considerate when leaving, the various licence changes have taken place and have not (so far) resulted in the dramas that some feared. The gas tank is legally sited (and screened). The Barley Mow staff are not parking in Downham. There is still some concern about the tidiness of the croft behind the pub and fan noise, which will be pursued by the Estate.

The telephone box has gone from shabby red to yellow and now back to shiny red. Plans to install a defibrillator in it are well progressed.

Direction signs around the village may be able to be improved as part of the Pendle wide Heritage Lottery Fund bid, but not for a year or so.

The collapsing Brookside wall has been admirably completed by LCC.

Attempts to improve broadband coverage for the area continue, but are proving difficult with only slow progress with BT. The initial estimate for a private solution starts at £26,000! A work in progress.

Ralph Assheton was re-elected as Chairman and Di Braithwaite as Correspondent.

Issues raised included:

The poor state of repair of the tarmac up to and around the pub car park. (Part of this should be improved in the next few weeks).

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Cont.....It was suggested that the litter bin outside the old Post Office be re-sited, which may perhaps offer a solution to the desire to have a bin at the end of Brookside, which will otherwise incur a charge from RVBC.

The village car park access track should have been repaired by the time you read this.

Residents were reminded that the new Post Office service is only here as a trial. If we do not use it, it will close. Issues around the quality of services and costs will be raised with the Royal Mail.

LCC have agreed to alter the white lines and signage on the approach to Chatburn from Downham.

For those who want a fuller account of the meeting, contact Ralph Assheton, or join us at the next meeting. RCA

COOKERY CLUB

TREVOR Rutherford and family from Greendale Kitchen demonstrated their lasagne to a full capacity audience on Monday, 28th September at the Village Hall kitchen. The demonstration included making the pasta the complete dish and accompanying "Tuscan" style salad that was delicious. The session ended with a full meal, with vegetarian option, for everyone which the family had prepared earlier. The next session of the Cookery Club will be notified through these columns. OAwb



GARDENING CLUB

ON 1st October Mr Stephen Helliwell came to talk to us bringing some slides with him. What a wonderful evening it turned out to be! The Western Isles are a wonder, and they were beautifully brought to life by Stephen. As we jumped from one isle to another he led us through the many different flora that were to be found on the islands. Earlier in the evening I had asked the members to suggest a venue for our evening out, the overwhelming response was—The Western Isles. CA



DOWNHAM & TWISTON

PRESIDENT, Mrs Frances Garner, welcomed members to the October meeting and the AGM. During the meeting Mrs Garner highlighted the issues around the W.I. campaign for, 'Care not Custody', which is concerned with vulnerable young people, with mental health issues, being put in prison rather than getting more appropriate support. She urged members to write to their M.P.



Mrs Frances Garner was re-elected as President for, what will be, her third year. Miss Andrea Kay continues as Secretary; Mrs Marion Courtney as Treasurer; Mrs Barbara Lewis as Programme Secretary; and Mrs Olive Awbery, as the Village Hall Representative. The Committee were all willing to serve another year.

Mrs Garner, in her President's Address, thanked everyone for their support of Downham W.I. and for the work members do to keep it a thriving Institute. Mrs Garner particularly thanked Christine Newhouse for the incredible support she has given, in a variety of roles, over many, many years. Sadly, Christine will be leaving Downham W.I. at the end of the year, to join a W.I. nearer where she lives.

Mrs Garner, as well as looking back over the last Centennial Year of the W.I., also looked forward to plans for Downham W.I.'s Centenary, in 2020.

More immediately, members are looking forward to the Bingo Night in Downham Village Hall on the 16th November, in aid of the Denman Bursary. Contact Rosemary Norgrove for tickets. The next meeting will be Downham W.I.'s Christmas Party on the 19th November at Greendale View Kitchen. AK