

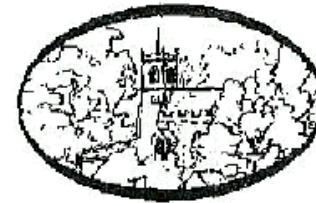


Parish Calendar 2014						
October			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Parish Meeting	Village Hall		
2nd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Phil Dunnett—Winter Colour</i>	
4th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate for Harvest	Church		
5th	Trinity XVI Harvest Festival	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Christ Church Chatburn		Lady Clitheroe Mrs C. Raw
		11.00 am	Family Service Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Greenhill		
9th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
12th	Trinity XVII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Alex Baker	Mrs D. Wilkins		Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Alfred Graham	Mrs B. Lewis		
13th	Monday	7.30 pm	Make a Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
16th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	AGM	
19th	Trinity XVIII	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Christ Church	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Alan Reid	Mrs P. McFall		
26th	Last after Trinity Bible Sunday	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Mrs E. Parker		Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
		11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mr B. Lewis		
27th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Les Bond—The Accrington Pals</i>	
			Make a Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
November						
2nd	All Saints 4th before Advent	8.30 am	Holy Communion	Christ Church	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs J. Whitsey
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andrew Whitehead	Mr T. McLean		
6th	Thursday	7.30pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Christmas Flower Arrangements</i>	
9th	Remembrance Service is at 10.50 am					
<p align="center">OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Rev'd Andy Froud—01200 423317 OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 Mrs Diana Wilkins – 445250 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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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

2014 Issue 10 October

From The Rev'd Andy Froud



few years ago the Church Times carried a cartoon captioned "While the parishioners of St Margaret's thought he was at St Barnabas, the parishioners of St Barnabas thought he was at St Margaret's". The Vicar was sat with his feet up sipping one of those cocktails with little umbrellas in.

I'm delighted that I am to be your new Priest-in-Charge at St Leonards: but not because I can put my feet up.

Anyone who knows me will know that will not be me: I don't drink cocktails. More importantly I hope that I will follow Canon Rodney Nicholson's example of working hard to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed.

However there are some tricky problems that face anyone who has more than one church to serve. "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other" - that's what Jesus said about God and money. I have thought about this phrase when thinking about how to serve three churches. Clearly having been here for five years and living so close the temptation would be to favour St Mary Magdalene. All I can say is that I will try to resist the temptation.

Also some clergy might be tempted to try and force all of their churches into the same mould either for reasons of convenience or ideology. It seems to me that our churches are like a family and in a family everyone should have different gifts to bring to the family table. Beccy and I have four children who we love (we like to think) equally but we know that they are all very different from each other despite our best attempts to treat them all fairly.

I hope that like our children, our three churches in this new family will grow together in love accepting each other's differences.

Yours in Christ,

Andy

PS If any of the hierarchy read this: I have 4 children - I'm not looking for 4 churches.

As we give thanks for all that is good in your creation and all who bring in the Harvest of the sea and the land, we are conscious of so much that we get wrong. So we give thanks too for your grace and patience with us when we fail to look after your world as we should. Help us to change so that we too become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	August	2014
COMMUNICANTS	54	422
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	196	1,698
VISITORS	66	437
DONATIONS	1,367	7,597
HOUSE BOXES		23
TOTAL	1,629	9,755

OUR PRAYERS ARE SAID FOR

DAVID and the family of Val Flanagan of Ings End, Twiston.

WELCOME

Stephen and Davina Helm from Langho. We wish you happiness in your new home at No. 1 Pendle Cottages, Twiston.

VALERIE FLANAGAN

FOR the last 18 years Valerie and David have loved living at Ings End Farm at Twiston. Valerie was always someone who loved her home, loved to bake and loved her garden. She was a constantly smiling presence, even during the difficult times following her diagnosis with cancer ten years ago. Her positive attitude and her quiet interest in all those around her was an inspiration to all who met her, right up to the end of her life at Beardwood Hospital in Blackburn on 22nd September. Valerie's memory is treasured especially by her family; her husband David, who enjoyed 42 years of marriage with her, her children Olivia and Jamie, who she loved so much and her grandchildren, Isabelle, Annabel, Madeleine, Richard and Helena who she adored and was so proud of.

David, Olivia, Jamie and all Valerie's family are very grateful for all your expressions of concern and your thoughts and prayers during this time AF

Valerie's funeral is at St Leonards Parish Church on Tuesday, 30th Sept. at 10.45

SPECTATOR

WELL, thanks to the wonderful world of technology I am writing October's Spectator from sunny Jersey and e mailing it to our esteemed editor who should receive it before we even get back. Amazing. I took my I pad mini with me so that I could keep in touch with people via "Skype" which for those of you who are resisting the urge to "get with it" is like speaking to someone on the phone only you can actually see them. The best thing is, it's free! I Skype my sister in law in New Zealand and Jersey and grandchildren in Liverpool and Cumbria as well as daughters and friends in Shipley.

I can do my food "big shop" on line and have it delivered from Tesco, Sainsburys or Asda for as little as £1 and I have even had groceries delivered to our self-catering flat in the Isle of Man for when we arrive. I have had a few hiccups though when I have ordered the wrong size or quantity and I laughed at a card I saw recently showing an elderly man at the computer saying to his wife, "well I've either done next weeks shop or we've adopted twins!"



I love u tube where I can summon up and listen to any music, song or artist from past or present. I can watch all the old films, clips and programmes from my childhood like 'I love Lucy, Bewitched and Watch with Mother' with Bill and Ben and the Woodentops who have, "The biggest, spottiest dog you ever did see"....ah, it takes you right back,...and the very prim and proper BBC broadcasters sound hilarious, a million light years away from life today...and yet I lived in that naive, bygone age where seasons seemed clearly marked and separated and Christmas was in December...yes, the shops are indeed beginning to put out their Christmas goodies and we haven't yet finished basking in the glow of our wonderful Jersey holiday....AND....I would like to have a stern word or two with the person who posted this on my Facebook wall, "there are now only 12 Saturdays to Christmas"!...Argh!!!

We hear that the Ice Cream Shop is staying open till 8.00 pm on Halloween for Soup from the Cauldron!! and Blackbat Ice Cream

The Newsletter was sponsored in October by
Downham Village Hall Coffee Club
and by
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The Parochial Church Council is most grateful to sponsors who enable the Newsletter to be delivered to every house in the Parish, and some beyond.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION LOCAL AGM

Along with other organisations and families that are supporting people as they get older

The Royal British Legion is becoming more aware of dementia: here is an extract from the Chatburn and District Branch Newsletter, (the branch which includes Downham)

People with dementia continue with their daily lives and we as neighbours and friends can raise awareness of dementia and the little ways that we can help them in our communities.

We remember Mr Charlie Blundell who died recently he was an active member and a great supporter of the Legion.

RBL AGM Wednesday 26th November 7.30pm Calf's Head Worston

With speaker from the Admiral Nursing Service helping support people and their carers with dementia in partnership with the Royal British Legion. Dan Bradbury is also speaking about his father's wartime exploits as a prisoner of war.

DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING WED 1 OCT 7pm VILLAGE HALL

THE Parish Meeting is rather later this year than sometimes, in the hope that it will not clash with school holidays. The notice is also shorter to avoid people forgetting about it having read the news here!

Note that the meeting will be in the Village Hall for a change, though the traditional 7pm start is retained.

The meeting is open to all Downham residents, and is a chance to raise any local government issues (though hopefully not devolution!) In the past points raised have included speeding traffic, parking, dog fouling, litter, recycling and drainage. Our Ward Councillor, Gary Scott, will be attending.

For those who have not attended before, it is a swift and reasonably painless event, so do come along and take part in local democracy. RCA

THE POST OFFICE

THE eagle-eyed will have spotted that a planning application has been submitted to alter the post office, in line with the aspirations of the village meeting earlier in the year. The issue of a Post Office outreach facility has not been finalised, though the hope remains to enable this to happen somewhere in the village. Legal and commercial wheels can at times run slowly, but they are still moving in the right direction. RCA

THE WWI OAK

OUR commemorative oak tree planted so poignantly last month by The Mayor of Ribble Valley, appears to have survived the drought thus far. A few buckets of water have hopefully helped it to settle in for what should be hundreds of years of service as a reminder of the sacrifices of our forbears.

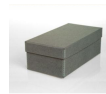


Thanks from Rodney Nicholson

MAY I most warmly thank you, the people of Downham and Twiston, for your great kindness shown at the beginning of September? A good congregation attended my last 11am service on the 7th when I was touched by the many messages of thanks and good wishes – more than I could have possibly have expected. The Holy Communion service ended with a presentation of a lovely album of photos, compiled by Molly Roskell, depicting both Downham itself and also events at St Leonard's in which I have played a part. Molly is completing the collection with more photos, including some taken that Sunday, and I look forward to the end result, which I know will be superb and which I shall treasure as a happy memory of my eleven years in the parish. Added to all this, the St Leonard's team went to the trouble of securing a Fair Trade album.

I also received a beautiful framed photo of the church, taken by Jon Whitsey, and a very generous cheque. Kathleen was similarly delighted with the arrangement of flowers in a basket which she was given. Sherry and biscuits rounded off the morning.

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.

The system is simple

1. Obtain a shoe box and decorate it,
2. Decide on boy or girl and age range
3. Fill it with suitable items
(no liquids, no war related toys like guns, no perishables, no sharps)
4. Add label and donation to cover some transporting costs
5. Drop off at St Leonards before 18th November

More information and labels are available on the table at the back of church.



DOWNHAM excelled at the Village Hall on Friday, 26th September at the World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. An array of cakes from which to choose with coffee, together with book and jigsaw stalls and a fantastic raffle with eighteen prizes, raised just over five hundred pounds. (updated figure). Organiser Olivia Assheton thanked everyone who had contributed cakes, milk, raffle prizes and the helpers as well as everyone for joining-in and making donations at a most enjoyable event..

Retirement of Hon Treasurer Jon Whitsey

The recent Parochial Church Council Meeting, the Church Wardens presented Jon Whitsey with gifts and cards from the Parish in grateful recognition of his 15 years service as Honorary Treasurer to the PCC. Jon said it was an enjoyable experience – most of the time. Regular readers will be aware that this process has been going on since the Annual Meeting when Jon signalled his intention not to stand again and we were fortunate enough to have the election to the post of Brian Lewis.

THE PARISH CHURCH

JOYFUL NOISE

MAKE A Joyful Noise group visited Downham Parish Church on Monday 15th September, evening as part of their visits to different churches during the summer. Mr Roy Porter had selected hymns for the time of the church year with Mr Geoffrey Hitchen at the keyboard. After refreshments, provided by the Downham members of the group, and plenty of chat, requests of favourite hymns were sung with gusto.

Chatburn Christ Church will be the next venue on September 29th at 7.30pm, and fortnightly thereafter at Chatburn Methodist Church—everyone welcome.

DB

HARVEST FESTIVAL

OUR Harvest Festival will be on **Sunday, 5th October at 11.00 am and will be a Family Service conducted** by our new Vicar The Revd Andy Froud. We will decorate the Church at 2.00 pm on Saturday 4th anyone who wishes to help will be welcomed. Traditional Gifts of Fruit Vegetables and flowers will be gratefully received. Anyone wishing to make a gift of non perishable food may do so; this will be donated to the Ribble Valley Food Bank.



COFFEE CLUB

THE people of Downham did themselves and the Children's Society proud on the 11th of the month when, as part of the National Coffee Morning for the society, they hi-jacked the usual coffee club. They all came together and provided lots of goodies to eat, drink and sell for the charity. There was a great atmosphere and a superb raffle.



A very warm welcome was given to one and all including a couple out walking, and a group of five people from all over the country who had come together at the Stirk House to explore the surrounding villages, and, in their words, they were very lucky to have chosen Downham to visit on that day. We were a bit mowed out with Clergymen throughout the morning but we survived! Our visitors also included Baby Joseph all of 4 weeks and our youngest regular Joseph Tobias (almost one) who had his fun by crawling all over the floor.

Our thanks must go to everyone (villagers and visitors) who helped us to raise the great sum of £202 pounds for the Children's Society.

The next Coffee Club is on Thursday, 9th October, at 10.00 am. CA

DOWNHAM PARISH MEETING

Wednesday, 1st October, 2014
7.00 pm

Downham Village Hall

All residents of Downham are eligible and most welcome to attend

D Braithwaite Clerk.

GARDEN CLUB



IT WAS a great night for travelling when Steuart and Anita Kellington came to the Garden Club meeting on the first Thursday in September. They took us to the four corners of the United Kingdom with their slide show of Great British Gardens. We went from Southern England to the West of Scotland, to Northern Ireland, to North Wales with several stops in between. A wonderful journey followed by a lovely supper and, of course, the raffle.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 2nd October at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall and the speaker is Phil Dunnett and his subject: Winter Colour. CA



DR TONY Goodbody, a newcomer to Clitheroe, moved here from Liverpool in 1998 and very quickly interested himself in local history through the medium of collecting. Collecting Postcards at sales, from the internet and personal contacts. He showed one card that illustrated a corner of town that had a message on the space taken by the sky and which had been posted to the United States in the 1920s, only to return to Clitheroe via ebay some ninety years later.

His show was the projection of standard-sized post cards taken one hundred years ago and contrasted with modern photographs that he had taken from, as near as possible, the same spot. Tony then showed the old picture alongside the new. Many views were totally different today but almost as many were unchanged (except for the cars). An altogether fascinating and illuminating presentation.

The History Group on Monday, 27th October, at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm is given to an Accrington Pals presentation by Les Bond. All welcome.



One thing we all have to do from time to time is wrap a present for someone. Some people have a real talent for gift wrapping and Elaine Cuzner is one of them.

Elaine, the September speaker, explained that gift wrapping was, 'a hobby that got out of hand'. Elaine's talk, 'Gift Wrapping with a Difference', was lively, extremely amusing and gave us excellent tips and imaginative ideas on how to improve our gift wrapping skills. It was a very enjoyable talk and the members came away with many good ideas.

WI members are looking forward to the Autumn Council Meeting, which is on Wednesday 22nd October, at King George's Hall, Blackburn. Other forthcoming events and trips are: 'Art in the Park', a day trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park; 'Making Willow Items for Christmas' a course at Hurst Green and Grindleton; Making Christmas Cards, a course at Leyland; Lancashire Day on the 27th November at Parbold Village Hall; Bingo Night with a Christmas Theme, 1st December, Downham Village Hall.

A report of a recent trip to Dunsop Bridge was given by Barbara Lewis. The meeting was taken by Vice President, Susan Whittaker.

The next meeting on Thursday, 16th October is the AGM. There will also be a, 'Swaps or Swishing' stall, where members bring a couple of items of clothing or accessories to swap. AK



Tony has particularly interested himself in cards which are prints from the photos of E. Buck, the Clitheroe photographer, born in France and who came to Clitheroe in 1884. He lived at 49, Waddington Road until his death in 1941. He is a familiar signatory of many Ribble Valley Post Cards of over a hundred years ago. This interest has culminated in the production of a book of cards "Buck's Clitheroe" which shows 90 views and is on sale at £5.