

Parish Calendar 2014						
September			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	St Paul Low Moor		
4th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Beautiful British Gardens</i>	
7th	Trinity XII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs A. Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
		11.00 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mr T. McLean		
8th	Monday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Committee	Village Hall		
9th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Church		
11th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	<i>In Aid of the Children's Society</i>	
14th	Trinity XIII	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs P. McFall	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
		11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B. Lewis		
15th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	St Leonard's		
18th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Gift Wrapping with a Difference</i>	
21st	Trinity XIV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Christ Church Chatburn	Mrs K. Swarbrick	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
		11.00 am	Joint Service Canon Rodney Nicholson	St Paul Low Moor		
22nd	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Tony Goodbody Clitheroe Old and New</i>	
26th	Friday	10.00 am 12 noon	Worlds Largest Coffee Morning	Village Hall	In aid of McMillan Cancer Care	
28th	Trinity XV	8.30 am	Holy Communion Canon Rodney Nicholson	Mrs D. Wilkins	Mrs D. Braithwaite	Mrs G.Cragg Mrs K Brown
		11.00 am	Matins Revd Alan Reid	Mrs B. Lewis		
October						
2nd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Winter Colour—Phil Dunnnett</i>	
5th	Trinity XVI	8.30 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Christ Church Chatburn	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Mrs C. Raw
		11.00 am	Harvest Family Service Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Greenhill		
<p>OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Canon Rodney Nicholson – 458019 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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PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

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From Canon Rodney Nicholson

Viewpoint



ND so I write my 139th and last Viewpoint. I have greatly enjoyed being Priest-in-Charge of St Leonards for over eleven years and will retain affectionate memories of this lovely village and its people – an affection which includes appreciation for the friendship and support of Lord and

Lady Clitheroe. I have particularly valued: (1) the way in which St Leonard's office holders take responsibility for the smooth running of the church, (2) the volume of care and activity which takes place in the village, and (3) the generous support of charitable work outside the parish.

Tom McLean does an excellent job with this Newsletter and I shall miss his monthly visit to print the copies in my vicarage and enjoy a little refreshment together. The Newsletters record the varied life of the church and village, as part of which it has been my privilege to conduct the marriage service for nearly 70 couples (many from outside Downham), baptise about 25 babies/young children and conduct the funeral/thanksgiving service for a slightly smaller number of people. Susan Poole, Jim Parker, Elizabeth Wrigley, Max Clement, Valerie Hall, George Chapman, Billy Barker and Brenda Lund would be among the people whose farewell service attracted a significant congregation.

It has been lovely to celebrate the different seasons in Downham: Christmas, Easter, Harvest, open garden days at the Hall, events in the village hall and to know that both newcomers to Downham/Twiston as well as those leaving the area have been wished well in this publication. Many share their joys, hopes and sorrows within the walls of St Leonard's, whose centenary we were glad to celebrate, with Bishop Nicholas, three years ago.

With my successor, the Revd Andy Froud, the parish is in excellent hands. He is ably supported by his team – the Revds Andrew Whitehead and Anne Smith – as well as by the Revds Alan Reid and Anne Hardacre.

As for Kathleen and myself, we now expect to be staying in St Paul's Vicarage until mid to late November, as some work needs doing on our new home in Market Weighton, near Beverley which the Church of England has bought for us to rent. My activities may well include organising Christian Aid Week which doesn't seem to happen there at present.

So, thank you for all your support and friendship. I will see some of you at my farewell service and/or the next coffee morning. And I promise not to call Linda Whitsey, our excellent correspondent, "outrageous" again!

Canon Rodney Nicholson

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ST. LEONARD—FACTS & FIGURES		
	July	2014
COMMUNICANTS	45	368
COLLECTIONS	£	£
SERVICES	49	1,502
VISITORS	50	371
DONATIONS	2,220	6,227
HOUSE BOXES	-	23
TOTAL	2,319	8,123

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

1st August Wesley Liam Kellow of Barrowford and Jemma Claire Thompson of Nelson.

FAREWELL

AT the end of the month the Village sees the departure of Paul and Kirsteen Walmsley and Callum and Alice from their home at Brookside Downham. They move, with mixed feelings, from the village to Clitheroe and we wish them every happiness in their new home. The congregation is delighted to know that they will continue the strong link with St Leonard's and in particular with the Choir.

THANKS

FROM the whole Parish are extended to **John Roskell** who has retired after 18 years as our Church Clock winder. He has faithfully climbed the thirty eight narrow steps to the clock chamber every four days to wind the mechanism—no mean feat and one which we all tend to take for granted as we look up to check the time. We are fortunate in that **Dan Frizzell** of Brookside, Downham has volunteered to continue this commitment to the community. We are all very grateful to both of them.

EXAMs and after.....

Rowan Greenhill Timewell of Hey House after success at A level is going to Hull University to read physics.

Tom Chadwick's GCSE results enable him to start at Myerscough College on a level 3 diploma in animal management.

Callum Walmsley following GCSEs is moving on to complete A levels at CRGS sixth form

Callum Robinson has achieved excellent GCSEs and is also moving to CRGS sixth form

Ted Credie's GCSE results have led to his being offered a place on a farriery course at Warwick College.

Molly Walton from Twiston has GCSE results that take her to Blackburn College to study Business and Law.

It is so gratifying to see our young people building on their hard work and results. Congratulations and good luck in the next phase of your education.

SPECTATOR



WE had a 'visitation' from Rodney the other evening. He likes dropping in occasionally, when he is in the vicinity for a cup of my excellent hot chocolate which he knows we have around 9pm. However, this particular visit was to say a formal 'goodbye and all the best for Rodney's forthcoming retirement and move to another area. I will miss him and could hardly believe that he has been our vicar for over 10 years. Where did that time go? I will miss reading his contributions in the parish mag about injustice, righting wrongs and good deeds. I really enjoyed last month's piece which mentioned accepting gifts and good deeds graciously instead of trying to do the same in return. For example, I met my friend for coffee the other day and I said that I would like to pay for hers. Well I nearly had to wrestle her to the ground to stop her running to get the bill and after I sat on her while the waitress was in no doubt about who's was paying, she said she would get the bill next time. I wanted to do something nice because it makes me feel good but acting as she did can take the shine off and leave you feeling deflated. I noticed the same with compliments. If you try to give a compliment or say something nice to someone, they throw it straight back at you. Honestly just try it. Try saying to someone " ooh you do I look nice today" and quick as a flash they will say "oh no I looked in the mirror before I came out and thought I looked awful", or "what in this old dress that I have had for years", or, " YOU should have gone to Specsavers!" That's something else that I can get a bee in my bonnet about. Michael Caine the actor (not a lot of people know that!) once said that the British as a nation generally love to see people fall from grace or trip up or have a bad time. It's like we really begrudge anyone doing well. We may pull together in dark times like war but most of the rest of the time we tend to gloat. Why don't we try being nicer to each other for a change? Right well that's me off my soapbox, so where were we, ah yes, compliments.

The thing is, if you accept a compliment it can make both parties feel good. So come on and practice, both giving and receiving, " oh you look really lovely today", obviously, this would be to a lady acquaintance! and altogether now, "well thank you very much" (See - easy).

So, all our very best wishes for your retirement Rodney and many thanks for your care, your friendship, commitment and wise words, which I know you will accept graciously! X.

GRANDMA'S BOASTING CORNER - Update

AFTER playing cricket for England's Physically Disabled Team in Dubai in March my grandson Stephen Braithwaite decided he would like to teach there. During the summer he went for interviews and passed with flying colours to be a Primary School Teacher in Qatar, in a new English speaking school. We said farewell to him on 24th August after a family and friends party, he will be returning at Christmas to tell us all about his new life. Passports are being checked for our next holiday in the sun. Good luck Stephen, you are in our thoughts and prayers. DB

CAROL PALMER has written

ISN'T it time that people stopped to think why more people are being killed in the Gaza Strip than in Israel. Israel is spending not only money on military hardware but an awful lot more on the Defence of the country and it's people. Hamas are intent on the annihilation of the Jewish race, and then who will be next as they are not only against the Jewish religion it is every religion but their own. Hamas are in power because the Palestinian people want them there so the answer to the problem is partly in their own hands.

A Coventry Experience

Canon Nicholson



THREE weeks ago I spent a couple of days in Coventry, with the main purpose of seeing at first hand a project run by The Children's Society to support destitute asylum seekers. I was able to talk to Hayley, the Children's Society worker and met a handful of women from Zimbabwe and Congo who were collecting some donated food. Unfortunately, because of illness at the centre I was not able to visit the project the following day but, instead, enjoyed a fascinating day in Coventry itself.

The £100 which the Bishop of Burnley gave me for the visit covered all expenses: train fare from Clitheroe, a room in a city centre hotel, excellent breakfast and some other meals, and sundry other small payments. The hotel was virtually in the Cathedral grounds, so that it was lovely to attend Evening Prayer twice there and Morning Prayer once, sitting with a small group in the light, airy building. There were many reminders of the old cathedral's bombing in November 1940 but I was struck by the Cathedral's commitment to forgiveness right back on the night of its destruction. Today the Cross of Nails is a fellowship group working for reconciliation across the world.

The two museums are also within two minutes' walk of the Cathedral: one a superb transport museum and the other more general, but in which a World War 1 exhibition was being staged. A brilliant video was shown, reconstructing a soldier's letters home to his mother. He died in 1916 through a mis-diagnosis in a British hospital. I met a young Polish woman in the museum - a single mother living with her little boy in Coventry. She was taking driving lessons in the hope of buying a car, so as to be more mobile in her pursuit of an assistant teacher post, but admitted that money was not plentiful.

Many of us love the countryside but a city like Coventry, where clearly many projects are run - by the Church and others - to help the poorer members of society, is just as clear a signpost to the Kingdom of God.

The Bishop of Blackburn's
Temple Lectures
IN LANCASHIRE
At Blackburn Cathedral

Church and Mission: Global and Local
by Bishop Henry Scriven
Tuesday 2nd September at 7.30pm
Bishop Scriven, who has worked in Argentina, the USA, Spain and Switzerland, as well as in the UK, will draw on his wide experience of the Church's mission.

Pilgrimage, Place and Hospitality
by Ray Simpson
Tuesday 9th September at 7.30pm
Ray Simpson is the Guardian/Founder of the Community of Aidan and Hilda, with its base on Lindisfarne, and has written a number of books related to Celtic Christianity and its contemporary appeal.

COFFEE MORNING

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER

10 AM TO 12 NOON

CAKE STALL AND RAFFLE

**PART OF THE WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE MORNING 2014 IN AID OF**



Enjoy Coffee cake scones jam and cream
And make a donation to MacMillan

All donations for raffle or cakes gratefully
received by Olivia 441210

Guide Dog visit

Canon Nicholson

I HAVE just returned from Greenbelt, the Christian arts, music and teaching festival, which had to move this year from its familiar venue of Cheltenham race course to Boughton House, near Kettering, Northants. It was a superb venue in good weather, which we mainly enjoyed, and the talks on offer, together with the rest of the programme, were excellent.

On my way home I called on Mark and Debbie, who live near Nottingham, who have Otis, the Guide Dog who spent his first year with us. Mark, a teacher of Social Work students has been blind since his 20s, and Otis is his fourth Guide Dog. Otis knew me at once, even though I had not seen him for over three years. Now aged six and a half, he's a lovely dog and much loved by Mark and Debbie as well as by their extended family. It was a joy to see him again and we would be delighted if he came again to stay with us some time.

100 YEARS

MARKING the centenary of something as horrific as WWI was, naturally, going to be an essential part of our national life, and in this Diocese the tone was set at a commemoration service at Blackburn Cathedral on Sunday 3rd August where representatives of all the Parishes joined the Lord Lieutenant of Lancashire and Deputy Lieutenants together with other county, borough and diocesan officials at a reconciliatory act of Worship where the Bishop preached, and the officiating clergy included the Dean of Braunschweig, Brunswick, Germany, by the who led some of the prayers. The Anthem was sung in German by the Blackburn Cathedral Renaissance Singers.

The Parishes received a candle which is to be burned in their churches at on 4th August, 2014 and remain unlit until Armistice Day 2018. At St. Leonard's Downham a short, said, service was conducted by Canon Nicholson at 10.00 pm on 4th August at which the lights were gradually dimmed allowing a shared moment of reflection with the whole country in observance of the nation's Lights Out event, itself a part of the **1418 Now** national cultural programme (www.1418.now.org.uk).

On Friday 22nd August at 11.30 am in the croft near Downham Bridge the Mayor of Ribble Valley, Councillor Michael Ranson, planted a commemorative Oak tree as part of a short, moving ceremony of remembrance. The Revd Andy Froud concluded the ceremony with prayers in memory of the fallen and the many who are still affected by wars.

HOLLINS HORTICULTURE

Tom Garnett, aged 19, of Hollins Farm, has recently completed his National Ext Diploma in Horticulture and Arboriculture at Craven College. He has also achieved a City and Guilds qualification with Merit in Gardening and awarded the 'Premier Gold Award' at NEHS Harrogate flower show whilst at college with their show garden 'Chill in out'!.. He is embarking upon a career in gardening and has a part-time job in a private garden locally. Tom is also starting his own business, offering garden care & maintenance services on an hourly basis. Congratulations and good luck with the business venture Tom.

VILLAGE PICNIC

SEVERAL FAMILIES enjoyed a picnic in the rose garden at Downham Hall at lunchtime on Saturday, 16th August followed by races and games on the lawn. It was warm but not sunny and a good time, as they say, was had by all. A simple, enjoyable event, in aid of nothing in particular, a nice chill out. Thanks Ralph and Olivia for the invitation.

THE PARISH CHURCH

MY LAST SUNDAY

7th SEPTEMBER is my last 11am service at St Leonard's, though I shall still preside at the 8.30am services on 14th and 28th September. All are invited, therefore, to my official farewell service on the 7th.

The offering will be divided between the church and the Bishop's Harvest appeal – for relief work in Angola and Burma. They are two countries which are out of the news but where the inhabitants can barely scratch a living.

On 21st September all three Churches are joining together at the 11.00 am service at Clitheroe St Paul, Low Moor. This will be preceded by a Joyful Noise singing event from 10.30 am. RN

JOYFUL NOISE

JOYFUL Noise meets at St Leonard's on 15th September at 7.30pm, preceded by its meeting at St Paul's on 1st September.

The last meeting, at St Michael and St John's, was particularly enjoyable, with the people there making us most welcome, and the good acoustics enhancing the singing. One church member gave us a short history of the parish. In the interval the ladies' group served an array of cakes. RN

COFFEE CLUB

Thanks to everyone who made our August coffee club such a lively affair, we had thirty one members, including five youngsters and we almost ran out of cake!

Our September 11th meeting is going to be in aid of the Children's Society and we would appreciate any donations of cakes, biscuits or raffle prizes.

This is part of the Children's Society's annual big coffee morning and we welcome members and non members alike on this occasion. We look forward to an enjoyable morning. BL



DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

ON Monday, 18th August at the Village Hall, Margaret Dickinson took us through the highways and byways of the North West's packhorse trade. With her keen eye for spotting ancient packhorse bridges and 'gates' (ways in old English) together with her talent for photography, she illustrated the use of packhorses in transporting staple goods such as wool, salt and lime and minerals such as coal, lead, copper, iron and graphite from the time of the twelfth-century monasteries until the packhorse trade was finally killed off with the introduction of turnpike roads, canals and railways. En route she introduced us to packhorse pubs, an abandoned handloom settlement complete with tenterhooks, the use of bells on the harness of the lead horse, the hazards of crossing a single track bridge with a train of forty horses, the development of the lime trade in Clitheroe and to the 'terrible knitters of Dent' who could knit at the speed of light, using only one hand, resulting in 30,000 dozen pairs of knitted socks being transported by packhorse from Kendal every year.

JP

The next History Group Meeting is on Monday, 22nd September at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. A talk, *Clitheroe Old and New*, is to be illustrated with a projection of old postcards from the collection of Tony Goodbody.

GARDEN CLUB

Congratulations
Gardeners, Bakers
&
Photograph Takers



ONCE again you all rose to the occasion and gave Downham & Twiston a wonderful show, despite heatwaves and heavy rain for two days before the show AND a plague of mice. Many thanks to all the competitors, also to all the people who worked both before and during the show, a job well done. Here are the winners of the Trophies.

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| Confectionary | Carole Ashworth |
| Vegetables | Carolyn & Bernard Gethings |
| Flowers | Francis & Peter Eldridge |
| Photo | Carolyn & Bernard Gethings |
| Best in Show | Francis & Peter Eldridge |
| Most Points | Carolyn & Bernard Gethings |
| Childrens Cup | Louie Thornborough |

Thanks once again to all connected with the show.

During September a meeting will be held by the garden club committee to discuss the year ahead. If anyone has any suggestions to make about how we could improve the show or maybe any new classes we would gratefully receive them. If you could possibly write them down and give them to any committee member we will add them to the discussion.

Please think about it, as it is your show and we are trying to make it work for everyone. Thank You

The next Garden Club meeting will be on Thursday, 4th September at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm, when the speakers are Steuart and Anita Kellington and their topic, Beautiful British Gardens. We look forward to seeing you there. CA



President Frances Garner welcomed everyone to the Assheton Arms, Downham for the August meeting. It was particularly good to see Susan who wished to thank

everyone for the kind thoughts and cards following her recent illness.

The members who entered the WI Show were congratulated and shown the Points Trophy they had won.

A date for your Diary, the popular Bingo night will be held on Monday 1st Dec in Downham Village Hall, tickets available soon.

A newsletter listed the various events and included details of the LFWI Autumn Council meeting, which is an evening meeting to be held at the King George's Hall on Wed 22nd October when Colin Alderson – Former Pastry Chef to the Queen will be the speaker. A list to sign up will be available at the next meeting.

Details are also available for a trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, 18th Oct and to the Christmas Extravaganza at Tatton Park in Dec. Other events include craft classes for Crochet, Patchwork, Willow weaving and Christmas cards to be held at the LFWI office, Walks and the Federation Quiz in Jan. For more information please contact the secretary, 446620.

Frances urged members to think seriously about helping to run the WI. The nominations for committee are due next month.

After a tasty supper of sandwiches and chips we all enjoyed the Quiz devised and presented by Susan.

The next meeting, 18th September, is Gift wrapping with a difference with Elaine Cuzner, 7.30 pm Downham Village Hall. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome. CN