
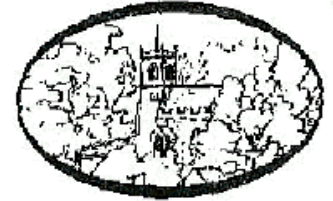


Parish Calendar 2015						
September			Event	Sidesmen & women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Bees and Honey—Carol Johnson</i>	
6th	Trinity XIV	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Ms C. Raw
9th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr B Lewis	New	
10th	Thursday	10 00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
13th	Trinity XV	11.00 am	Matins	Mr I. Walton		Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
14th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Holden Clough Chapel		
15th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	Church		
17th	Thursday	7.30 am	WI	Village Hall	<i>From Mountaineering to the Paralympics</i>	
20th	Trinity XVI	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs B Lewis	<i>Mrs R. Swarbrick</i>	Mr & Mrs H. Brown
21st	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Downham Parish Magazines 1890s</i>	
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion	Mr T McLean	New	
27th	Trinity XVII	11.00 am	Matins	Mrs A. Greenhill	Mrs D. Braithwaite	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
28th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
29th	Tuesday	6.30 pm	Village Hall Mangt Cttee	Village Hall		
October						
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>The Western Isles</i>	
3rd	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
4th	Trinity XVIII Harvest Festival	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs B. Lewis	Mrs E. Parker	Mr & Mrs B. Lewis
OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud on Sabbatical Leave Revd Andrew Whitehead to end of September 01200 444734 OUR CHURCH WARDENS The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall—441484 VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE Chairman and Bookings Secretary Mr Shaun Roney—441667 Hon Secretary The Hon Mrs R. Assheton—441210						
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From **The Revd ANDREW WHITEHEAD**

Dear Friends

Moving on



MOVING on is a part of life for all of us. We might be moving on in education; starting a new school or class, or travelling off for the adventures of university. Others, like my family, might be planning a house move and a new job. But even within our everyday lives, we face the challenges of moving on. We might need to move on from a difficult relationship, or by calling time on some of our long-standing commitments. Even if we aren't moving house, there always seems to be a need to move on with something.

As a family, we're in the middle of planning a major move! As we get closer to our last Sunday in the parish (18th October), the list of 'move-related' jobs seems to grow and grow. We have to organise a school place for Ella, I have to deal with the challenges of a new job, and we all have the upheaval of moving house again (this will be our third house move since 2010, and hopefully the last for some time).


The bible has much to say about moving on. Throughout the Old Testament, we hear the story of a people on the move, and as we face such a monumental move I am reminded of the story of Abram and Sarai in Genesis Chapters 12 and 13. Abram is in his seventies – not the time to be embarking on a grand adventure. But God tells him to go in search of a place where he and his wife, Sarai, will bear descendants to build a great nation. Your seventies is probably not the time to start a family either, but they trust in God and they go. Their journey isn't smooth, and their example isn't flawless, but their willingness to move on, seeking God's will, is something that inspires me.

As a family, we feel that our move to Cawston is the right one, and we sense God's hand in the unfolding events. I'm grateful to Andy, the members of the PCC and to all of you for the opportunity to learn and grow into my role as a Priest. We will miss everyone here and we'll miss the magnificent countryside of the Ribble Valley, but it is the right time for us to move on.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Whitehead

Our thanks to The Parish Newsletter
 Sponsor for the September issue
 In loving memory of Florence Smithies



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY
COFFEE MORNING
 at Anne's
 8 Buccleuch Avenue Clitheroe
Saturday 26th September—10.00 am to 12 noon
Have a slice of cake and a coffee
make a donation in aid of the society

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	2015
COMMUNICANTS	63	945
COLLECTIONS	££	
SERVICES	235	940
VISITORS	55	264
DONATIONS	202	9,568
HOUSE BOXES	-	34
SPECIAL	321	2,332
TOTAL	813	13,138

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS

Bob Swarbrick, **Dave Awbery** recovering from appendicitis, **Simon Stell** recovering from an arm injury.

Sarah and the family of the late **Wilf Hewitt** and the family of the late **Freda Whipp**

WELCOME and FAREWELL - massive troop movements this month.....

The Olivers, have moved, from Barnoldswick into Lower Smithy Fold Barn, Twiston. We warmly welcome Stefni & Leigh and Jasmine (6), Gene (5), Billie (4), and India (2).

Anya & Neil **Wallace** and Florence, Freya and Cecelia have moved into Redsyke, Twiston from Cranbrook, Kent. Neil has been commuting for some time and they delayed their move until certain examinations had been completed—report below.

James **Lund** and partner Jodie have moved into Green Lane Farm, Downham from Gisburn.

Amy and Daniel **Naylor-Frizzell** have moved from Bookside to Old Well Hall, Downham

Charlotte **Raw**, who has spent her entire life so far in Downham, with Violet and Chloe is moving from Chestnuts, Downham to Wigglesworth (which seems a long way away) .

The parish wishes you all much happiness in your new homes

Wilf Hewitt, of Littlemoor, Clitheroe died on 20th August after a battle with cancer. He was brother to the late Elizabeth Wrigley and Robert Hewitt and nephew of Betty Mercer. Wilf spent the greater part of his childhood in Downham. Wilf was a great supporter, in fond memory of his sister, of the Downham History Group. We offer his wife, Sarah, and family our sincere condolences.

CONGRATULATIONS To our young people on their hard work and examination results

Louis Timewell-Greenhill, **Cecelia Wallace** and **Eleanor Binns** are moving into sixth forms **Hannah Binns** whose A's qualify her for a place at Leeds reading History and English **Jessica Moyle**, her A level success has assured her a place at The London School of Medicine, which she takes up after a gap doing voluntary work in Africa.

Freya Wallace has the As to take her to Edinburgh to study Chinese.

Florence Wallace goes to the other end of the country from Freya, to Bristol and medicine.

SPECTATOR

I ONCE ASKED my sister in law if she thought I was diplomatic. “ No” she said, “ you are very blunt!” And she was right, though I like to think I have mellowed over the years! Recent comparisons to Pollyanna are quite flattering, but too chirpy can be annoying!

Attending the last excellent coffee morning, Ed asked would I be contributing this month. Yes but I had no topic as yet. Well could I make sure it was not too depressing (forget exact wording but this was his gist) “ what, me?”...”depressing” Linda Pollyanna Whitsey.....never! Luckily Olive was on hand to say how much I make her laugh sometimes. Thank you Olive. Then recently I saw a copy of a letter from a consultant, who described me as pleasant...ugh...who wants to be remembered as pleasant? In fact, are pleasant people remembered at all?! Fancy having that on your headstone: Here lies Linda Whitsey, she was pleasant. Just call me boring why don't you and buy me hankies or bath gel for Christmas! Then I found this in Jon's Pensioner magazine. For Olive:

The Pastor's ass

The pastor entered his donkey in a race and it won. He was so pleased he entered it in another race and it won again.

The local paper read, **Pastor's ass out front**

The Bishop was so upset with this kind of publicity that he ordered the Pastor not to enter the donkey in another race.

The local paper headline read: **Bishop scratches Pastor's Ass**

This was too much for the Bishop, he ordered the Pastor to get rid of the donkey.

The pastor decided to give it to a nun in a nearby convent. The local paper posted the following headline the next day: **Nun has best ass in town**

The Bishop fainted.

He informed the nun that she would have to get rid of the donkey so she sold it to a farmer for £10. The next day the paper read: **Nun sells her ass for £10**

The Bishop ordered the nun to buy back the donkey and lead it to the plains where it could run wild. The next day the headlines read : **Nun announces her ass is wild and free**

The Bishop was buried the next day.

The moral of the story is...being concerned about public opinion can bring you much grief and misery...even shorten your life.

So be yourself, don't worry about everyone else's ass and you'll be happier and live longer!

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 should not be included . The three parishes of Downham, Chatburn and Low Moor have supported this appeal for a number of years now; we sent, collectively, over a hundred boxes last year. Boxes are wanted by local organisers before 7th November. The steps are easy 1. decorate a box, 2. decide on gender and age group 2 to 4, 5 to 9 and 10 to 14. 3. Fill box—no perishables, no sharps , no glass. 4. Attach label. 5. Enclose donation of £2.50 to cover costs of shipping. 6. leave box in church.

Full details are in the leaflet and at www.samaritanspurse.org.uk . Further information from Anne & Derek 01200 429341 e-mail annederekh@talktalk.net



UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT GREENDALE VIEW KITCHEN RE-OPENS WITH GREAT FOOD AND SMART NEW LOOK

VERY much a family affair, Greendale View Kitchen on Downham Road, Chatburn has re-opened with stylish new interiors, wonderful views and a mouth-watering 'all day' menu of home cooked fare. Trevor and Louise Rutherford, who ran the popular Puddleducks tearoom in Dunsop Bridge for nine years, have taken over the business with their son Ashley (24) and 16-year old Kelsey who will also work in the kitchen while she attends catering college to study patisserie.

Open from 9 – 5 every day, the new menu offers breakfasts and lunches including sandwiches, jacket potatoes, ploughman's and fisherman's platters, pies, hotpots and Italian meatballs, together with a daily-changing menu of five or six seasonal specials, homemade soups and traditional Sunday roast lunches. All the food is cooked by hand, from scratch, using local ingredients wherever possible and Trevor is particularly renowned for the organic granary and other breads that he makes himself on a daily basis and visitors can buy to take home. Afternoon tea is served from 3.00 – 4.30 and offers a delicious range of home-made cakes, and lots of different teas and coffees plus Folkingtons Fruit Juices and Uncle Bob's ice cream.

Part of Downham Estate, Greendale View Kitchen can accommodate 50 diners, with further seating looking out to the Yorkshire Dales in the newly revitalised garden area. There is a lovely room seating 18 which can be booked for private functions and the Kitchen also offers a take-away service for passers-by in a hurry, as well as outside catering for events. Local employment has a boost too – five or six part time staff are currently being recruited.

To book, contact Louise or Trevor on 01200 441517 or 07803 476992 OA

The Bowland Forest Festival continues with events around Garstang in September. Full details are available on the Garstang Tourist Information website garstangtic@wyre.gov.uk

Events include

Barnacre Legstretcher Friday 11th September 10.30am – 12.30pm 4 miles
Bleasdale Remembers Sunday 13th September 10.00am – 1.00pm Bleasdale A walk in the footsteps of those who lived, worked and served in Bleasdale during the Great War, followed by a film presented by the North West Film Archive, "The First World War – Life on the Home Front in North West England"
Greenhalgh Castle Sunday 13th September 10.30am – 12.30pm Garstang As this castle ruin is on private land we are privileged to place our hand on the stone-work and listen to the historian telling us how it was.

Also on Sunday 13th September 11.30am – 4.30pm **Beacon Fell Country Park** Try your hand at spoon carving in a one day workshop.

Wyresdale Park Sunday 27th September 10.00am – 3.00pm, Scorton. A circular walk with Friends of Garstang Walking Festival,

Festival Events in October start with one nearer home

Lord of Bowland's 5th Annual Lecture Tuesday, 6th October 7.30pm – 9.00pm Tithe Barn, Browsholme, nr Bashall Eaves. *The Forest of Bowland Suite* - depicting a day in the life of Bowland: an illustrated talk by composer, Christopher Gibbs.

Chris will play excerpts from his orchestral suite and talk about the inspiration behind his music. Donations to Slaidburn Village Archive and Champion Bowland welcome on the night. Booking essential. Please contact the AONB office on 01200 448000

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FUNDRAISING EVENT AT CHRIST CHURCH CHATBURN

Last Night of the Chatburn Proms takes place at 8.00 pm on 18th September at Christ Church Chatburn BB7 4BE as part of the Ribble Valley Music Festival. The concert will include the expected mixture of stirring and uplifting patriotic favourites, plus music from the movies performed by award winning Wingates Brass Band, with special guest soprano Kaitlin Wineyard.

All proceeds will be donated to the church. This has become a popular event and last years sold out, so advanced tickets are advisable. They are available from Roy Porter Butcher, or ringing 01200 441624 or 01254 384893 and are £10 including tea, coffee, home made cake or a glass of wine to enhance the spirit, and the loan of flags on the basis they are waved with vigour during the spirit lifting sing-along. CG

BROOKSIDE ROAD REPAIR

AFTER months of badgering the Highways Department, due to worries about the road collapsing into the brook, LCC have sprung into action. They will be starting work on Tuesday 1st September and envisage carrying out work over the next 4 to 6 weeks. Although this will no doubt cause disturbance and inconvenience to residents, it will not be half as bad as the road falling into the brook!

The plan is to replace the unstable banking from the foot bridge opposite Cosy Cottage, up stream to Lyndene. This will involve digging out the existing earth and rock, installing a concrete base and wall, before facing it with a new stone wall to match the ones nearby.

LCC will be fencing off half the width of the road to give room to work. They will be leaving room for cars to pass, but not the dust cart, so residents may have to wheel their bins further than normal. While the safety fencing is up it will not be possible to park next to it. The contractors will have a steel container for their equipment parked against the gable wall of 21 Brookside. This will not block garage access. Anyone who foresees a problem should contact Ingham and Yorke to discuss the matter. RCA

TOUR OF BRITAIN MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

THE second stage of The Tour of Britain runs through the Ribble Valley and Pendle on this day. The overall route is too complicated to describe here, but RVBC have a number of publications showing it. There is bound to be travel disruption around the Valley that day, not least because the A59 will be closed temporarily at the Ribchester traffic lights late in the morning and later on between Gisburn and the Baroldswick junction.

The interesting bit for Downham is that the race passes through the village at about 2pm, en route between Barley and Clitheroe. No roads will be closed in Downham (though the road from Barley to Annal Cross will be), other than by a "rolling roadblock" of police in front of and behind the competitors. RVBC will be making Main Street and Pendle Road a no parking area, with powers to tow away cars. The road to Lower Hall (from opposite the Preschool to the carpark) will be made a residents' only parking area with a one way traffic flow to ease congestion. (Entry from the Preschool end – exit through the car park). Once again, anyone who foresees a problem should contact Ingham and Yorke to discuss the matter.

The day will no doubt be a bit hectic, but hopefully we can all enter the spirit of the occasion for a few hours. RCA

JESSICA MOYLE HAS WRITTEN

I'M VERY happy to say that I have a place to study medicine at Barts and The London School of Medicine, starting 2016! Before that I am going on a gap year. During the first few months I will be working to raise money to volunteer for six months in a rural healthcare centre in Malawi. However, I need your help as I don't think I will be able to raise the £5,000 needed all by myself! Read more about what I will be doing on my JustGiving page or on the Lattitude Global Volunteering webpage. You can make a donation through JustGiving, I will be extremely grateful for any contribution to my fundraising. My JustGiving page is <http://www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Jessica-Moyle>

Freda Whipp died in hospital aged 84 on 30th July. Living in Chatburn in the older persons' bungalows for some years and after that in a nursing home, Freda spent a good deal of her life in Downham, She and her husband Bob lived in Brookside until , after Bob's death, Freda moved to Chatburn.

THE PARISH CHURCH

JOYFUL NOISE on TOUR

JOYFUL Noise is ending its Summer tour on 31st August at Christ Church, Chatburn and Holden Chapel two weeks later on 14th September, returning to Chatburn Methodist Church on Monday, 28th September. **DB**

COFFEE CLUB

ONCE again the sun shone for the coffee club. What a fabulous array of cakes, making sure that there was something good for everyone. The bric a brac, jigsaws, music and video stalls seemed to be going well, watched over as usual by Edith. Our two Joseph's brought their mum's and dad's and this Thursday we welcomed another mum and baby. Philippa's granddaughter Christa brought Olivia, Philippa's first great-granddaughter. Yes I think this coffee club was a great success, providing food, drink and plenty of cuddles. **CA**



PRESCHOOL ROOF

THE weather has not been kind to John Faraday and his team (Richard and Terry), who are racing to complete roof repairs before the start of the new term. Using traditional methods (but modern scaffolding!) they are exactly returning the roof to it's former glory.

No one is exactly sure when the roof last had a major overhaul, but the old slates had deteriorated so badly that they had to be replaced. Of interest, evidence was found of large roof windows on the field side of the building. No one can remember the existence of these (perhaps Mrs Mercer can?).

As we go to press it looks as though John and Team will complete work within hours of the start of the new term! **RCA**

COOKERY CLUB



TREVOR Rutherford and family from Greendale Kitchen will be demonstrating at 6.30 pm on Monday, 28th September at the Village Hall. Booking with Olive on 01200 415926 OR e-mail daveandoliveawb@onetel.com is advisable since numbers are limited. As well as the demonstration at a tanner a head, there will be a delicious meal (with a veggie option) and a drink to end the evening. **OA**

DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

DOWNHAM AND TWISTON History Group enjoyed a most interesting visit to Stonyhurst. On 17th August at 2.30 pm 17 members and friends arrived at the sixteenth century building, home of the Shireburnes and before them the Bailey family (yes we know the Hurst Green pubs too). Our guided tour gave us the history of the house from its earliest time and the history of the school, as separate and distinct segments of the whole story of this remarkable place.

The grounds were beautiful too and the tea and biscuits rounded the afternoon off very nicely. The tour was almost two hours and very thorough. The time went very quickly as there were so many very interesting and beautiful things to see and hear about.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, 21st September, at the Village Hall, when the current Editor will tell something of the stories within the late nineteenth century Parish Magazines of Downham.

DOWNHAM WELCOMES VISTORS

ON the morning of Wednesday 9th September, the Cheshire Landscape History Group are visiting Downham as part of a tour of these parts. History Group members are welcoming the visitors to Church and after a talk by Ralph Assheton, our members will be showing the visitors round the village before they depart for Clitheroe. **GS**

GARDEN CLUB



THE day dawned fine for the garden club show. The entries all started coming in and very soon the wonderful scents and beauty of the flowers, from one side of the room, and the aroma of the baking from the other side was titillating our senses, add into the mix some fabulous photo's and super vegetables and we had a show!

Then the rain came down! In buckets!. This affected our visitors, so badly, that apart from our twelve contributors (who put over one hundred entries into the show) we had only two visitors, who were walkers sheltering from the rain, but welcome none the less.

The winners of the trophies were:

- Peter and Francis Eldridge won the Rose Bowl.
- Carolyn and Bernard Gethings won the trophies for Photography, Flowers and Vegetables.
- Jason, Helen and Joseph Addy won the Confectionery and the top of the shop-The Best in Show.

Many thanks must go to the people who work tirelessly in the weeks leading up to the show and on the day. The most thanks must go to the entrants for, once again, a wonderful show!

Our next meeting at the Downham Village Hall is on Thursday, 3rd September at 7.30 pm when we have a speaker, Carol Johnson, who is presenting on "Bees and Honey" **CA**

USE IT OR LOOSE IT

OBTAINING the Post office counter service (Mondays 10.00 am to 12.20 pm) at the Ice Cream Shop was hard work and took a long period of negotiation. It has been in place for just a few weeks. Its use is being closely monitored by the Post Office. The level of use appears to be a bit on the light side. note there is a wide range of services available. **GS**

Downham W.I. President, Mrs Frances Garner welcomed speaker, Barbara Charlson, President of Billington and Langho W.I., and guests from Accrington and Ribchester W.I.s' to the August meeting.



Members and guests alike enjoyed a wonderful evening, as Barbara Charlson demonstrated how to do four very different flower arrangements. Whilst doing these beautiful arrangements, Barbara simultaneously regaled her audience with many stories of her career in flower arranging and of doing flower arrangements for weddings in particular. Barbara was also a tutor at Denman College for many years and gave many useful tips on using cut flowers and greenery. Barbara is a natural storyteller and her comic timing is second to none.

Barbara said she could write a book, about the many entertaining incidents that happened to her during her long career. Perhaps she should, her audience were in fits of laughter at her anecdotes. Barbara very generously gave her flower arrangements to be raffled. Three members of Downham W.I. and the President of Accrington WI were the lucky winners.

Members also enjoyed reports on a number of trips and recent events. Marion Courtney reported on Downham W.I.'s success at the Clitheroe Area Show, where members won many 1st's and 2nd's for their entries. Susan Whittaker reported on the success of the W.I. Cake Stall at Downham Open Gardens. Judith Nixon reported on the recent trip to Towneley Hall and Bev Thompson on a trip to the 'Japanese Gardens' at Skipton.

Our next meeting will be at 7.30pm on the 17th September in Downham Village Hall when the speaker will be, Deborah Cornwall, 'From Mountaineering to the Paralympics'. Newcomers always welcome. **AK**