

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

SEPTEMBER			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
4th	Trinity XII	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mr & Mrs A Herron
6th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Management Committee	Village Hall	<i>Meeting</i>	
11th	Trinity XIII	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
13th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	Parochial Church Council	Church	<i>Meeting</i>	
15th	Thursday	6.00 pm	WI			
18th	Trinity XIV	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall		Mr & Mrs P Mercer
22nd	Thursday	7.00 pm	Worston Christian Book Club	Worston Mission Room	discussing <i>Manuscript Found in Agrippa</i> by Paul Coelho.	
25th	Trinity XV	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud Preacher Chris Hegg	Mr A Herron	Mrs D Braithwaite	Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick

OCTOBER

2nd	Trinity XVI	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis	Mrs E Parker	Mrs L Ennis
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Downham Social Media Resources

The public Facebook page -
"Downham Village"
The private Facebook page
"Downham & Twiston Residents"
Various Whatsapp groups including **"Downham
WI Here to Help"**

CHURCH RESOURCES

Regular worship is streamed by
Canon Andy Froud
on **Youtube** via
St. Mary Magdalene website
www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON



newsletter

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From Canon Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

'THANK YOU: YOU'RE AN ANGEL': apart from being part of our everyday language, angels are also big business: search for angels on Amazon and you'll find over 100,000 items for sale. 29th September marks the Feast of St Michael and All Angels

Angels have not just been commercialised, though: long before that they were sanitised, portrayed as (usually) good-looking young men and women (or a bit of both) with wings. There are two problems with this: angels in the Bible are not described as having wings, Pictures of angels with wings date from the third century onwards probably based on the Biblical depiction of the cherubim as having two pairs of wings, and four faces: that of a lion, an ox, a human, and an eagle. Secondly, angels generally announce themselves by saying "Do not be afraid". Possibly it might have been their sudden appearance but I suspect that something about angels was so terrifying that people had to be told not to be afraid.

In the Bible angels are somewhere between God and humans: "Yet you have made them [humans] a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour." (Psalms 8:4-5). The Bible describes a whole hierarchy of beings who sit in God's court in heaven and do His will.

The name Michael means 'Who is like God?' Of course, in one sense, no one is like God. God. God is God, transcendent and infinitely beyond anything we can know or understand. Michael's name is itself a reality check - it is true there is no one like God.

But we can be angels in this life if we are, like our heavenly superiors, attentive to God's will and willing to do his work, whether it be contending against the powers of evil, like Michael or announcing good news like Gabriel.

Yours in Christ,

HEAVENLY FATHER, we know that You have made us for Yourself, to love You and to love our neighbours.
 Yet still we cannot help but live for ourselves, and every day we justify ourselves by our own standards, not Yours.
 But You have shown us the way to be loving neighbours.
 Now soften our hearts to Your will, and make us to love others as You have loved us; especially those who are most in need.
 This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, Amen.

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	July	2022
Communicants	40	232
Collections £		
Services	550	4,006
Visitors	35	185
Donations	212	7,604
House Boxes	-	-
Special	2,250	11,391
Total	3,047	23,186

IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Lord Clitheroe Who is recovering at home following hospital treatment
Shaun Roney Who was unwell and remains in hospital

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY MATRIMONY

14th August Thomas Michael Long and Claire Anne Wilkinson
20th August James Alexander Tootle and Alice Mary Goodfellow

Ian and I are delighted to announce the marriage of our son, Kurt ,
 to Emma Louise Offler.
 The service will be held at St. Leonard's Church
 on Saturday 17th September at 1.00 pm.
 All are welcome to come to the service to join in the celebration with us.
 We look forward to seeing you all there.

Sincerely,
 Ian and Anne Chadwick

'Edgerow 'Arry

OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, the Parish's hedgerows and dry stone walls continue to develop their little ecosystems with a lovely variety of herbs and flowers. We have enjoyed splashes of orange from Fox and Cubs. Comfrey is thriving. Wild Geranium (Cranesbill) added to the pink and purple hues along with Cow Vetch and Hedge Woundwort. Dames Rocket and Bellflowers also added their pastel shades to the mix. In local walls, colonies of Stonecrop and Maidenhair Spleenwort are thriving. The wild cherries have dropped their bounty and the hazels and sloes promise a bumper crop this year together with Damsons, Greengages and a wide variety of apples. Our larders can be well-stocked with pies, jams and chutneys this month.

This is also the time of year when we can work with Mother Nature and gather seeds. Pick from the healthiest specimens. Timing is important - allow seed heads to develop and start to dry out - but before they have self-dispersed. As a receptacle for catching seeds, paper bags are best (as plastic bags hold moisture). Brown envelopes are a good way to store seeds. If you are struggling to obtain such archaic stationery - ask some politicians where they get theirs from!
 JA



5th September (AGM)	Peter Eastham	Transport in the Ribble Valley – From Roman Times to the Present Day
3rd October	Steve Ragnall	The Shuttleworth Connection - Clitheroe, King and Cook



Whalley Deanery Fund Raising Committee

Ken's Quiz

In aid of The Children's Society
 @ Clitheroe Cricket Club
 Chatburn Road Clitheroe BB7 2AS

Friday 7th October 2022
 7.00 for 7.30

Teams of up to 6 players
 £10 per person including supper

Further information and tickets
 from Ken or Jo Robinson

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FESTIVAL BOWLAND

From Sunburst City Dragons to a Solar Eclipse

THIS MONTH'S Festival programme offers more opportunities to enjoy the Forest of Bowland from the comfort of your own sofa, with these two online events.

On Tuesday 20th, join us from 6pm-6.30pm when we'll follow local author, Jane Huddleston, as she climbs Clougha Pike in the Bowland Fells to introduce us to her Sunburst City Dragons family!

Lucy, Jack, Alice, Theo and the rest of the fiery clan live in a cave on the side of a mountain and spend their days working playing and having adventures. Thankfully, they have two young friends who help them stay hidden from human eyes.....

And if you want to find out more about these engaging characters, Jane will be online for a live Q & A after our virtual adventure. Fun for families with children aged four to eight years old.

On Wednesday 21st, from 7-8pm, we'll be in the company of Graham McLoughlin, Secretary of Preston and District Astronomical Society, as he turns the clock back to 29th June 1927 and the first total eclipse of the sun to be viewed from the UK in over 200 years.

Many travelled to the Forest of Bowland to observe the phenomenon, with over 30,000 people gathering on Waddington Fell to see this once in a lifetime spectacle.

Graham will share archive images and reports of this very out of the ordinary event.

Both events are free but need to be booked in advance by emailing sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk or by phoning Sandra on 07973 923142.

Lord of Bowland 11th Annual Lecture

Tuesday, 4 October,
19:30 – 21:00
Tithe Barn, Browshome
Hall



Dr Sophie Ambler will deliver this year's Lord of Bowland Lecture, entitled, "*John de Lacy: Rebel, Crusader and Lord of Bowland in the Age of Magna Carta and the Forest Charter*"

Now in its eleventh year, the annual autumn lecture offers the perfect chance to hear expert speakers sharing their knowledge and passion for Bowland's heritage.

We hope this year to be back in the lovely surroundings of Browsholme Hall's Tithe Barn if circumstances allow.

Free, but donations to Slaidburn Archive and Champion Bowland are encouraged on the night.

Booking essential. Please book online at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BTOJ>. For more information please email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk or phone 07973 923142. 01200 448000 www.forestofbowland.com

Roger Fenton Pioneer Photographer (1819-1869)

An audio/visual presentation on Roger Fenton and his connection and early photographic work in our local area, will be provided by Judge Peter Openshaw.



The event will take place at *St John's Old School Hall, Hurst Green, on Thursday, 29th September. at 7.30pm for 8.00pm start. Entry fee is £7.50* which also includes a glass of wine and light refreshments.

Numbers are limited, contact David Kay on 07890 065457.

DOWNHAM ESTATE

OPEN GARDENS 2022 – Sunday 7th August

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who helped with all the preparation (including sorting out the intricacies of the new 'Sum Up' card readers), setting up and volunteering on the day. You manned the gates, the parking, teas, tombola, human fruit machine, sorted out the prosecco stand and all the other myriad activities and last minute bits of 'fixing' that made for a fantastic fundraiser this year.

On just the one day, £6,524 profit was achieved for the two charities – Rosemere Cancer Foundation and the Village Hall – with a few more contributions still to be banked. In addition, Rosemere made £600 from the proceeds from Helen Addy's lovely bouquets and their own stand. Looking back to 2019, it is a very similar sum to the amount raised in that year when we opened over the two days – of course we were very blessed with the weather.

Visitors were welcomed by violinist, Eva, on the Hall balcony above the classic car display (sadly rather smaller than previous years due to last minute breakdowns), and then on to feast on burgers, bacon and sausage buns and pizzas over lunchtime before enjoying tea and cake. Many thanks as well to Vanessa Halstead at the Pendle Grill and Lee Roe from Tuk Tuk pizzas who stepped in at the last minute after the Langden Grill had a breakdown (is there a theme developing here?!) and members of the Ukulele Orchestra and the WI for their sterling efforts.

We were joined this year by Kirsten Mackay from Flowers from the Farm as well as Holden Clough Nurseries who helped boost the 'flowery' theme of the event, giving pre-publicity a good focus on the environmental importance of buying local flowers and foliage where possible. Feedback on the changes to the arrangement for Open Gardens has been 99% positive, but the committee will be taking the opportunity to review all the comments received before deciding on the format and date for 2023. OA.



THE PARISH CHURCH

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THE NEXT MEETING of the Parochial Church Council will be held on Tuesday, 13th September at 7.30 pm in Church.

PREACHER

CHRIS HEGG, who is a regular worshipper at St Leonards, and now preacher, is exploring the possibility of ordained ministry as a Self Supporting Minister (SSM) and is being guided by Revd Andy Froud and Bishop Philip of Burnley.

Chris was born on the Wirral and educated at the local Grammar School before reading history at St. Peter's College, Oxford. He has enjoyed a varied, exciting and at times challenging career that has encompassed banking, the Royal Navy, business consultancy and even owning a small West End Theatre. He now works in an administrative role at BAE Systems.

Brought up in a Christian home, Chris attended a local Welsh Presbyterian Church but, like so many people in their late teens, he drifted away from church. However, God did not desert Chris and the constant niggles that there was more to life than material things and the pursuit of worldly pleasures saw Chris return to church, this time to the Church of England, in his mid forties. It quickly became apparent to Chris that God wanted more from him than just attending church on a Sunday and consequently he trained as a Reader (Local Lay Minister).

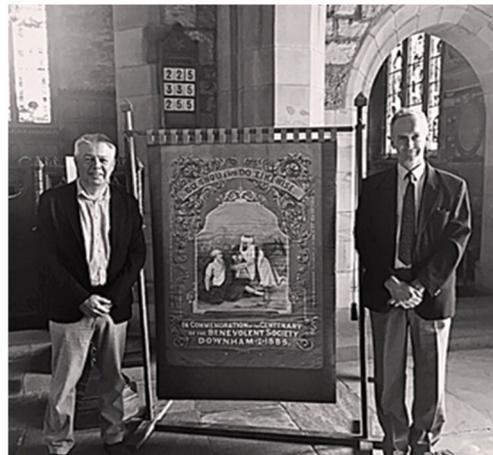
Chris's wife (Depa) is also a committed Christian and, having worked as a pastoral worker at St. Andrew's, Cheadle Hulme, she (like Chris) is a keen evangelist and she regularly leads Bible study sessions in Hyndburn. The couple live in Slaidburn with Chris's elderly mother (Ann) and their cat (Tasmin) and, in what free time they have, they enjoy their hobbies of gardening and fell-walking."

THE DOWNHAM BANNER SERMON 2022

THE DOWNHAM BANNER SERMON is a part of the legacy of the Heritage Lottery grant for the conservation of the Downham Benevolent Society's marching banner. The society, formed in 1785, commissioned the banner in celebration of its centenary in 1885. The banner is of silk with a painted panel showing the Good Samaritan and the text *Go and do Thou Likewise*, an oft repeated theme on marching banners of self-help organisations of that time.

By 2011 the banner was in a poor state of repair and it was decided that something must be done or this amazing artifact would be consigned to the rubbish tip. The story of the banner's conservation is to be found on the downhamvillage.org website.

The Downham Banner in all its conserved glory may be viewed at Clitheroe Castle Museum. St. Leonard's Church has a quarter size facsimile which is brought out on occasion.



Guest Preacher Chris Hegg and Church Warden The Hon Ralph Assheton show the facsimile banner of the Downham Benevolent Society.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL Downham Banner Sermon was given on 14th August 2022 by Chris Hegg (see earlier column)..

In a thoughtful and thought provoking sermon about a most famous parable where Jesus sought to answer the question "who is my neighbour", Chris likened the plight of the street people of the 21st Century with the man left to die at the side of the road while others (a Priest and a Levite), crossed over to the other side.

Chris posed a question for us all – do we show love to our neighbours like the Samaritan or do we sometimes behave like the Priest and the Levite? Not saying that we should give money to every beggar we come across. What, if anything, we are able or choose to give is a matter of our personal circumstances and our judgment.

However, he said, I am suggesting that we might all bear *this* in mind: many people living on the streets describe the worst aspect of their life is that they become invisible. People as walk past making a concerted effort to not even look at them. They become de-humanized, receiving less attention than would be given to a stray dog.

Chris left the congregation with a challenge: next time any of us see someone on the street, let's ask ourselves how best we can treat that person as our neighbour. Will we be the Priest, the Levite or the Samaritan? Perhaps we should try to remember that a smile and a kind word cost nothing. And, before we make excuses to ourselves to justify doing nothing, or before we judge, let us also remember the words of that 16th Century English Clergyman, John Bradford: "*There but for the grace of God, go I.*"

WORSTON CHRISTIAN BOOK CLUB

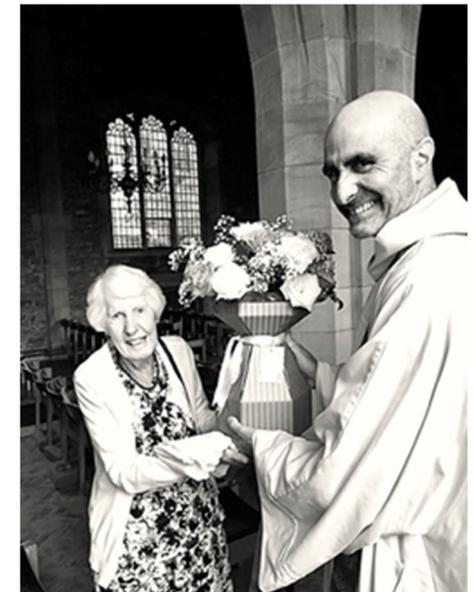
THE NEXT meeting will be on Thursday 22nd September at 7-30pm (preceded at 7-00pm with a short service of BCP Evening Prayer) in Worston Mission House.

We will be discussing *Manuscript Found in Agrippa* by Paul Coelho. All are most welcome.

RETIRING SIDESWOMAN

Canon Froud making the presentation to Eileen Parker

AFTER SERVING eight years as a sidesperson at St Leonards and as she approaches a significant birthday Eileen has decided not to continue in this role after her stint on Sunday 21st August. In recognition of this and with the gratitude of the congregation for a job



well done Canon Froud presented Eileen with flowers at the end of morning service.



THE NEXT MEETING of the Downham Village Hall Management Committee will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 6th September at 6.00 pm.