

PARISH CALENDAR 2018						
APRIL			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Easter Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Mrs K. Walmsley	Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Barbara Charlseton—Spring Design	
6th	Friday	7.00 pm	Stage 2 Downham Soiree	Village Hall	Evening of entertainment and Supper	
8th	Easter II	11.00 am	Matins Revd Ann Hardacre	Mr I. Walton		Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
9th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
11th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Easter III	11.00 am	Holy Communion	Mrs E. Parker		Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Melanie Clark –Finding your true Colours	
22nd	Easter IV	11.00 am	Matins Revd Ann Hardacre	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs A Wallace	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
23rd	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group Joyful Noise	Village Hall Christ Church Chatburn		
25th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
29th	Easter V	11.00 am	Matins Baptism Jack & Poppy Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
		12 noon	Annual Meetings	In Church		
<b>May</b>						
3rd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Kevin Preston—Sweet Peas	
6th	Easter VI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr I. Walton	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace

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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON

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### From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

I find the history of rollercoasters fascinating. For a start, even the origin of the word is obscure: one theory has it that slides or ramps were fitted with rollers over which a sled would coast. This design was abandoned in favor of fitting the wheels to the sled or other vehicles, but the name endured. The inventors of the Roller Toboggan, a ride in a roller skating rink in Massachusetts in 1887 also claimed to have coined the phrase. A toboggan-like sled was raised to the top of a track which consisted of hundreds of rollers. This *Roller Toboggan* then took off down gently rolling hills to the floor.

The Russians can justly lay claim to the original invention: at Catherine the Great's winter palaces huge mountains of snow would be built, later reinforced with wood and then sledges run down them - in many countries, rollercoasters are still called "Russian mountains" (montaña rusa)

Even more ironic is that their popularity has risen and fallen a bit like, well you know. They peaked in popularity between the late 1880's and the Great Depression of the 1930's and then despite the breakthroughs in technology in-between didn't really take off until the 1970's.

The events of Holy Week are like a great roller-coaster, starting from the triumphant entry in Jerusalem of Palm Sunday and then the arrest and Crucifixion of Jesus and finally the resurrection of Easter Sunday. As Christians this rollercoaster of what we call the Passion is what we are called to climb on board and ride along with: just like a real rollercoaster it's not something that you can't really describe - to know it, you have to experience it,

Yours in Christ

Lord, from whom all good things do come: Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURERS		
	February	2018
COMMUNICANTS	39	74
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	526	708
VISITORS	10	32
DONATIONS	192	384
HOUSE BOXES	-	-
SPECIAL	718	848
TOTAL	1,426	1,972

### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick, Anne Chadwick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Ian Chadwick

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### Holy Baptism

11th February Grace Emily Morris daughter of Simon and Caroline

#### Holy Matrimony

24th February Simon Packington and Rebecca Jones both of Clitheroe



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### SPECTATOR

WELL, it should all be over by the time you read this but at the moment, we are up to our necks in wedding plans and who's doing what, when and why. We have gone slightly over budget, but it was such a small budget, we can't complain really.

I have been somewhat shocked at the prices of all things wedding, in fact you just have to mention wedding and it seems to double the price of whatever you are talking about, flowers, food etc and also gives people the right to get as much as they can from you whilst smiling and charging you for things you thought they would do anyway for free. Like setting the room up where you've paid to have the reception .....that's fifty quid thanks, or hanging some balloons up.....another fifty quid Thankyou, or sticking a few bows on the backs of chairs.....another fifty quid and would you like to use our tablecloths, you would? Oh good, another fifty ...ha ha laughing all the way to the bank Not your bank though because there's nothing in that now! Unless Jon asks and then there is!

Eh well you've got to laugh haven't you. I am just hoping the weather will be kind, which is more than it was for my hospital investigations. Tut. I fasted from breakfast the day before my endoscopy and colonoscopy so I was starving when I got up on the day of the dreaded tests. Even worse was the vile 2 litres of horrible stuff I had to drink so that my system was clear for the camera. And then disaster, snowed stopped play! My opp was for 8.00 am and the snow had cleared by lunchtime but they were so far behind by then that they cancelled. They weren't even swayed by me crying over the phone and begging to please take me in as I couldn't go through all this again so I very ungraciously slammed the phone down, ran into the kitchen and made myself two fried eggs with two slices of fried bread...heaven...and then I thought it might set my stomach off again so I only ate half but it was delicious!

The snow did however, bring out the best in people. Gem, our lovely next door neighbour, had seen there was something amiss and rang daughter Sarah to bring the four wheel drive to get me through the blizzard conditions but alas the roads were so bad that she had to turn back, bless her.

I hope we've had the worst of the weather and I was explaining to Lucy that as March was "in like a lion, it should be ."out like a lamb" "What does that mean", I tried to explain and even got Jon to Google but we couldn't pin it down to a clear origin...but Lucy wants a nice 31<sup>st</sup> March wedding day and I need a 3<sup>rd</sup> April endoscopy day, plus a few prayers if you remember. Thanks xxx



## STAGE 2 DOWNHAM

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY



### Soiree

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Downham Village Hall.

Doors open 7pm, Entertainment from 7.30pm  
Meal 8-9pm

Followed by further entertainment and merriment  
Carriages around 10pm

Entertainment to include:

**'Wrong Direction', the Ribble Valley premier 7 piece barbershop 'quartet'; sketches; monologues; performed poetry and some singing – solos, duets and the foursome 'Downham Divas.'**

\*\*\*VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS REMAINING\*\*\*

Advanced booking and payment only - cash or cheques.

Please contact Alan Osbourne

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## RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

A re-schedule is in hand for **Musicals in Concert** originally planned for 10th March and both Milnrow Band and the Festival Organisers are determined to secure this.

This year's Ribble Valley Music Festival is getting off to a flying start with a first for the Ribble Valley. This first is an Americana Music Bonanza on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Chatburn Methodist Church with an afternoon celebrating contemporary American roots music styles that influence Americana, including Country and Bluegrass and the music of *Johnny Cash, Bob Dylan, Simon and Garfunkel, Everly Brothers, and others.*

3.00 – 4.00 *Helsby Mountain String Band* Country/Bluegrass with a twist  
4.30 – 5.30 *Jester B* Acoustic male harmony duo.

This is followed by a low cost BBQ from 5.30 - 6.30 with meat from Roy Porter Butchers.

Tickets to see both acts and including light interval refreshments in the afternoon concert are £10 and are available from Roy Porter Butcher in Chatburn or by calling the festival ticket line on 01254 384893. BBQ is payable separately. All proceeds go to the Church.

CG

## Power Cuts -- A Lesson!

As readers will all be aware, during the recent extreme weather the electric supply to Downham, Twiston and Rimington was cut off several times over a 3-day period. I learnt some important lessons during this time! Firstly, a cordless phone is useless, as it won't work without power, so you need either a simple handset plugged into a BT socket, or a mobile phone (if fully charged!)

The phone number to ring to report a problem to **Electricity North West** is: **0800 195 4141**, but be prepared for a long wait -- it took 20 minutes every time when I tried. I first phoned them on Friday 2nd March at 8pm, but when I called again at 9.30pm, I was told that since nobody else had reported a problem, they had taken no action at all! They even told me that the problem must be with my own house, despite me assuring them that the whole village was in darkness. Only when other calls came in from Downham and Twiston did they begin to investigate, and found that 87 properties were affected. So the moral is, when the power goes off, don't assume that ENWL are already aware, but **CALL THEM** to report it. When you do this, you will be kept up to date, more or less, by text messages, so there is some sense of action being taken, and usually an estimated time for re-connection.

Finally, remember to tell ENWL about any elderly or vulnerable neighbours who may be affected by the power cut; I think that they will be given priority in some way if this is feasible. DA

## !! ADVANCE WARNING !!

**A**S reported last month Open Gardens are 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July in aid of DVH and The Royal British Legion to mark anniversary of the end of WWI

The Organisers are appealing for cakes, scones and offers of help with teas, manning stalls etc. The Plan includes prosecco in the rose garden. Please contact Olivia with any offers of help.. Ideas for additional attractions are very welcome at this stage. OA

**LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITALS** First Tuesday of the month except August, from 3rd April to 2nd October. 1.00 pm to 1.40 pm at St Mary's Church, Clitheroe There is no charge - donations welcome.

**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

**O**UR Mothering Sunday morning prayer service was led by the Revd Alex Baker, who generously provided bunches of beautiful yellow tulips and with the help of his very well behaved five year old Son Benjamin distributed them to the ladies in the congregation. We had a few visitors too who were very impressed by yet another gift of daffodils and snowdrops, which were given out by Ralph, as they left the Church. Our thanks to Phillipa for providing the snowdrops. We enjoyed some rousing hymns and an interesting sermon too. Everyone agreed it had been a lovely service.  
BL

**Election of Church Wardens**

**E**VERY year parishioners elect three Churchwardens (we unlike most other parishes have a third warden for Twiston) to represent them and to work with Andy, our Parish Priest, in enabling Christian mission and ministry in the parish. At the Archdeacon's Visitation service the Churchwardens are sworn in as officers of the Diocesan Bishop.

**Nomination as a Churchwarden**

The Nomination Form for Churchwarden is available, on the table in St Leonard's church for anyone on the church electoral roll to nominate someone as a Churchwarden. Please leave completed forms in the box provided.

The Election of Churchwardens and other Officers of St Leonard's Church takes place at the Annual Meeting of Parishioners (The Vestry Meeting) and the election of Parochial Church Councillors (PCC) at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

**GARDEN CLUB**

**W**E were so sorry to have to cancel the March meeting of the Garden Club, due to the Beast from the East. However hopefully the 5th of April meeting will go ahead.

The A.G.M. will be held on this evening but the main event will be Barbara Charleston with her Spring Design. If you have not seen her before you have missed a real treat both in floral design and in talking.

I can't say I hope to see you there because if I am lucky I won't be there, I certainly hope you will be though.

On May 3rd Kevin Preston will be telling us about Sweet Peas. Everybody is, as always, most welcome.

CA

**COFFEE CLUB**

Due to inclement weather, our March Coffee Club due on 8th, was cancelled. Hope to see you all on April 12th from 10 00 O'clock

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**Annual Parochial Church Meetings**

Sunday, 29th April 2018  
At 12.05 after morning service

All Parishioners are most welcome

The meetings are the AGM of our church and last about a half hour.

**THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP**

**A**t its March meeting the History Group began its research to celebrate the history of the Village School. The one hundred and eightieth anniversary of the opening of the building occurs in 2019.

Group members looked at what is entailed in terms of research, interviews and collecting memorabilia.

The Aims of the project were defined as an opportunity for people with an interest in the school to get together, to produce an exhibition and scrap book and record the memories of different generations about the school up to its closure and subsequent development as a pre school.

The next meeting of the group will be on Monday, 23rd April, to review progress and decide on the timing of events over the next few months. In the meantime the work has begun. Follow it on facebook!

**Friday Night Fever 1970s Disco 16th March**

**W**ELL, I wish you could see the photos! What a night (again!) We don't expect people to dress up but dress up they do and dance the night away. There's something about wearing wigs that brings out the inner teenager and the DJ, Keith Harrison kept the dancefloor full. Greendale Kitchen provided the beautiful fish and chip supper, and Brian and Ralph manned the bar. We made a profit of £200 which goes towards the Village Hall. Look out for the next one in the autumn – Motown and Soul.  
SH



Downham WI celebrated its 98th Birthday on 15th March. All the members brought delicious finger food for the party buffet and

Francis Garner had made a yummy birthday cake. The committee had decorated the room and there were vintage table cloths on every table.

After the birthday tea, the entertainment was from 'Betsy' with her hilarious tale of how she came to be the 'Mistress of the House'. She had everyone in fits of laughter! Afterwards Joanne Halliwell aka 'Betsy' answered questions and surprised everyone by revealing that she is not a trained actor but has a natural gift for historical performance/comedy that brings her characters to life.

A bumper raffle was drawn afterwards, and everyone went home with either a prize, some food or just a big smile on their face.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 19th April at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. The speaker will be Melanie Clark "Finding Your True Colours".  
KP