

## PARISH CALENDAR 2019

APRIL		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Monday	7.30 pm	Meet Bishop Jill Bishop of Lancaster	St Bartholomew Chipping	
2nd	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Manage- ment Committee	Village Hall	AGM and Committee Meeting
4th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Andy Rowett Wildlife Gardening</i>
7th	Lent V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	<b>NO</b> Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
8th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn	
10th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	<b>FLOWERS</b>
11th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
14th	Palm Sunday	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs K Herron	<b>IN LENT</b> Mrs D Braithwaite Ms J. Shepherd
18th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Tiger Muffin Soap - Matthew Lepp</i>
19th	Good Friday	2.00 pm	Choir Performance	Clitheroe St Mary Magdalene	<i>Stainer's Crucifixion</i>
20th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church		
21st	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Mr & Mrs H. Brown
22nd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church	
24th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean.	
28th	Easter I	11.00 am	Matins	Mr I Walton	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A. Chadwick
		12.05 pm	Annual Church Meetings	Church	
<b>May</b>					
2nd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Phil Dunnnett—Herbs</i>
5th	Easter II	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mr & Mrs B Lewis

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## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter

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### From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

A South American bishop used to tell the story of a young lad in the slums.

Like so many of his age he fell into the gang life of petty crime and vandalism. One day they had been messing around and vandalising a local church when the priest found them and confronted them. All the gang escaped bar this one kid: but the priest told him he wasn't going to call the police. He gave him a challenge: if you can walk to the front of the church and say "Jesus, you died for me but I couldn't care less" - you can go free.

The boy laughed; it seemed such an easy way out. But as he walked down the central aisle of the huge, ornate church and saw the figure of Jesus on the cross his bravado left him. He couldn't drag his eyes away from the broken figure of a man, hung on a cross. As he stood at the foot of the crucifix he found he couldn't say the words.

The reason we know the story is because that young lad went on to be the bishop who told the story himself.

Did this really happen? This is how I remember it being told to me as a child and it has always stayed with me.

Is it true? I believe that Jesus died for me: I am still discovering what that simple phrase really means. I believe that if we truly understood a mere fraction of the love of Christ for us revealed on the cross then we too would be changed and through us the whole world would be changed.

May the peace of the Crucified and Risen Christ be yours  
this Eastertime,

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	February	2019
<b>COMMUNICANTS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>83</b>
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>		
<b>SERVICES</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>690</b>
<b>VISITORS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>DONATIONS</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>654</b>
<b>HOUSE BOXES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>SPECIAL</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>703</b>	<b>1,411</b>

#### IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Betty Mercer and others who are unwell.  
With the sympathy of the Parish: to Kath and the family of Bob Swarbrick

#### CONGRATULATIONS RALPH



The Hon Ralph C. Assheton TD DL has been appointed High Sheriff of Lancashire. As the new High Sheriff, Ralph will be sworn in at a ceremony on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April when he takes over from the incumbent High Sheriff, Anthony Attard OBE DL.

HM The Queen personally appoints the High Sheriff of Lancashire – a role dating back more than 1,000 years. Ralph said “To become High Sheriff of Lancashire is a great honour for me”.

The role includes a duty to “protect and assist in upholding the dignity and well being of Her Majesty’s Judges and to project the principles of encouraging responsible citizenship and respect for the diversity of the community which lie at the heart of our Constitution”. The office of High Sheriff is an unpaid and voluntary role.

#### SPECTATOR

A BIG thankyou to all those who donated money in memory of my mother in law. We received over £500 for Parkinsons UK which is fantastic and much needed if you think about the ten million of us parkies people who are suffering from this awful disease,

I don’t know if you saw the programme recently about a group of volunteers who agreed to trial a new drug, using pioneering brain surgery. Unfortunately, the trial didn’t meet the required outcomes. The trial stopped and the drug company pulled the plug on ALL funding and trials of ALL neurological diseases. A massive blow. We need the drug companies because they provide the money, the money pays for testing and testing leads to cures.

I went shopping the other day to Dawson’s for lightbulbs and I’ll admit I was a bit shaky but in spite of me telling assistant what I wanted, she only looked at and spoke to Zoe who was stood behind me. It was as if I was invisible. At least she didn’t give my change to Zoe, thank heaven for small mercies!

I’d hardly got over this when in Tesco, standing at the kiosk, the assistant noticed my shaky hand, leaned right over to me and said, “take your time lovey, there’s no rush...now do you want your receipt, here’s your change, get it put away in your purse, that’s right my love, ok, see you soon, bye”

I couldn’t get out fast enough, talk about condescending! I know she was just trying to be helpful but I want to be treated like anyone else. I might make myself a big badge stating, “I’m not deaf or daft, I’ve got Parkinson’s.” Then I shopped in Booths today and had a very normal conversation with a very nice assistance. about how much you need to go out on the razzle nowadays and boring husbands...restored my faith thanks.

PS looking forward to seeing you at the ice cream cream shop, just as soon as the storms have finished! Happy Easter,

#### DOWNHAM WI



## QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Downham Village Hall  
7.00pm

£8 (includes Pie and Peas)  
**Ring 07757 117147**  
**for tickets**

Whalley Deanery Synod  
**An evening with Bishop Jill**  
An opportunity to meet the  
Bishop of Lancaster  
The Rt Revd Jill Duff  
The meeting is open to all  
church members at  
St Bartholomew’s Chipping  
7.30 pm 1st April 2019

#### Ribble Valley Music Festival

#### April Programme

St Leonard’s Church Langho

Classics to Pop

7.30 pm Friday 5th April

info@ribblevalleymusic.co.uk



### LANDMARK TREES

The Forest of Bowland has many wonderful old trees which contribute so much to the beauty, heritage and biodiversity of the area.

Unfortunately, many of these old trees are nearing the end of their lives, whether that be through old age, disease or storm damage.

In order to safeguard the unique character of the Bowland landscape, Champion Bowland and the Forest of Bowland AONB Partnership are working with landowners and local businesses to ensure the next generation of trees are established before their forebears are lost.

Downham Estate very kindly agreed to host the pilot phase of this new Landmark Trees initiative with the planting of a field maple beside the old stocks at the top of the village.

The tree is just a stone's throw from the Assheton Arms, whose proprietors – the Seafood Pub Company – are the first official sponsors of the project.

Lord and Lady Clitheroe joined Champion Bowland trustees and staff from the pub to launch the initiative last month.

More information about Landmark Trees is available from the Forest of Bowland AONB website at [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com)

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April Programme

St Leonard's Church Langho Classics to Pop 7.30 pm Friday 5th April  
[info@ribblevalleymusic.co.uk](mailto:info@ribblevalleymusic.co.uk)

### Robert William (Bob) Swarbrick

*9th May 1935 - 27th February 2019 (aged 83 years)*

Bob was born and brought up in Blackpool. He excelled at school becoming Head Boy and played football for both the school and Blackpool boys. After school he became an apprentice electrician before working on the family market garden. He married Katherine (Kath) on 1st September 1956.

In 1959 Bob was appointed under gardener at Downham Hall and they moved to Rose Cottage with children Kenneth and Linda. Christine was born a year later, and the family moved down to Brookside. In 1965 Bob was recalled to Blackpool to help with the family business and Christopher (Gem) was born.

However, in 1972 the family returned to Top Row Downham with Bob as Head Gardener and Estate Manager. Bob certainly had green fingers and Downham Hall Garden open days were the highlight of his year. He also captained the village cricket team and will be especially remembered for his quick wit and comedy timing in many Village Hall concert performances.

He loved playing golf and was a member of Clitheroe Golf Club for 30 years.

In 2016 Bob & Kath celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary and received a message from the Queen. Bob loved family life and visits from his seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. He lived a full and happy life and will be sadly missed and fondly remembered by everyone who knew him. KS

### DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP



HAVING now given the Downham Benevolent Society Banner into the safe-keeping of the County Museum Collection at Clitheroe Castle for all to see, the Steering Group will be wound up and some of the outstanding research topics and impetus for keeping the legacy of the Banner work going will fall to the History Group, Chatburn C of E Primary School, St Leonard's Parish Church and the county museum service.

The next meeting of the History Group will take place on the evening of Monday, 13th May when members will be treated to a talk on the Barns of the Downham Estate by Ralph Assheton. Ralph will also give us a conducted tour of one or two of the best examples, returning to the Village Hall for the usual tea and biscuits.

### SAVE THESE DATES

GARDENS OPEN at Downham Hall in aid of charities will be on Saturday and Sunday 13th and 14th July. The human fruit machine is getting geared up ....are you going to help?



**THE PARISH CHURCH  
CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

UNDER the Church Representation Rules a new Church Electoral Roll is being prepared. All persons who wish to have their names entered on the new Roll, whether their names are entered on the present Roll or not, are requested to apply for enrolment not later than 15th April, 2019.

The new Roll will come into operation on 28th April, 2019. The new Roll shall be published for not less than 14 days in church.

Under the Rules any lay persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they are baptised and aged 16 or over; and have signed a form of application for enrolment;

Forms are enclosed in this newsletter and may be returned by posting in the box in church by 15th April.

**ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS**

EVERY 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, to be held in May 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.

**DOWNHAM BANNER  
DOWNHAM HISTORY GROUP**

THE Banner is now installed at Clitheroe Castle. The History Group were amongst the guests at a Preview at Clitheroe Castle Museum and The Atrium Café. The banner looks magnificent in its conserved state in a refurbished gallery. As former owners the Warden on behalf of the Parish Church formally presented the banner to the head of Collections for the County Museum Service, Heather Davis.

The generous grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund was acknowledged as was the work of the County Museum staff in preparing the exhibition and the People's History Museum Conservation Department for the magnificent job in conserving the banner for exhibition. TM

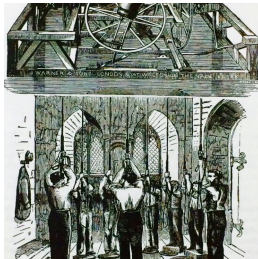
VESTRY MEETING  
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH  
MEETING

**This year these meetings are to be held at noon, on Sunday 28th April, immediately after the morning service.**

This is the AGM of our Parish Church

**BELL RINGING**

Keen-eared parishioners may have noticed the silence from the bell tower on recent Tuesday evenings. This is because our bell ringing practice is in abeyance during lent.. Normal service will be resumed at Easter. JA



**COFFEE CLUB**

It wasn't a very nice morning but many stalwarts braved the weather and even though the numbers were a bit depleted we had a lovely coffee morning, with great cakes, super coffee and lovely flowers. We also had a big book sale for all our readers. Our thanks are sent to the guest baker Molly and flower arranger Francis. I cannot finish without mentioning that you know who was skiving again!



Our next coffee morning will be on 11th April. CA

**DVH**  
DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

Downham Village Hall  
Management Committee AGM is at  
6pm on Tuesday 2nd April.  
All parishioners are most  
welcome to attend.



THE Assheton Arms on St Patrick's Day evening was the busy venue for an event to raise funds and awareness of the CMV Folk Weekend (17th, 18th & 19th May). A good time was had by all, with live folk music and audience participation, helped along with pints of Guinness. Tickets are selling fast for the Folk Weekend. Contact Chris & Linda Ennis via: cmvfolkweeknd@gmail.com JA



THIS month at Downham WI, the Birthday party was a shared event. Members brought along delicious

finger food for the buffet and were each given a glass of Prosecco or a soft drink on arrival to toast Downham WI's 99th Birthday, since its inauguration in 1920. Business of the evening was kept very brief, but birthday cards were given out with a special one for Edna who had brought along her lovely birthday cake to share with everyone plus a model helicopter to encourage people to donate to North West Air Ambulance.

After supper, entertainment was provided by the Clitheroe Ukulele Orchestra who made the evening swing with great tunes, banter and a bit of audience participation. This included our honoured guests, Lord and Lady Clitheroe, who had joined us specially to hear them play.

The next meeting is Thursday 18th March at 7:30 when the speaker will be Matthew Lepp 'Tiger Muffin Soap'. If you're not a member and would like to know more, please contact Diane on 07904 111167 and she will happily give you details. KB

**GARDEN CLUB**

ON 7th of March we held our AGM for the garden club. We had a very short meeting with all committee members staying on. We then went onto the serious business of the evening with Anne and Gordon who took us on a journey to the East Riding of Yorkshire where we saw among other things a bicycle ride where the bicycles had to be pre 1935. They then took us to Norway with beautiful white villages and wonderful fiords. As always our journey left everyone Spellbound. We send many thanks.

Our next meeting will be on the 4th of April when Andy Rowett will be speaking to us about Wildlife Gardening. CA