

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

JANUARY		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
6th	Epiphany	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A.Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs P. Eldridge
9th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
10th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
13th	Epiphany II	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mr A Herron .		Mrs A Moyle
14th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Christ Church		
15th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Shirley Penman The Clitheroe Advertiser Archive Story</i>	
17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
20th	Epiphany III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker		Ms J Shepherd Mrs D. Braithwaite
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		
27th	Epiphany IV	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd	Mr I. Walton		Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
28th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
29th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	VH Managemt Cttee	Village Hall		
February						
3rd	Epiphany V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell

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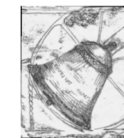
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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

One of my favourite hymns starts like this



New every morning is the love
Our waking and uprising prove,
Through sleep and darkness safely brought,
Restored to life and power and thought

As I get older getting up in the morning seems more and difficult but I should remember that the fact I can do so is a blessing from God. The fact that I do wake up and can (with increasing effort) get out of bed is in itself a sign of God's love.

I have often puzzled over the words of Revelation where God promises a new heaven and a new earth. What is wrong with the old ones? Especially heaven, I used to wonder. But God alone can make all things new. Each new day is a gift from him, with its hope and possibilities.

Think about our history: as we celebrated the end of the First World War last year I reflected that only with forgiveness can there be any truly new beginning. Otherwise constant war, recrimination and hatred would dominate our lives.

Think about your own life: how many times has a new beginning in a relationship come from forgiveness, given and received?

The best news of all perhaps is that there really is no reason to make New Year's Resolutions: every day is a new beginning with God and every morning marks a fresh start.

Happy 2019 !

Yours in Christ



O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the people of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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. Amen

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	November	2018
COMMUNICANTS	31	399

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Bob Swarbrick, Kath Swarbrick,
Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Betty Mercer
and others who are unwell

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME

RYAN Gladwin formerly of Brookside, Downham and his partner Zoe who now live in Rawdon, Leeds would like to announce the arrival of their beautiful triplets born on 21st November 2018 at St James Hospital, Leeds. Mummy and Daddy and the 3 little ones are doing amazing despite being born at 33.2 weeks and arriving at healthy weights of 3lb 11oz, 3lb 12oz and 3lb 14oz.

They are the most welcome 3 little sisters of Rory (4 years old) and Toby (2years old). The whole family are so proud to welcome Flossie, Bea and Elodie to the world. Sure it won't be long until they are chasing the Downham ducks and enjoying ice cream from the shop..

The whole family would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Matrimony

7th December Alexander Silverwood and Christa Carnegie both of Clitheroe, Christa formerly of this parish, daughter of Henrietta McFall and grand daughter of Philippa Mc Fall.

MESSAGE FROM LEICESTERSHIRE

JUNE Rumfitt wrote in what would have been good time for the December issue, but we went to press early. She writes: For health reasons I am no longer sending Christmas Cards but sending a donation to the local Children's Hospice. I wish all my friends at Downham and Twiston a very Happy and healthy New Year.

SPECTATOR

WE had a lovely time at the coffee club Christmas lunch. Spectacular decorations and nice easy going conversation with good music (I had to say that cos Jon was in charge of the play list) I don't do much to contribute towards these "do's" and believe me, you wouldn't want me to serve you with hot drinks! But I do appreciate the same wonderful people running around and making nice memories and community gatherings possible.

It was good to see Michelle from the ice cream shop, I do miss it...tut...and I passed on a card to her which my sister in law had sent to me which said, " what is the best kind of beauty treatment ? Ice cream...well what else can make you feel like a five year old" or something like that!

Carol and I started taking a twirl around the village last year so we had an excuse to call in for an ice cream or tea and chat and I take Jon's walker so we can have a sit down on the way round. We normally stop opposite the school and chat to people passing, the bus drivers always wave to us and smile. We started wearing Santa hats over Christmas and people in cars waved and smiled. When the news is all bad, it's good to bring a smile to people's faces.

So a very happy new year to all our friends and neighbours and don't forget, "smile and the world smiles with you, cry and you're on your own!"

BOWLAND DARK SKIES FESTIVAL

THE Forest of Bowland AONB's brand new discovery guide and events programme is due out in early February and, with our first Dark Skies Festival, all eyes are looking upwards.

The AONB has been recognised as having some of the darkest skies in England - a fact being celebrated next month with a week of special events during half-term.

Running from Saturday 16th until Sunday 24th February the themed week includes guided star gazing and astrophotography with local amateur astronomer, Robert Ince; the chance to book into one of Bentham Golf Club's glamping pods or lodges and search the dark skies until the wee hours; wrap up warm and listen to nocturnal tales with storyteller, Sue Allonby at Gisburn Forest and an invitation to head to West Bradford and step inside Yorkshire Planetarium's mobile dome for night-sky films with the wow factor.

Details and booking information for all the Dark Skies Festival events can be found in the Festival Bowland 2019 programme available at www.forestofbowland.com/Festival-Events or by contacting the Forest of Bowland AONB on 01200 44800 SS

DIANA WILKINS, formerly our Twiston Warden and member of the church cleaning rota. has gradually become more involved in her new parish and has, sadly for us, resigned from the church cleaning rota. A big thank you and best wishes from us all Diana.



STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



OUR four night run of performances of J M Barrie's 'The Admirable Crichton' came to an end on Saturday 1st December. We were very pleased with our audience numbers given the cold, wet and windy weather and the large number of competing attractions. Those who came to see the play thoroughly enjoyed themselves as did the cast and stage crew despite experiencing a real power cut whilst being shipwrecked on an imaginary tropical island!

The play has been reviewed by Christine Hunter Hughes for NODA (The National Operatic and Drama Association). Here is a taste of what she had to say:

"The crew did an absolutely amazing job with the scene changes.."

"Costumes across the board looked very good..."

"The same attention to detail was also visible in the props..."

".. the whole cast watched, listened and reacted to unfolding events..."

"The directors did a great job in casting the play and obviously had a clear vision..."

If you came to the play, thank you for your support. Many thanks again to everyone who helped with or contributed in any way to this production, including all the local businesses who displayed our publicity and all the individuals who recommended the play either by word of mouth or through social media.

Once again there was very positive feedback from the members of the audience who also booked the pre-theatre meal at 'The Assheton Arms.' We thank all the staff there for their excellent service and we look forward to extending this cooperation into 2019.

For your diaries, the provisional dates for our Spring production are Wednesday 27th March to Saturday 30th March 2019. Subject to confirmation the production will be 'Wait Until Dark', a thriller written by Frederick Knott, first performed on Broadway in 1966, followed by a film version in 1967, starring Lee Remick.

Thank you once again for your support. From all at Stage 2 Downham, our very best wishes for a Happy New Year.



Whalley Deanery
Fund Raising Committee



Candlelight Supper

At The Kings Centre Millthorne Avenue
off Henthorne Road Clitheroe BB7 2LE

SUNDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2019 - 6.30 for 7.00 pm

soft drinks available
vegetarian option available
and a selection of salads
delicious puddings

Entertainment by

CLITHEROE UKULELE ORCHESTRA

Why not come along and enjoy the evening
Support the Society by making a donation at the Supper

Further information and bookings from
Your Children's Society Committee Member

RECYCLING

DUE TO reductions in what Lancashire County Council pays towards waste handling: changes are afoot. For example the Henthorn Road recycling depot will soon be open for fewer hours. RVBC are having to look at how they operate and have decided to close a number of village recycling facilities. For now they have agreed to keep the Downham site open, but it will have to be used with more care. For example, trade waste in the domestic paper recycling will jeopardise its continued existence. Similarly, adding plastic items to the glass or metal bins contaminates them, so that they become worthless to RVBC and have to be dumped as general waste, thereby costing £90/t.

Please, please do your bit to help the system work or we will lose the recycling centre entirely!

Christmas points to remember:

Flatten cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bin.

Do not include plastic covered wrapping paper with card and paper.

Remove plastic covers from magazines and junk mail. RCA



DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

ON 3rd December, Janet Swan and Nick Hunt from Mid Pennine Arts, Burnley, talked about their project 'Pendle Radicals,' which aims to bring to life the histories of people who might otherwise be lost. Ethel Carnie Holdsworth. 1886-1962. was one such. She started work at the age of 11 in Delf Road mill in Great Harwood, where she worked first as a 'reeler' then as a 'winder' a 'warper' and a 'beamer.'

She wrote poetry from an early age. Her poem 'The Bookworm' written in 1906, is soon to be added to the National Poetry Archive. She was a prolific writer and the first working-class woman writer to be published. She wrote 10 novels, 15 serials, 2 films, plus short stories, poems and essays, which were mostly about injustice for women and working people. Her most famous book 'Helen of Four Gates' sold 50,000 copies and was made into a film.

Ethel was a suffragist and social activist, who regularly attended socialist meetings in Blackburn and Burnley, and who advocated that women should get out and breathe the fresh air, rather than stay in polishing. Her words still ring true today!

'Pendle Radicals' is part of the Pennine Landscape Partnership. Anyone interested in volunteering or finding out more, contact nick@midpenninearts.org.uk

The next meeting of the group is TUESDAY 15th January at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm our speaker, Shirley Penman, has an interesting story to tell. Her talk is about the rescue and conservation of the Clitheroe Advertiser Archive.

These full-sized copies of the Clitheroe Advertiser from 19th Century to mid 20th, in bound covers had been removed to Burnley at some time in their recent history and were ready to be thrown into a skip. Vigilant volunteers rescued and brought them back to Clitheroe where they now reside on the top floor of the Clitheroe Town offices. A programme of conservation is being undertaken through grant aid from The Heritage Lottery Fund..

Shirley, the Archivist, is one of the leading lights of the volunteer group that is carrying this project through. She will tell the story of their rescue and show a couple of examples of the volumes and highlight samples of Downham stories from early years JP

THE PARISH CHURCH

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

IN AN attempt to remind passers-by that Christmas is a Christian festival, 500 LEDs have been used to pick out the shape of the cross on the Church's East window. Externally the lights show bright and white, while inside the stained glass cross sparkles gloriously. Comments are welcome, as this Christmas show does not need to be repeated!

RCA

ASSHETON SERMON

ON Sunday 3rd February, 2019 the Assheton Sermon in memory of Sir Ralph Assheton is to be preached by the Revd Cilla Hawkes whose grand-father preached this sermon in 1906. We hope people will join us for this very special historic occasion.



IN HIS WILL Sir Ralph Assheton of Downham, who died on 30th January, 1680 gave £4 a year towards "gratifying two able ministers, other than the present incumbents, of Whalley and Downham, onely for the better occasioning of a fuller congregation of people being willing, for the most parte, to heare strangers rather than their owne (though perhaps better). Each of them to preach a sermon upon two severall days, upon the 5th February at Whalley and at Downham on the day of the month it shall please God to call me from this transitory life, upon one of these texts, Job 19: 25-27 or Coll. 2: 3-4."

The Downham Texts have been preached in almost equal measure down the years. The Job is "I know that my redeemer liveth" and the Colossians: "When Christ who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory".

We shall see which Revd Cilla has chosen on 3rd.



ALTAR FLOWERS

WE HAVE a tradition of having fresh flowers on the Altar and of inviting any one who would like to contribute to this by either, doing the flowers on a date chosen by them or arranging for someone else to do them. Either way some people enjoy doing this in memory of a loved one or to celebrate a family anniversary.

The list for 2019 is displayed at the back of church and the Wardens will be pleased to advise on the practicalities near the time of your chosen date.



COFFEE CLUB

IT WAS a cold ,grey, miserable morning as we walked up to the Village Hall for our coffee morning Christmas Lunch , but as we walked into the Hall it looked absolutely beautiful .

Forty people came together to enjoy Roy's pies with peas, their accompaniments, and mince pies and cakes, wine , soft drinks, tea and coffee.

I am sure I speak for everyone when i say thank you so much Jonathon for the music , thank you so much Frances for the flowers but a very special thank you Barbara and Brian ,not forgetting me, for a wonderful Christmas Lunch.

Our next meeting is on Thursday, 3rd January 2019 at 10.00 am CA



The Clergy and PCC, Choir and Congregation of St Leonard Downham and Twiston wish all our readers a very Happy New Year

GARDEN CLUB

ONCE again gardeners (I use the term loosely) of the village, together with friends, came to the beautifully decorated Village Hall to enjoy their Christmas Dinner. The meal was once again provided by Tim of Waddington and a wonderful meal it was.



There was a surprise visitor when Father Christmas made an appearance and there was great hilarity when all the ladies wanted to sit on his knee when he was giving out the presents. It was all great fun and there were no mishaps!

Once again our thanks go to the club committee for organising everything a wonderful evening was had by all. See you all next year. On 7th March for the foirst meeting of the new season. CA



Dear Editor

MAY I take the liberty of saying a big thank you to all our Village Hall Committee for the work that they have put in, on our behalf? Not only the normal work during the year but also the painting of the green room and the refurbishment of the ladies' and the pointing of the front wall by Jason.

Our thanks also to Frances, Peter Barbara and Brian for the wonderful Christmas decorations. Carole Ashworth



THE Downham WI's December meeting was their Christmas party, which this year was at the Spread Eagle in Sawley.

A delicious three-course meal was followed by entertainment from RammyFolk, a duo hailing from Ramsbottom, who provided song sheets for everyone to join in with well-known tunes and Carols.

WI member, Helen Addy, had put together a luxury food hamper and other raffle prizes from donations made by members. This has helped to boost funds for the centenary celebrations in 2020.

Retiring Committee members, Andrea Kay and Helen Addy were each presented with a bouquet as a token of everyone's appreciation of their efforts over the last 12 months.

The next meeting is Thursday 17th January at 7:30 and new members are always made welcome. KP

Planning Applications

THE ESTATE is currently involved with two planning applications.

The first is for a new bridle way between Downham and Chatburn. As part of the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership scheme it will allow non-car travellers to move more safely between the two villages. The route from the A59 bridge, parallel to Chatburn Road, briefly joins the road at Greendale, then on to the Rimington Road junction. A final short section will pass behind the wood yard to join the road near the village.

The second is to replace the collapsing and unsightly wooden sheds at New Close, with a small general purpose farm building that is fit for modern agriculture. The steel portal frame building will occupy the same space as its predecessor, with a dark grey roof and Yorkshire boarding.

Plans for both can be viewed at the RVBC office, with comments (either for or against) sought before 28 December and 4 January. RCA