

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

JANUARY			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
2nd	Christmas II	11.15 am	Carol Service	Mrs A Wallace		Mr & Mrs P Mercer
9th	Epiphany I	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick
16th	Epiphany II	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs b Lewis		Mr & Mrs C Ennis
20th	Tbhursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	Pottery demonstration	
23rd	Epiphany III	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr A Herron		Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
30th	Epiphany IV	11.15 am	Matins Assheton Sermon	Mr T McLean	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
FEBRUARY 2022						
6th	Epiphany V	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall		Mrs B. Lewis Mrs j Shepherd

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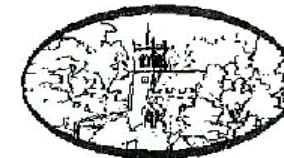
Downham Social Media Resources
The public Facebook page -
"Downham Village"
The private Facebook page
"Downham & Twiston Residents"
Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham
WI Here to Help"

CHURCH RESOURCES

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

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From Canon Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

If we've learnt anything from the last two years, it's that it is difficult and dangerous if not foolish to make predictions. So writing this from the end of 2021 and looking forward to 2022 I reminded myself of some of the failed predictions of history:

"The cinema is little more than a fad. It's canned drama. What audiences really want to see is flesh and blood on stage"
Charlie Chaplain

"There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home"
Ken Olsen, Founder, President and Chairman of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC)

"The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty, a fad"
The President of the Michigan Savings Bank, advising Henry Ford

Whether or not covid 19 continues to affect our lives I will make some short predictions of the problems which will continue to afflict us. Here are three lacks that blight our lives

Lack of time. Despite all the modern technology (or perhaps because of it - I'm looking at you, printer) we never seem to have enough time. Possible solution? Try and concentrate on the most important things: we have a limited amount of time on earth. Let's use what we have the best ways we can.

Lack of forgiveness. Exercising forgiveness is a tremendously difficult discipline. And it can only be done by remembering and giving thanks that we are forgiven people.

Lack of hope. All sorts of things can happen to make us lose hope in other people, in life itself or in God. But hope is what Christ came into the world to give us and whatever may happen in life that gift is always there for us to claim.

May, whatever happens in 2021, you know the eternal hope and forgiveness of Jesus Christ

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples 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.

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	November	2021
Communicants	36	3308
Collections		
	£	
Services	399	5,920
Visitors	74	272
Donations	272	9,092
House Boxes	-	157
Special	2,283	10,984
Total	3,028	26,362

AONB - New Year, New Chance to Discover Bowland

AVAILABLE from next month, the brand-new Discover Bowland guide for 2022 will be full of inspiration and ideas for exploring the AONB..



Whether you want suggestions for seasonal walks and wildlife, tips for trips out, pointers to delicious local produce or a glimpse of what's coming up in the Festival Bowland events programme, you'll find it all in this year's booklet.

It's also a great way to find out about the latest projects happening in the Forest of Bowland AONB: from landscape scale peat restoration and meadow management, to the health benefits of being in nature. (And we also have fantastic pictures from the 10 shortlisted entrants in our seasonal photography competition!)

The guide will be available from local tourist information centres and online at <https://www.forestofbowland.com/discover-bowland-guide-2022> from late February. SS

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership



THE PENDLE HILL Landscape Partnership is a four year programme of activities and events based around the heritage and landscape of Pendle Hill, led by the Forest of Bowland AONB and supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. The scheme has five aims:



- We will restore, enhance and conserve the heritage and landscape of Pendle Hill
- We will re-connect people with the landscape
- We will re-connect people and the past
- We will bring together two sides of the hill
- We will create a sustainable future for the environment, heritage and for visitor's experience of Pendle Hill.

The Newsletter brings progress reports on the partnership's activities from time to time..

The Clitheroe Civic Society January Meeting

At St Michael and St John Catholic Church Community Room Lowergate Clitheroe

10th at 7.30 pm Speaker Paddy Brown
Rivers Whales and Knights –
The Ribble Valley

THE CONGREGATION, CHOIR, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL & CLERGY
OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF DOWNHAM AND TWISTON St LEONARD
WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

ASSHETON SERMON Sunday 30th January, 2022 at 11.15 am

The Assheton Sermon in memory of Sir Ralph Assheton is to be preached by the Revd Mark Williams who is Rector of the Bowland Benefice. Mark's invitation has been carried forward from 2021 when church was closed due to the pandemic rules.

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"

THE REVD. Mark Williams. is the rector of the Bowland Benefice comprising the Parishes of Grindleton, Bolton-by-Bowland and Gisburn He is resident at the Grindleton Rectory. Mark came to the Bowland Benefice from the post of Team Rector of Worsley, Salford in the Manchester Diocese in November 2019.

He started his working life in Grasmere before teaching RE for 7 years at Pleckgate School, Blackburn. After theological college he was curate and then priest in Barnet, North London, and then came to Burnley as Vicar of St. Mathews with Holy Trinity for eight years, before moving to The Manchester Diocese at Worsley in the Archdeanery of Salford.

WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND 60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Book Launch and Film Show

ON 26TH NOVEMBER 80 cast members and fans crowded into the St Michael and St John Assembly rooms, Clitheroe which was looking the part, with a reminder of cast members photographs, then and now. The audience was delighted to watch the film, and meet the author, Neil Brandwood, of his new book, *Whistle Down the Wind 60th Anniversary Celebration*, available on Amazon.

The audience chuckled their way through the film, when certain expletives were made, e.g Rotten Cows!! Although in Black and white and 60 years old the film still lived up to its reputation as an iconic one of its time.

Following the film Neil spoke about his passion for it and how he had begun to wonder what had happened to those children. He visited Downham called at Michelle's Ice cream shop and was told that he had just missed Diane who played Nan, a quick letter through the post box if Lower Hall, by way of introduction, and the rest is history, 4 years later and lots of photographs, talking about memories we all had of the making of the film, and then at last the book was published. Neil had been able to search Attenborough's archives for information with permission from his son Michael, met with Nanette Newman, Bryan Forbes widow, who gave such a fantastic insight into the groundbreaking techniques used. He was also able to speak with Hayley Mills, who wrote the forward to the book.

The cast members present were thrilled to share their stories with the audience, and everyone had a wonderful catch up. There was also a celebration cake, kindly donated by Sugar and Layer of Moor Lane, Clitheroe, which looked like the cover of the book.

Although the capacity if the hall was limited to 80 due to covid precautions, the evening raised an amazing £1110 for Marie Curie, and future profit from on line book sales will continue to do so. There were also bespoke mugs and chocolate bars available to remember the event. Many thanks to all who helped to make the evening such a success.

Exhibition

THE EXHIBITION in celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the launch of the film was held at St Leonard's Church in Downham, on 27th November with funds being raised to support the Villafe Hall restoration fund.

Despite an horrendous storm hitting the valley the night before, Downham appeared to have escaped tree damage and the snow had not made roads treacherous.

Put together by Pam Dyson, a member of the cast, and Diane Poole, also a cast member, showing photographs following the films story, with personal photographs from cast members personal memoirs.

Lots of snippets of otherwise unknown information, and a display on dress mannequins, of the 2 dresses worn by Diane at each Premier, the London at the Odeon Leicester Square and The Burnley Odeon. These have never been exhibited before.

The new book, written by Neil Brandwood, available on Amazon, titled *Whistle Down the Wind a 60th Anniversary Celebration*, was also on sale with cast members available to sign copies. Bespoke celebration mugs and chocolate bars were also available as keepsakes.

Cards on sale showing a very special village view, produced especially to support the Village Hall fund raising appeal. Raised sixty five pounds..

Visitors made their way round the exhibition, providing a constant flow with a couple driving all the way from Sheffield to speak with cast members and get autographs and they thought it was a wonderful event!! Audience members from the book launch/film night event in Clitheroe on 26th also made their way to see all the memorabilia displayed adding their compliments as they went, some adding what a superb weekend it had been, despite the storm!

Donations from the entry hat amounted to £125, with a further donation of £30 from profits from the mugs and chocolate bars.

A very successful event reaching lots of people,

Thank you to the PCC for the use of the Church.

DP

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

After an absence of quite a few years Ian and I resurrected the Annual Poppy Appeal collection around the village, following in the footsteps of my parents who collected for over 40 years. Many thanks to all who bought poppies and badges from us. We raised £186 63 and hope to carry this on for many years to come and we will hopefully put a piece in the October newsletter to let you know when we will be coming round the village for next years collection.



Once again, many thanks to you all, and may we wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Anne Chadwick

EDGERROW 'ARRY

REJOICE - the sun is reborn and the days are getting longer. As the New Year approaches and mince pies are discounted to 39p a box in local supermarkets, we may allow ourselves the indulgence of positive thinking and resolutions. But rather than sign up for a soon-to-be-neglected direct debit for a gym membership, enjoy your own "green gym" along our local paths and hedgerows. The benefits are many-fold: cold, fresh air and exercise can boost the metabolism, encourage natural sleep cycles with the production of melatonin, improve general wellbeing and immunity. It is a chance to meet with friends whilst still socially distancing. The local views and hills can be breathtaking and slipping in the mud can strengthen lateral muscles whilst improving balance and posture.

Whilst the hedgerows have mostly been stripped of their colour by our hardy aboriginal birdlife, we are often blessed with additional winter colour from the plastic detritus from hostleries selling their wares to travellers along the new turnpike road at Barrow. It appears digestion of breaded buns and drinks from a certain Scottish-sounding restaurant, Quaker chocolate from the Co-operators or pastry delights from a chap called Greg are consumed within 10 minutes, with washing-up dispensed with by tipping the empty receptacles and wrappers from their vehicle windows, along our quiet lanes, under cover of darkness.

It seems modern society has been designed so that care and vigilance are "somebody else's job". But there may be a difference with village life where there can be more of a community spirit, whilst still respecting each other's space. The last couple of years has seen that in spades - popping in to check on neighbours and help out if and when appropriate, enjoying simple pleasures such, picking up a bit of litter when no one is looking. Perhaps, individually, it doesn't amount to much but taken as a whole it can make things better. Minor daily improvements compound into subtle yet significant improvements, be that in society or in our personal lives. Putting our boots on and appreciating a regular walk along our hedgerows can help make that change.

Up-Welly-Ah

An old tradition, once lost in the mists of time but resurrected recently by young 'Arrison is *Up-Welly-Ah*: the burning of a traditional Viking longship - to mark the old year and herald the new. No one knows its true origin although folk in the Orkneys re-introduced something similar in Victorian times. Perhaps it comes from our Scandinavian ancestors who settled the local high ground and fells. Burning a boat is a metaphorical statement of commitment to a new land with no means of escape back down the River Ribble.

Music is an important feature of such fire festivals. How appropriate it is that a popular Scandinavian band has reformed after 40 long years. Listen out for their music around New Years Eve for an even newer tradition - *Up-Welly-Abba!*

THE PARISH CHURCH

**9 LESSONS AND CAROLS
2nd January, 2022**

WORRIES about how Covid might strike a packed Church meant that a paired down version of the traditional service was decided upon. This principally involved reducing both the number of carols and the number of verses of each that was sung. Additional concessions to social distancing included the readers declaiming from their seats, rather than the Chancel steps.

Sadly Andy Froud was self-isolating, so the Wardens led the service. This included the use of the prayer of "Thanksgiving for Deliverance from the Plague, or other common sickness". This is not one that gets used much these days!

Many thanks to the Readers: Philippa Mcfall, Susie Yorke, Kirsteen Walmsley, Jaqui Shepherd, Paul Mercer, Jane Fiebel, Ian Walton and Kate Herron.

EPIPHANY

EPIPHANY is the Christian feast day celebrated annually on 6th January that is also known as Three Kings Day. Epiphany means "manifestation" as it commemorates the first time Jesus's divinity manifested itself through the visit of the Three Kings (also known as the Magi or Wise Men) and through his baptism in the river Jordan. It is a significant event in the church calendar as the celebration of the *Baptism of Jesus*.

Epiphany is the starting day of Epiphany-tide (the Epiphany season), the liturgical period that follows the Christmas season and continues until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, 2nd March, in 2022.



CAROL SINGING

A personal note from Di Braithwaite to all residents of Downham and Twiston parish.

I have had the pleasure and privilege of singing in Downham Church Choir for 70 years. I have learned and sung many types of music, one of my favourites has to be singing carols house to house in Twiston the Sunday before Christmas and Christmas Eve round Downham finishing at the Assheton Arms making money for charity. Then singing the midnight service, followed by Christmas morning service, we were a little tired by Boxing Day!!!

Recently we have been invited into various homes where friends in Twiston have gathered to sing with us, is this something you would care to do, to keep the tradition going?? Please let us know via the Downham and Twiston Residents Facebook page or the Newsletter editor.

Due to health reasons and dwindling numbers we have sung outside the Assheton Arms, on Main Street and this year on the Green, if you have any alternative suggestions for future years, to make it a more community event please let us know. Thank you all ,may I wish you a happy and healthy new year. DB



ALTAR FLOWERS

THE FLOWER LIST IS NOW ON DISPLAY IN CHURCH.



Any parishioner who wishes to arrange altar flowers may indicate on the list their preferred date.

You may donate flowers to be arranged as you wish by one of the regular team. Flowers may be arranged to mark an anniversary or birthday.

Warden Mrs Philippa McFall is happy to answer any queries about the flowers.

Burns Night



ALAS, CIRCUMSTANCES dictate that we will not be having a village Burns Night celebration. The previous ones were such fun and raised money for ABF - the Soldiers' Charity.

In the meantime, from the safety of your homes, enjoy some haggis, neeps and tatties with perhaps a wee dram to toast Auld Acquaintances that we hope to meet again in our refurbished village hall in January 2023.

THE December meeting saw members enjoy a wonderful meal at the Calfs Head in Worston. Numbers, were slightly depleted due to illness but 18 ladies had a great time.

The function room looked fantastic with a special sleigh place setting for each member, made by the committee. These were distributed to those members unable to attend the following day.

Amongst the sleighs, members were given a wonderful Christmas Quiz to do over the festive period with answers to be sent by post or email to Susan our super quiz setter. There is a wonderful Christmas Hamper awaiting the lucky winner.

The January meeting is being held on 20 January at the Calfs Head in Worston, when there will be a demonstration of pottery by Mr Martin of Trawden.

As always new members are welcome to come along as guests for 2 meetings before joining. In the meantime Downham WI wishes everyone a Happy New Year. DP

