

PARISH CALENDAR 2018						
JULY		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners	
1st	Trinity V	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
2nd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
5th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Garden Club Visit	<i>Mines Cottage Ings End</i>		
8th	Trinity VI	11.00 am	Matins	Mr I. Walton	Mrs A Wallace	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
10th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Continue Downham School Work</i>	
11th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis		
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Trinity VII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker		Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
16th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Blood Bikers - visitors welcome</i>	
21st & 22nd	Saturday & Sunday	2.00 pm to 4.00pm	Gardens Open	Downham Hall	<i>For Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and Downham Village Hall</i>	
22nd	Trinity VIII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Ann Hardacre	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs P McFall	Mrs S Marlow Mrs E. Parker
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
29th	Trinity IX	11.00 am	Matins	Mr B. Lewis		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
August						
4th	Saturday	2.15 pm	Garden Club Show	Village Hall	Exhibits to Hall 10 am to 12.00 noon	
5th	Trinity X	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mr & Mrs C. Ennis

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DOWNHAM & TWISTON



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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends,

It's not for nothing that St Paul compared the life of a Christian to being like a race. Over the last few months I've been involved with the Clitheroe Parkrun. It's great to see how people have become enthusiastic about coming together to run 5K (about 3.1 miles in) each Saturday morning. I say enthusiastic because running is very much like being a Christian. Some people set off with good intentions, buy the running shoes, the outfit and the GPS. And then never run at all. Or they tell their friends that they are starting to run and never start at all. Then there are those who start but don't last. Their enthusiasm doesn't outlast a minor injury or a bad day's weather.

But then there are those who persevere. Parkruns are now so big around the country that some people will travel miles (by car of course) to take part in other Parkruns of which there are hundreds. They have a name - "parkrun tourists". Running doesn't get easier with practice, and neither does being a Christian. Many young people think that God, faith and religion are for old people because they're getting close to the end of their lives. This isn't always true unfortunately. In my experience there is nothing sadder than those who have reached the home stretch but give up with the finish line in sight.

Those who persevere, like St Paul, can say "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day" (2 Timothy 4:7)

Yours in Christ

God our saviour,
 look on this wounded world in pity and in power;
 hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your
 Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	May	2018
COMMUNICANTS	39	231
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	536	1,870
VISITORS	80	265
DONATIONS	1,442	2,613
HOUSE BOXES	6	40
SPECIAL	1,048	3,302
TOTAL	3,170	8,090

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Bob Swarbrick, Kath Swarbrick, Anne Chadwick, Jean Whitsey,
 Kath Brown, Ian Chadwick, Edith Hart and all others who are unwell
 and with past and present connections to the parish.

THE PARISH CHURCH IS VERY
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 ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS
 THAT SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER.
 IN JULY THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY
 The Downham and Twiston Garden Club and by
 Bowland Bio Energy Ltd.



Carole Ashworth writes:

Just a word of thanks to all my friends in the village for all their prayers and cards and best wishes not to mention the shopping, meals and garden watering (quite a lot of it). Once again thank you one and all. Carole

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

Oscar William Stell, Sunday 17th June.

SPECTATOR

What a funny few weeks... and not "funny haha...but funny yuk".....everyone seems to be ill, in hospital, needing care or losing someone. Is it the age thing?, am I now at an age when friends and loved ones are going to meet their maker? Surely not I thought until a friend of ours, on being diagnosed with prostate cancer, said very acceptingly, that he couldn't complain as he had had his three score years and ten. What!?,,that didn't sound long enough to me who will actually be there in five years time! However, the fact is, we are all expecting to live longer and if we are living longer, we are going to succumb to illnesses and frailties which will be a massive strain on the economy and the NHS. The NHS was first founded in 1948, with an ambitious plan to, "bring good free healthcare to all".

The average life expectancy for men at that time was 66 and women 71. Today those figures are more like 77 and 81 and the NHS isn't coping.

I read somewhere recently that in some places in Japan I think, there is a movement towards older people refusing treatment for some illnesses so there is more money in the pot for younger people who haven't reached their three score years etc. I thought this was very noble and unselfish, that we should think about others and not just ourselves. Maybe it will take something like this to save our NHS rather than finding extra funding

Just one thing needed to help make our NHS great again ...bring back the Matrons. Those huge, Hatti Jacques type, scary women with huge arms resting on even huger big bossoms, who knew how their wards should be run and the value of cleanliness None of this liquid soap lookalike stuff which is on every corridor, sometimes accompanied by a loud voice which asks you to put some on whilst frightening you to death, but a scrub with proper carbolic till your skin comes off, every time nurses touched anything or anybody. I have a niece who told us that the easiest job she ever had was cleaning in a hospital! It should have been the hardest and it's certainly one of the most important.

A friend commented on a hospital he recently visited which looked like " they kept hens under the bed!" No Matrons there then I'll bet!

GARDENS OPEN

Downham Hall 2 - 4pm, Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July

Proceeds to benefit The Royal British Legion and the Village Hall.

Come and see the Downham Hall in full, midsummer bloom.

Enjoy home-made cream teas and cakes from Downham W.I.

Morris dancing, brass bands, vintage-style garden games for young and old, tombola, raffles and our famous human fruit machine

Stalls offering local handmade crafts, pre-loved books, beautiful plants and delicious pickles, organic foods, baked goods and cheeses.

Ice Cream, Prosecco and much more!

Admission just £5. (FREE for children under 12 and serving service personnel and veterans.

PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Pendle Summit Work

RESTORATION work around Pendle Hill is well underway. Large orange diggers have been seen removing the boggy areas around the trig point, whose stone setts are to be extended out slightly. Drainage and path improvement work is also progressing well from Barley to the summit.

Huge Poppies on Pendle Hill.

FOR A FEW days in June, a representation of poppies on Pendle Hill were seen for many miles. The flowers measure a colossal 550ft by 300ft. Organised by Colne Town Council and backed by Heritage Lottery funds, artist Philippe Handford used 3,000ft of agricultural fleece to create the temporary memorial marking the last 100 days of the First World War. The fleece is to be recycled for Colne's allotment holders. Project co-ordinator Eleanor Jolly explained the aim of creating the remarkable artwork for local people:

"...we hope it will become lodged in the collective memory of East Lancashire and Yorkshire folk as they remember the enormous sacrifice made by their predecessors 100 years ago."

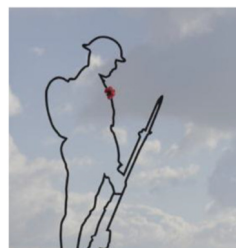
There are lots of pictures on Facebook—of course.

Community Archaeology Project

The Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership are currently supporting an Institute of Field Research excavation in Pendle, involving a number of American and Canadian students and UCLan. A community training day is being held on Saturday 30th June for those wishing to learn some basic introductory skills to archaeological excavation.

Please note spaces are limited and will be given out on a first come first served basis. This won't be the only opportunity to visit the site an Open Day will be held in July which will involve tours of the site.

For more details please contact the PHLP Team on **01200 448000** or **email** volunteer@pendle-hill-lp.co.uk **Facebook:** @pendlehillproject **Twitter:** @pendlehill **Website:** www.forestofbowland.com/pendle-hill-lp
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There but not There

AS PART of the 100-year anniversary of the end of World War One the church is taking part in a national initiative called There but not There.

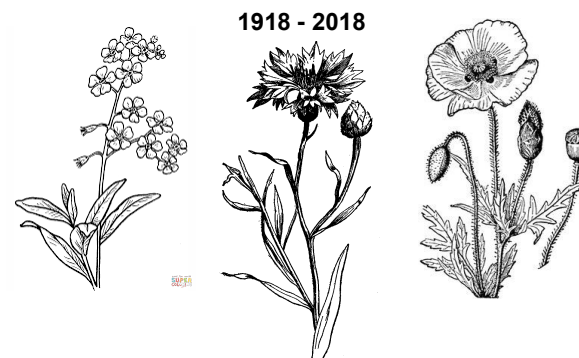
The project aims to commemorate those who died and to educate all generations, particularly the young on the sacrifices made and heal those veterans currently suffering the physical and mental wounds of their service by raising funds for several military charities.

Rather like the Poppy installation on the Tower of London in 2014, this project seeks to create installations across the Nation and St Leonard's is to be one such location.

Seven silhouette figures will shortly appear in the pews of the Church, to mark those from our Parish who fell in the First World War.

Do take time to see the figures, to take a moment to think about the sacrifices made and to consider donating to this worthy cause.

PN



St Leonard's First World War Roll of Honour

To the glory of God and in grateful remembrance of the men of Downham and Twiston who died for their Country in the Great War 1914-1918

Sapper F. Burns R.E.
Pte. E.T. Hudson K.O.R.L.
Sapper J. Leeming R.E.
Pte. B.H. Lonsdale M.G.C.
Gunner W. Robinson R.F.A.
L/Cpl. J.L. Smithies R.E.
Pte. A. Webster M.G.C.

"Their name liveth for Evermore"

Downham Banner

Wardle village History society made a return visit to Downham on 20th June, following our very interesting trip to the Wardle Museum last year. History Group members were on hand to show our visitors around the village. They immediately returned our hospitality by buying ice cream all round at the end of their trip.

Wonderful Windsor Wedding

A FINE, bright May morning. We were up betimes, making our way to Paddington station en route for Windsor Castle, to be there by 8.30am. We took two folding chairs and a picnic. My son was wearing morning dress (with a panama hat). I was in a cotton dress and sunhat (not so smart). Arriving at the Castle we went through airport style security, quite a lengthy process and then exchanged our invitation cards for wristbands, Orders of Service and the famous goody bags.

Then we were let loose in the Lower Ward of the Castle to find a good vantage point. This was quickly achieved right opposite the Galilee Porch where we had a marvellous view of everyone entering St. George's Chapel, from numerous members of the Royal Family (whom I recognised) to show biz celebrities (whom I didn't).

Now the sun was beating down on the ancient grey stone walls and turrets, with just a breath of wind to flutter the Sovereign's standard on the keep. Detachments of Ghurkhas, Royal Marines and Household Cavalry marched past as bands played. Then the Duke of Cambridge and Prince Harry, elegant in their military frock coats, strolled by on their way to the West door. Now there was a sense of eager expectation as we waited for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh to arrive, heralded by trumpets. Suddenly we heard the swell of the organ as the inspiring service with all its beautiful music and solemn liturgy was relayed to the Lower ward.

Our view of the newly married couple emerging with attendants on to the steps at the West door was rather distant but the bonus was being right opposite the Royal family as they and we waited for the Windsor greys with the State landau occupied by the happy couple passing by to cheers from the crowd.

You may have seen more detail on TV but to be able to absorb the atmosphere and to feel part of such a special occasion was an experience never to be forgotten. PJM

THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

Roll of Honour - information appeal

IT appears that there may be no direct descendants within the parish to the seven servicemen who died during the First World War and are listed on the Roll of Honour in St Leonard's (see p3). If any readers have information, photographs or other associated items about these men please contact Jason on 441015.

Downham School

THE History Group is continuing its research into the history of Downham School and meets again on Tuesday 10th July at 7.30 pm at the Village Hall. We are designing a public event for September in order to provide an opportunity for past pupils and others to come forward with more information

GARDEN CLUB

It was a beautiful Summer's evening when garden club members gathered at Greendale View Kitchen to start their Chairman's Walk.

Our many thanks go to Ralph who very kindly led the walk around some of the estate grounds. Everyone agreed that his knowledge of the land and trees helped to make it a wonderful evening. A lovely pie and pea supper was provided by Louise and Ashley followed by the usual raffle.

The midsummer sunset seen from Greendale was magnificent. All in all a great way to spend a beautiful June evening.

Our next outing will be on Thursday, July 5th. Cars meeting at the bridge on Main Street will leave around 7pm for Bernard and Carolyn's Garden at Ings End. BB7 4EH

And spare schedules for the Flower Show on 1st August are available on the table at church. And please raffle and tombola prizes for the Gardens open. CA

COFFEE CLUB

Despite the bad weather we had a good turnout at our June meeting. Some familiar faces were missing, best wishes Norman, hope to see you back next month and our thoughts and prayers are with Edith and her family too. Thanks also to everyone who helped and contributed in any way.



Our July coffee club is on the 12th at 10.am. Everyone welcome.

**SUMMER MUSIC IN DOWNHAM
The Ribble Valley Music Festival**

What a beautiful afternoon to hold a Summer concert. The sun shone and Downham looked at its very best. We were entertained in the first half by a superb flautist, Ellen Buller. She is a student at Chetham's School of Music in Manchester and played some very energetic pieces. Ellen was accompanied by Paul Greenhalgh on the electric keyboard.

The Burwain singers, a mixed choir, conducted by Peter Young, gave us a wonderful programme in the second half and the audience was very appreciative. The acappella rendition of "Old Pendle" was a joy to listen to. The concert ended with William Blake's "Jerusalem" and the church was filled with the sound of music from the choir and a very enthusiastic audience.

All in all, a fantastic afternoon of first class entertainment. BL

**GARDENS OPEN
Downham Hall, 2 - 4pm,
Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd July**

Plans for this year's Gardens Open are progressing well. Proceeds to benefit The Royal British Legion and the Downham Village Hall. Additional volunteers are always very welcome. Any home-made scones and cakes would be gratefully received, together with raffle prizes and books.

Please contact Olivia on 441210

theWI DOWNHAM WI June meeting was interesting and varied.

INSPIRING WOMEN Firstly, Olive Awbery was thanked for her long-standing work with organising and distributing the WI Hotpot magazine to subscribers and was presented with a potted Chrysanthemum.

This month's speaker, Franklin Schultz, talked about his careers 'From Priesthood to Engineering'. This was quite thought provoking as a series of coincidences meant that he moved from one vocation to another with surprising ease. He summed it up as 'luck' or being in the right place at the right time or was it because of his trustworthiness, empathy and ability to see the bigger picture? But what came across was his modesty and humour from a man who had lead a fascinating life both in South America and the UK.

As members were enjoying tea & cake, Philippa McFall told us of her invitation by the Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashire to the Royal Wedding in recognition of her services to the community. She told us all about her wonderful day in the lower ward grounds of Windsor Castle and of being able to enter the Chapel after the ceremony to see the beautiful flowers and talk to the florist. She had been given a 'goody-bag' which she brought along for us to see.

The next meeting at the village Hall will be on July 19th with members being encouraged to "bring a friend". The evening will include a talk about the important volunteer work done by motorcyclists who deliver blood and other urgent medical supplies throughout the country.

