

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

JULY			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Trinity III	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Mrs E Parker	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
7th	Thursday	4.00 pm	Deanery Farewell Service	Whaley Parish Church	<i>Whalley Deanery Prayer Visit by Bishop Julian</i>	
10th	Trinity IV	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr T McLean		Mr & Mrs P Mercer
16th	Saturday	2.00 pm	Farewell Service for Bishop Julian	Blackburn Cathedral		
17th	Trinity V	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall		Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	<i>Laura Shorrock, Pipe Band—how it's done</i>	
24th	Trinity VI	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron	Mrs P McFall	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
30th	Saturday	pm	Pudding Fest	St Mary's Centre	In aid of Childrens Society part of the Clitheroe Food festival	
31st	Trinity VII	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
AUGUST						
7th	Trinity VIII	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis	Mrs A Wallace	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor
	Sunday	10.00 to 4.00 pm	Gardens Open	Downham Hall	<i>In Aid of Rosemere Foundation and Downham Village Hall refurbishment</i>	

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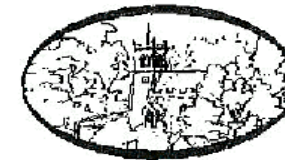
The public Facebook page -
"Downham Village"
The private Facebook page
"Downham & Twiston Residents"
Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham
WI Here to Help"

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.

It's your funeral. Or is it? This month I thought I would share some personal thoughts and reflections on the tricky business of planning your own funeral. Is it something you should do and if so what are the pitfalls? What follows are some suggestions:

Please DO talk about it with your loved ones. There is a commonly held view that talking about death will somehow make it happen. It won't make it happen but it will happen at some point: why not make some sensible preparations?

Please DO make some financial provisions. It doesn't have to be a funeral plan and the fact that there are so many on the market now should make you careful about which one to choose. If you don't make a financial funeral plan then maybe try and set aside some money in a special savings account to cover costs.

Please DO make some plans. Many people I find have put everything that will be needed on their death in a box or a drawer but above all, a place where someone knows where it is.. Did I mention make a will? Everyone needs to make a will (even if like me you think you don't own anything): we used Will Aid which means you see a real solicitor but all the costs go to charity <https://www.willaid.org.uk/>

Please DON'T overplan. What do I mean? Bear in mind that in one sense the funeral is for those you will leave behind: personally I think it is unrealistic to tell people not to be sad. Leave it to the living to work out exactly how to mourn your death and celebrate your life. They will want to include your favourite memories and maybe music so leave some ideas for that but don't be too specific in your requests. For example, at the moment I might say I would like my funeral in a specific church: but years down the line I may have moved somewhere else. Best, in my opinion, is to say church service/no church service, burial or cremation. Or my personal unrealistic favourite: Viking longship burial.

Above all, work on your eulogy qualifications: what would you like someone to say about you when you have died? What is important to you to leave as a legacy for this life - and the next?

Yours in Christ,

Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed: kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward, till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; 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

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	May	2022
Communicants		153
Collections		
		£
Services	509	2,970
Visitors	40	120
Donations	562	2,054
House Boxes	-	-
Special	2,583	8,903
Total	3,694	13,947

IN OUR THOUGHTS PRAYERS

Lord Clitheroe Who is recovering from hospital treatment

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

14th April Alice Lily daughter of Ben and Sonya Scott

HOLY MATRIMONY

4th June Hannah Elizabeth Duerden and Jack David Pickup



THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY— PUDDING FEST
AT CLITHEROE FOOD FESTIVAL SATURDAY 30th JULY
At St Mary's Centre Church Street Clitheroe

Whalley Deanery Children's Society fundraising committee is resuming activities after the enforced break. We are seeking volunteers, donations of cake and pudding for this popular location at the food festival. If you can help please let the vicar or committee members, Philippa, Brian or Tom know.

DIOCESAN BISHOP TO RETIRE

THE Right Reverend Julian Henderson has announced his retirement after nine years as Bishop of Blackburn. Speaking about his retirement he said: "In 2013, I began my time as Bishop with a short prayer visit to each Deanery. I will do the same as I approach my retirement. This will be to give thanks to God for the blessings He has bestowed in the last nine years and to look to Him afresh for what lies ahead. "I also plan to affirm my message that we must take the Bible, as the revealed word of God, seriously; 'useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness'.

As I travel round this beautiful County which has been home to me and my wife Heather for nearly 10 years, I will be praying for the people who live here. Lancashire will always hold a special place in our hearts."

During his tenure as the ninth Bishop of Blackburn, Bishop Julian has overseen a huge transformative programme to reposition the work of the Diocese. Most notably and prayerfully in 2015/2016, he led the launch of a new strategic approach to our work entitled 'Vision 2026, Healthy Churches Transforming Communities'

The Anglican Diocesan Bishop for the County of Lancashire, Rt Rev. Julian Henderson, has made his final speech in the House of Lords

It comes as the countdown continues to Bishop Julian's retirement and just over two years since he was first welcomed to the Lords as one of the 26 'Lords Spiritual'.

Bishop Julian said: "My nearly nine years as the Bishop of Blackburn are drawing to a close and I shall be moving from the special Red Rose County of Lancashire, where it has been a joy to live and serve and where we celebrate Her Majesty the Queen in our singing of the National anthem as the 'Duke of Lancaster'.

The North has been more than welcoming to a complete Southerner and, as with all places where clergy serve, a bit of my heart will remain there. Bishop Julian continued saying: "In our Diocesan Vision for 2026 (the 100th anniversary of the creation of the diocese) we have set out to make the church community a healthy influence in every situation. "We are not cutting back but planting new gatherings in places where Christian worship and witness have been absent most notably on urban estates.

In his speech, part of a debate on a report into the 'stresses upon the Union of the United Kingdom', Bishop Julian also took the opportunity to emphasise the importance of the current 'levelling up agenda' saying: "Reducing the gaps in our society in terms of wealth and aspiration (is) something we in the North West are desperate to see taken forward. Government support for the Eden North project in Morecambe Bay is one example of what will bring massive transformation, in terms of jobs and the growth of the local economy in Lancashire." Bishop Julian also highlighted lack of reference in the Report to the 'impact that the faith and charity sector might play in strengthening life and cooperation across the United Kingdom'.

"What is more, the presence now of strong other faith communities in the UK challenges that Christian heritage, as we make this country a place in which all faiths can practice without fear or favour.

"As this House carries out its vital role of scrutiny of legislation and comment on the complex issues of the day, the prayer at the start of each sitting for wisdom and right judgement will continue to be my prayer for your Lordships House; though I will no longer have the privilege to be present. I am grateful to you all for your good wishes."

The farewell prayer visit to the Whalley Deanery will take place at 4.00 pm on Thursday, 7th July at Whalley Parish Church. The final Service at Blackburn Cathedral will take place at 2.00 pm on Saturday, 16th July.



FESTIVAL BOWLAND

A chance to "pop over" Pendle Hill on the **6th** of July and find out all about Sabden's industrial past on this guided walk hosted by the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership.

The day, which runs from 10am until 3pm, will offer a circular exploration of Sabden's industrial history, discovering the 17th century remains of Heyhouses and the crucial role played by water in the 18th-19th century calico printworks and the 19th century cotton mills.

The walk finishes with the 'Lost Railway', disastrous fires and Sabden's 'Water Wars'.

Walkers will need stout shoes or boots, clothing appropriate to the weather, plus a packed lunch and a drink.

The route is approximately 3 ½ miles long with uneven ground, fields, lanes and tracks, some moderate slopes and possible stiles.

Dogs welcome but must be kept on a short lead.

Booking essential. Please book at <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/BQBI>

Thursday 28th July will see one of the Pendle Hill team's popular Free Family Nature Events, again in Sabden.

Join them from 10am until 1pm on a family friendly 1-3-mile circular walk within the landscape, identifying wildlife as you go, exploring the five senses and discovering hidden views.

The walk is aimed at 4-12-year-olds, but older and younger siblings are welcome to attend. Children must be accompanied by a parent/carer at all times. Please bring your own food and drink and come dressed appropriately.

Booking essential via website: <https://www.pendlehillproject.com/whats-on>

For further information, or if you have any questions, please email:

PendleHill@ernestcooktrust.org.uk



Flowers with Rosemere

At Downham Hall Open Gardens this August 7th, Helen Addy will be making summer posies for donations to Rosemere - a Charity close to Helen's heart.

Using fresh flowers from the Hall gardens, Helen will also be demonstrating how to make a bouquet using garden-grown British flowers.

Please come along between 10.00 and 4.00 and treat yourself, whilst also helping out a wonderful charity that does so much for local people.



DOWNHAM HALL OPEN GARDEN

FLOWER FARMERS TO COME TO DOWNHAM HALL

Local members of the 'Flowers from the Farm' artisan cut flowers association will be a key feature at Downham Hall when the Gardens open to the public on **Sunday 7th August**. Kirsten Mackay of Henthorn Farm Flowers, Lois Pearson from Country Girl Flowers, Sara Barrow from Flowers with Passion, and Tracey Graham of The Mindful Seasonalist have joined flower and foliage supplier the Downham Estate to celebrate the organisation's annual 'Flower Farmers' Big Weekend' and raise much needed money for charity.

As well as informal tours of the kitchen and cutting gardens and borders and advice from the expert florists, a number of Ribble Valley plant growers will be at the event including the award-winning Holden Clough Nursery. The Langden Grill Food Truck will be on-site providing delicious food all day (10-4), with tea and cake additionally available in the courtyard from 2 onwards.

Prosecco and a violinist in the Rose Garden, the Royal Preston Morris Dancers, Mrs Dowson's ice creams, the popular 'Human Fruit Machine', a classic car display, music and locally made craft products – including Mountain Croft Living fleeces - will all add to the festival atmosphere. All proceeds from the day will go to Rosemere Cancer Foundation's 25 Years Anniversary Guiding Light Appeal and the Downham Village Hall Refurbishment Project.

Sunday 7th August. 10-4. Tickets - £5 (cash if possible). Under 5's free. Free Parking. Downham Hall, Downham, Clitheroe, Lancashire BB7 4DN.

<https://www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk/event/the-flower-farmers-big-weekend-2022>
www.rosemere.org.uk
<http://www.downhamvillage.org.uk/index.php/downham-village-hall>

Organisers would be very grateful for any raffle prizes, human fruit machine prizes and anyone who has a gazebo they might be able to lend if the weather is either boiling hot or a bit chilly they should get in touch with Olivia



THE PARISH CHURCH

HYMNS ON THE GREEN

OUR WHITSUNDAY Singing on the green, celebration made a welcome return and was due to have followed the fun day on Hare Green at 3.00 pm on 5th June accompanied by Barnoldswick Brass Band. Having, due to the miserable weather, moved the Fun Day to Church the programme was changed and the band, together with our Priest-in-charge :Canon Froud led the singing. This was followed by a half an hour jubilee celebratory concert.

SUMMER CONCERT

THE SUMMER concert at St Leonard's Church returning this year, on Saturday 11th June at 7.30 pm was given by the Lancaster Singers, a group established over forty years ago with a fine reputation for choral music across a wide ranging repertoire..

It was great to resume our annual summer event with such a marvellous ensemble and programme. The range covered by the line up presented was incredibly inclusive within the theme of Darkness and Light, making a really satisfying experience for the varied tastes of our audience.

The Singers sent us this message:
From the performer's perspective it's always much better when there's the opportunity to sing to a receptive and appreciative audience. That was certainly the case on Saturday



RIGHT ROYAL FAMILY FUNDAY

WITHOUT the village hall to fall back into the decision to move indoors was quickly taken by the Church wardens and some tables transported to church where the space for a street party might have been heaven sent. So we had space, music, tables and chairs shelter from the elements, the company of friends and refreshments what more was needed to make a successful party? A Brass Band, possibly.

Thanks to the organisers and helpers and driving force Daniel a very pleasant afternoon was spent in celebration of HM. We look forward to getting our Village Hall back.

DOWNHAM PRESCHOOL

ONCE AGAIN we are in the final few weeks of this academic year (where has it gone).

We have been out and about in the village enjoying the sunshine, ice-cream and playing games on the green. We have also had a sports day and picnic in the hall gardens, I hope we weren't too noisy.

We have some changes ahead Sarah Dent who has been here for 17 years is retiring, she is going to have some quality time with her family.

I (Susan Carter) am also taking a step back and will be working in a consultancy role, getting Gemma Hartley the new manager up to speed with everything before I will bow out quietly. I have been at Downham for more than 30 years as a parent and then a staff member, I have loved every minute of my time here, Downham is one of my most favourite places in the Ribble Valley, so you will be seeing me around the village enjoying ice-cream and coffee. Happy summer everyone
The staff at Downham Preschool

28 MEMBERS and two guests, had an excellent evening learning how to make the most of flowers. Helen Addy, of Valley Vintage, made a fabulous arrangement which she raffled in support of Rosemere, with Helen sharing her amazing story about her cancer journey and the support she receives from Rosemere. Suitably inspired, Members were then able to have a go with their own flowers, and make their own flower arrangement, with Helen adding the finishing touches with ribbon etc. These were put into eco-friendly flower boxes to take home.



There was also a demonstration of how to make a base for a floral arrangement suitable as a table runner, or door arch etc.

Raffle winner Mollie, who was thrilled with the beautiful flower arrangement. The competition winner for Flower arrangement in a teacup was Sharron.

Lancashire Federation WI have Diaries and Calendar for 2023 available to order

The competition for best Lancashire Building photograph is open, which will be the theme for the 2024 calendar. 200 club subscribers renewal is being taken, with chance to win prizes.

At the Annual Council Meeting held on 11 June in Liverpool, the Resolution, ADHD urgent research and support to be made more available for women and girls. Was passed with 95% of the vote. This will now be taken forward as a Campaign.

ACCRINGTON PIPE BAND is the oldest civilian pipe band in the United Kingdom and reputedly the world, formed in 1885. The band takes part annually in a number of events including carnivals, galas and fetes. Each year the band plays at the Royal British Legion's Remembrance Day parade in Accrington and at Skipton's famous Christmas markets. You will find regular updates on upcoming public events on their

WI Platinum Jubilee Picnic

Originally planned to be held on the green, on Thursday, 9th, it was a lovely surprise that the copse with the bunting from the weekend was made available. However despite the beautiful morning sunshine, the weather turned very windy and cool, giving concern by teatime. Permission granted to hold it in the Church, what a relief, and grateful thanks. Hasty preparation, and thanks to Barbara and Brian, all was made ready. The quiz was pegged out on the bunting, we passed the parcel, presented the winners prizes and enjoyed our picnics, toasted her majesty, and sang the National Anthem. Judith had prepared a delicious fruit cake, together with a sponge cake, which was gratefully received. Then table looked wonderful laden with all the food, and lots of fun and laughter had by all. Thank you to all who helped make it a night to remember!

Next meeting on 21 July 2022 at Calf's Head Worston, starting at 7.30pm. Laura Shorrock, from Accrington Pipe Band—how it's done and have a go. How difficult can it be? Find out!! Visitors, new members always welcome;

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