

PARISH CALENDAR 2017						
June		Event		Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Sandra Silk—The AONB	
4th	Whitsun Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev. Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Marlow Mrs E. Parker
		3.00 pm	Rev. Andy Froud	Hymn Singing on the Green - Barnoldswick Band		
5th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise		Chatburn Methodist Church	
8th	Thursday	7.00 am- 10.00 pm	Polling Day	Village Hall		
9th	Friday	10.00 am	Coffee Club			
11th	Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	Matins Rev. Brian Whiteley	Mrs A Wallace		Mr & Mrs H. Brown
14th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev. Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
15th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	Melanie Doyle Makeup Artist	
18th	Trinity I	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev. Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall		Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
		2.00 pm	Concert	Church	The Bowland Suite and Opera Programme	
19th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Christ Church Chatburn		
24th	Saturday	5.00 pm	Great French Celebration	Village Hall	Celebrate the return of the "Channel" swimmer in aid of Rosemere Cancer Care	
25th	Trinity II	11.00 am	Matins Rev. Anne Hardacre	Mr I Walton		Mr & Mrs B Lewis
28th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev. Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
July						
2nd	Trinity III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev. Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
3rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	Chatburn Methodist Church		
6th	Thursday	6.00 pm	Garden Club	Garden Makers Visit		

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

June 6th marks the 73rd anniversary of the D-Day landings. A few days after the landings a German officer encountered a US supply depot, really just a pile of stuff nearly a mile long. He told his driver the war was lost. The driver asked why, and he said, in effect, "this stuff wasn't even here three days ago, it was in England, and here is a pile of food and equipment, the likes of which I haven't seen during my entire time in the army. Hats, boots, butter. They came ashore with us fighting them and still managed to bring this here. We cannot beat them."

Sometimes we can feel that the gospel has been defeated. Long ago the big money was behind the church; now we don't have to look far to see new housing developments, new shopping outlets springing up as churches fall empty and into disrepair. But wealth doesn't always win. Jesus took his slack-jawed, amazed disciples through Herod's grand temple. I like to think of them licking their ice creams, taking selfies of themselves with the literally dazzling white marble building behind them as Jesus told them: "not one of these stone will be left on top of another"

Do the big guns always win? Certainly America's economic might and the amazing technology that made the D-Day landing possible all played their part but ultimately it is ideas that are defeated: the racist ideology of the Third Reich is what doomed it right from the beginning, even though it took untold suffering and millions of deaths to defeat that idea.

I have been privileged to live through a time when apartheid ended in South Africa: my children find it hard to believe that a country could have laws based on racism. But in 1967, two years after my birth, a married couple were jailed in the US: their crime? One was black, the other white. I have seen so much change but there is still much to do: the battle goes on but hope, love and life will win in the end.

Yours in Christ

GOD, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, 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		
	April	2017
COMMUNICANTS	76	147
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	284	770
VISITORS	38	97
DONATIONS	630	1531
HOUSE BOXES	81	150
SPECIAL	200	2877
TOTAL	1233	5425

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick Carole Ashworth Linda Whitsey

FAREWELL & Best Wishes

JIMMY AND PHYLLIS JACKSON have moved to Clitheroe after many years in Downham. They rented New Close in 1968, though they only moved there from Hey House when Jimmy “retired” from full time farming. For the last few years he has kept his hand in a relatively few acres around the farmstead. We hope that the conveniences of town life will compensate for the peace and quiet that they have been used to. RCA

IAN DENBY has also decided that it is time to forgo the delights (and rigours) of farming and has moved from Ravensholme after spending most of his life there. Again we wish him well and trust that a change will be as good as a rest. RCA

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

6th May Michael James Barker and Hannah Ruth Bowness both of Clitheroe

SPECTATOR

DID you see the film with Jack Nicholson. AS GOOD AS IT GETS? It was a comedy about a very selfish man with OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder). One of my favourite bits is when he tries to push in and see his counsellor without an appointment. When the counsellor sends him packing, he goes into the waiting room and shouts, “ what if this is as good as it gets?” You can see the faces looking panicky and an audible groan can be heard as everyone contemplates this. Well... what if this IS as good as it gets?

I went to Liverpool this week, expecting another “tweak” and was told that I am doing really well and if you look at the benefits of the operation, sleeping better, medication cut by more than half, which in turn has stopped the dyskinesia (the awful jerky movements that dominated every aspect of my life) and no more sticking needles in my body every morning and removing them every night, then it has been a massive success with my life much improved. So why don't I feel that it has? Why did I feel so down when I was told that other symptoms cannot be helped by this treatment? I have to look at ways to get myself going when I suddenly “freeze” and cannot move or train my brain to think of something at the same time as walking. This so that I won't stop when someone talks to me or stops right in front of me because I can't do two things at once.

The DBS nurse (deep brain stimulation). said that he has yet to meet a person with Parkies who did not want yet another tweak. Well I know why now, it's because no matter that we are told constantly THIS IS NOT A CURE, we think it will be. We hope it will be. We so want it to be the magic thing that makes us a normal person again. It's not. In fact we will never be normal , I will never be normal,I will never be a person without parkies ever again. Ooh, oh ok. I think I have got that. Actually, I never was normal anyway, ask my family and friends. I don't think I even want to be normal whatever normal is. Much more fun being slightly whacky and even better is that when I start to go senile, nobody will notice because I will just be the same as I normally am!

In the film it all ends good for Jack, he gets the girl and manages to keep his weirdness down to acceptable levels. I do love a happy ending, even if we don't always recognise them. We are on holiday to jersey now. Yes, Life is still good. maybe not normal, but never-the-less good

Roy Porter says The Venues for Joyful Noise for June onwards have not been finalised so the usual rotation is shown here. Anyone wishing to check the venue is welcome to ring him on 441690.

MUSIC OF THE FOREST PREMIERE

JOIN US FOR the premiere of a brand new choral work set to music by Lakeland composer, Christopher Gibbs and commissioned by William Bowland. Performed by the Renaissance Singers of Blackburn Cathedral, the evening will feature acclaimed trombonist, John Kenny, playing the carnyx – an ancient Celtic war horn. The performance will take place at Slaidburn Village Hall on the evening of Thursday 15th June and tickets cost £7.50.

Booking is essential and places can be reserved by contacting the Forest of Bowland AONB on 01200 448000 or by emailing sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

BOWLAND AONB BOWLAND FESTIVAL EVENTS IN JUNE

Festival Bowland has some fantastic events in June so make sure you don't miss out on opportunities coming up in the Ribble valley.

Bats about Bowland *Wednesday 7th June 8.30pm – 10.30pm, Slaidburn pay and display car park*

Booking essential. For more information contact the AONB office on 01200 448000 or email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk £2, 2 hours, terrain guide 2, approx ½ mile

Dunsop Valley Ramble and Trumper Trek *Thursday 8th June 11am – 2pm, Dunsop Bridge* Explore the Dunsop Valley deep in the Forest of Bowland either on foot or by Trumper. Bring a packed lunch.

Booking essential. For more information contact the Visit Garstang Centre on 01995 602125, email garstangtc@wyre.gov.uk £3.50/£2.50, 3 hours, terrain guide 3, 6 miles,

RSPB Moorland Walk *Saturday 10th June 9.30am – 2.30pm, Slaidburn pay and display car park initially* Head for the hills where the RSPB will lead a moorland walk from Slaidburn looking for some of Bowland's special upland birds including ring ouzel, merlin and, if you're very lucky, England's rarest bird of prey, the hen harrier. Bring binoculars (or a telescope) if you have them, plus a packed lunch.

Booking essential. For more information please contact the RSPB office on 01524 581001 or email bowlandsafari@rspb.org.uk £5, 5 hours, terrain guide 3, approx 3 miles

Once Upon a Time.... *Sunday 11th June 1pm – 2pm, Gisburn Forest Hub* Spend a very special hour with storyteller, Sue Allonby, when we'll wander through the woodlands then gather for fantastic tales which will be sure to delight! A great event for families with children of four years and over. Adults come free.

ROAD WORKS

AFTER months of observing the white painted hieroglyphs on Twiston Lane begin to fade the road men arrived! By the time you read this they should be long gone, but their colleagues with the Surface Dressing should arrive shortly (quite when is a State Secret).

RCA

'THE BIG SWIM'

AS YOU read this I will already have 'set off' swimming from Dover, due to 'arrive' in Calais on June 24th. The proceeds of this Channel Swim are going to Rosemere

On Saturday June 24th @ 5 - 7pm, there will be a French themed celebration in the Village Hall along with Rosemere

For anyone wishing to sponsor me there is a Justgiving page at www.justgiving.com/Helen-Addy or tel. 441015 to sponsor on a traditional form. Many thanks. HA



RETURNS TO

DOWNHAM

THE MUSIC FESTIVAL summer season of Ribble Valley Proms brings a special double bill of quality live music to St Leonards Church at 2.00 pm on Sunday 18th June.

A landmark performance of the *Forest of Bowland Suite* will be performed by *The Stonebridge String Quartet* and narrated by composer Chris Gibbs who will discuss his inspiration to capture the beauty of the area with his five captivating movements: Early Summer on Pendle Hill. Clitheroe Market, Noonday Sun on Beacon Fell, Teatime in Chipping and Moon over Downham

The growing demand for opera will be met by *Preston Opera* who bring emotions and passions to a selection of popular arias.

Advance tickets are advised as previous events have sold out.

These are £8 including light refreshment

Obtainable from Roy Porter Butchers, Chatburn or call 01254 384893 or 01200 440925

All proceeds will be donated to the church.

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

DVH
DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL

A great time was had by all; dancing from the moment the music started until closing time and most people were in 1960's and 70's style and there were some sights to behold, believe me! A 1960s /70s menu of Chicken and Chips in the basket followed by trifle and the original baked cheesecake was provided by Greendale View Kitchen. Superb! Thank you Trevor, Louise, Ash and Kelsey. We had memorabilia from the era, including photos and albums from Diane's Whistle Down the Wind experience and Gillian Taylor's celebrations as Miss GB 1963. The DJ, Keith Harrison (Warner Holidays) from Whalley promised us a great night, and it was. Some of us couldn't walk properly in the morning!

Watch out for the next gig; Band Aid and the 1980's

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THE PARISH CHURCH

JOYFUL NOISE

THE Joyful Noise group meets as follows in June—see pages 7 & 8.

PRAYING FOR SUNSHINE

DOWNHAM VILLAGE GREEN will be hosting its increasingly popular annual outdoor hymn singing event on Sunday 4th June at 3 pm. This year, for the first time, Barnoldswick Brass Band will be accompanying the singing. Organised by the congregation of St Leonard's Downham the event has seen growing numbers of all ages coming together in the outstandingly beautiful surroundings of Downham Village to sing together for the afternoon and enjoy ice creams and refreshments from the village ice cream shop.

Priest in Charge Revd Andy Froud said "The Book of Common Prayer of 1662 has a collect, a special prayer, for fair weather which the church will be using in the run-up to June 4th. But Jesus told us that God causes the rain to fall on the just and the unjust so we'll make sure we have some tents for protection. Whatever the weather - we will have a great sing AF

GARDENS OPEN

SOME HELP would still be greatly appreciated with the Teas at the Gardens Open on 22nd or 23rd July. Please contact Olivia if you can spare an hour or so.

COFFEE CLUB

MAY'S coffee club went "swimmingly" excuse the pun.. We had a mixture of regulars and visitors, including Helen's and Jason's families, who helped mark the first leg of Helen's "Channel Swim".



The room looked really patriotic and welcoming, with special napkins, beautiful vintage crockery and very clever floral decorations, which included mini union flags, courtesy of our very talented Frances. There was an abundance of cakes and thanks go to Di, Molly and Philippa. for their delicious contributions.

Donations to Rosemere, rather than the usual charge for refreshments, were very good and raised more than £ 60. Thank you to everyone for your generosity. We all agreed it had been a wonderful morning , and a wonderful atmosphere too.

The event was rounded off with the obligatory group photo ,taken by the equally talented Molly ,our resident photographer.

Our thanks go to Helen and Jason for all their hard work and on everyone's behalf we wish Helen the best of British luck on her Dover to Calais fund raising swim.....

ATTENTION PLEASE...Owing to the V H being unavailable on Thursday the 8th of June , because of the General Election, we're having it on Friday the 9th, instead.. Please try and make it , it's not the same without you,

BL

HELEN ADDY would like to thank everyone who attended the `Great British Tea Party at May's Coffee Club. There was fantastic support for "The Big Swim". Also, special thanks to helpers who trimmed up the hall ,made flower arrangements and baked delicious cakes.

Downham Village Hall

The 60's night was great fun and made a profit of £269. for Village Hall Funds

DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

THE NEXT meeting of the Group is on Tuesday 6th June at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm and the topic is one of great local interest and a part of the Heritage Lottery Fund *Pendle Landscape* project. Archaeologist Michael Wood will be speaking about Witches, Warriors and Burials -The results of 6 months of archaeological investigation into the areas surrounding Pendle Hill.

JP

THE GARDEN CLUB

THE Chairman's Annual Walk on May 4th, left Greendale Cafe at 7 pm destination unknown by everyone, except our Chairman, Dave Awbery of course, and he was saying nowt! The fainthearted amongst us, including myself, retired indoors, to claim the best seats and have a welcome drink.



After about an hour, the walkers returned from their not so arduous walk around one of the beautiful corners of the Downham Estate where they had viewed the bluebells at their best and the fine trees that adorn the area towards Chatburn. When our walkers had recovered from all their exertions, Louise and Ashley served a delicious supper of either Steak Pie or Cheese and Onion Pie, with mushy peas of course.

We had the obligatory raffle, and the Rutherfords generously donated a bottle of fine wine, for which we thank them.. The atmosphere was very pleasant and everyone agreed that we'd yet another very successful and enjoyable "Annual Chairman's Walk". Our thanks go to Dave for his orienteering skills and to Carole for her well developed sense of smell, in sniffing out a delicious pie!

The next meeting is Thursday 1st June at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm the speaker is our very own Sandra Silk who is to tell us about the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that makes up the Forest of Bowland.

BL



At the May Meeting it is the tradition that members discuss and decide which resolution will be

taken to our AGM in June in order to publicise it and to lobby Parliament. The two resolutions were explained by Vice President Diane Poole:-

The first, "Plastic Soup", concerns tiny microplastic fibres which are shed from synthetic clothing when washed and later released into the oceans of the world, thereby entering the food chain, thus being absorbed by fish, animals and humans causing as yet unknown illnesses. Government should initiate more research into its prevention.

The second, "Loneliness", recommends that the WI work with health and social care to raise awareness of the implications of loneliness in all age groups.

The "Plastic Soup" resolution was chosen by our members.

Frances Garner encouraged members to enter the Clitheroe Area WI Show in July. The cake stall at the forthcoming Downham Hall Open Gardens was also debated at length, now that the EU rules have to be followed with regard to allergens.

The evening ended with a cheese and wine supper, enjoyed by all.

JN

RAINFALL

AFTER a wet March—7.35 inches (the average is 3.11) we only had 1.16 inches in April which is half the 2.35 inch average. May seems unlikely to reach the 2.76 inch average. So far this year we have had 15.7 inches, against an average of 13.5.



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