

PARISH CALENDAR 2022						
JUNE			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Craft & Laugh	Worston	Downham WI venture—non members welcome	
5th	Whit Sunday	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Mrs A Wallace	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs J Shepherd
	Sunday	12.30 pm	Right Royal Funday	Croft	Parish Jubilee celebration	
	Whit Sunday	3.00 pm	Hymns on the Green	Hare Green	Accompanied by Barnoldswick Brass Band	
11th	Saturday	7.30 pm	Concert	Church	Choral Concert The Lancaster Singers	
12th	Trinity Sunday	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mrs K Herron		Mr & Mrs I Walton
16th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	Midsummer Flowers—Helen Addy	
19th	Trinity I	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis	Mrs M Mercer	Mrs J Feibel Mrs A Wallace
26th	Trinity II	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Mr & Mrs A Herron
JULY						
3rd	Trinity III	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs E Parker	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mrs P McFall Mrs M. Roskell
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<p><b>Downham Social Media Resources</b> The public Facebook page - "Downham Village" The private Facebook page "Downham &amp; Twiston Residents" Various Whatsapp groups including "Downham WI Here to Help"</p>				<p><b>CHURCH RESOURCES</b> Regular worship is streamed by Canon Andy Froud on <b>Youtube</b> via St. Mary Magdalene website www.stmarysclitheroe.co.uk</p>		

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

# newsletter

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From Canon Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

As a good Yorkshireman (is there any other kind?) I love a bargain. So I was delighted when I was given a Kindle and discovered the free content you can download. I was intrigued to discover the text of the Queen's Speech. Partly I confess because it is rare for me to watch the broadcast itself, generally having a nap by the time Christmas Day afternoon comes around.

I was delighted to discover a careful and thoughtfully composed piece of writing through which the Queen's deep personal Christian faith shone brightly through. In fact were I able to craft a sermon as well I would be very pleased: in fact, it read as a sermon as well as any that I have read.

The Queen's Christian faith has been the bedrock of her reign, rooted in duty, sacrifice and love. I think that both her defenders and her critics would agree that the institution of the monarchy has survived in its current form into the 21st century due largely to her dedication and resilience. What the future holds for our nation and the monarchy I cannot predict with any confidence. We look around the world: the United Kingdom is the only country in Europe which still practices coronation. We look back and remember that England briefly lived under a Commonwealth and then under a Protectorate: if, as an increasing number of people demand, the monarchy is abolished then it is up to them to propose a better system.

Beyond what the future may hold for our nation, the monarchy and the Church of England of which the Queen is the Supreme Governor, is the Christian faith in Jesus, whose Kingship both subverts worldly pretensions to power in His service and sacrifice and whose Kingdom is everlasting.

Enjoy your Platinum Jubilee celebrations!

### Your Servant Elizabeth

Gracious God, we give You thanks  
For the reign of your Servant Elizabeth our Queen  
and for the example of loving and faithful service  
which she has shown among us  
Help us to follow her example of dedication  
And to commit our lives to You and to one another  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

### DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES

	April	2022
Communicants	42	153
<b>Collections</b> £		
Services	334	2,361
Visitors	30	80
Donations	376	1,492
House Boxes	-	-
Special	3,529	6,320
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,884</b>	<b>10,253</b>

### FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

#### HOLY BAPTISM

**Sunday 27th March** Eve May daughter of Simon and Caroline Morris of Grindleton

**Sunday 8th May** Alexander Luca Jeffries

#### HOLY MATRIMONY

**Saturday 14th May** Elliott James Thomas and Joanna Louise Foster of Manchester

### Hedges

A MATURE parishioner noted that field boundary hedges appeared to be getting taller around the Parish as the years pass. They wondered whether this was a Carbon absorbing strategy? While this may be an additional advantage, it was not the initial objective. Tall (and, even better, broad) hedges provide more opportunities for birds to nest, plants to flower and animals to find sanctuary. Tall hedges also provide more of a landscape feature and offer more visual and wind protection than shorter ones. RCA

### Churchyard sheep

THE PCC is trying to do what little they can to use less fuel and be generally as eco friendly as possible. Therefore the sheep are once more peacefully grazing the Churchyard. They will only be nibbling there periodically during the summer and the electric fence will only be up when the sheep are in residence. Please be sure to close the gate in the electric fence, should you spot it open. It would be unpopular with most of us if they find their way into the Church itself! RCA

Following receipt of the piece about sheep grazing the church yard I recount a short conversation which took place last Sunday. I was joined by another parishioner in gazing over the electric fence ruminating with the sheep on the pastoral scene. "Oh" she said "Can't we find anyone to cut it?" An interesting conversation followed touching on the average age of volunteers in the CofE and on the commitment required to mow the church yard regularly – you either rewild or you cut - or, as Bob Swarbrick used to say about mowing lawns, "once a week or once .a year". We talked about being unable to put flowers on the graves and alternatives available such as putting a vase on a window sill inside church or doing the altar flowers in memory of someone buried at St Leonard's.

This little interlude led me to think about the costs and benefits of our flock to our Flock. On the plus side a saving of time or, in the absence of volunteers, wages, and saving of petrol. On the minus, time taken to erect the temporary fencing, time to transport the flock to and from their temporary grazing, I leave out the carbon emission difference between a dozen sheep versus the petrol mower. Cutting every 2 weeks between April and September using the living wage, (and it could cost considerably more) plus petrol, sheep save us about £500 a year. Ed

### Bells

JOYOUSLY (for us ringers), most of the ringing team have now returned to Tuesday evening practices. To the surprise of some, we have not forgotten everything over the two years of Covid! With the help of some tuition from the Lancashire Association of Bell Ringers we are almost on the cusp of ringing "methods". These are the tunes that can be rung on Church bells, rather than the scales that we have been ringing to date. Due to the huge size and cumbersome nature of bells, methods are ever changing mathematical permutations, rather than tunes that can be played on more finger sensitive musical instruments.

Feel free to drop in on a Tuesday evening to learn a bit more. You wont be Press-Ganged into joining!





## FESTIVAL BOWLAND

**HAY MEADOWS** are a special habitat that has suffered a massive decline over the last century. Here in the Forest of Bowland we have been working hard to restore this habitat through our Hay Time projects.

This summer, the Forest of Bowland AONB and Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust are organising a series of meadow-themed art workshops. These fun, informal sessions will offer the chance to find out more about this rare and very important habitat – and to create a beautiful piece of artwork to take home.

### Acrylic Painting

Sun, 3 July, 13:30 – 16:00, Newton-in-Bowland

Join local artist, Keith Parkinson, and learn how to make observational drawings of traditional meadow flowers, before transforming them into vibrant, colourful paintings on canvas.

### Fused Glass

Sat, 9 July, 13:30 – 16:00, Caton, Lancaster

Lune Valley artist, Anne Somers, will guide you through each stage of the fused glass process to help you create colourful pieces reflecting flowers, grasses, bees - in fact, whatever takes your meadow imagination!

### Ceramic Tiles

Date and venue TBC (Venue likely to be in the Pendle Hill area). Details to follow.

**Cost:** £15 per person per workshop. All tuition and materials provided.

A choice of two, free, guided meadow walks will provide inspiration for these creative workshops. Participants booking a workshop are encouraged to come along and enjoy one of these walks beforehand, but this is not essential.

## Wednesday 15th June, 10am - 1pm, Gisburn Forest, Slaidburn

Chance to explore a real meadow 'hub' in Bowland! Over the course of this three-and-a-half mile walk we will find out about the meadow restoration work at Gisburn Forest Hub, visit the Biological Heritage Site at St. James' Chapel and enjoy the flora at Black House Farm, where the meadows have been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

### And don't forget **National Meadows Day!**

(Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July)

<https://www.forestofbowland.com/national-meadow-day-2022>

## FREE DRY STONE WALLING TRAINING COURSES WITH THE PENDLE HILL LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

Have you always wanted to know how to build a dry stone wall? Well now you can -for free!

Our popular dry stone walling courses are back! Why not take this free opportunity to learn a new skill, develop existing skills, or turn your hobby into a career?

As our Traditional Boundaries project draws to a close, these will be the final FREE courses we have on offer, and this is your last chance to get involved - so don't delay! Beginners can learn the craft with our excellent tutor Alan Rhodes Dry Stone Walling, on Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th June 2022

Why not gain a professional qualification and join in with the 10 day Level 1 course held every Thursday and Friday from 28th & 29th July until 25th & 26th August, led by Master Craftsman Philip Dolphin. *Minimum age 18 years. Previous walling experience is useful but not essential. You will need to attend for all 10 days*

Both opportunities are being held in Fence. You will need to wear suitable clothing, bring your own drink and food, and have access to transport in order to attend.

For more information please contact:

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# DOWNHAM HALL OPEN GARDEN

FLOWER FARMERS TO COME TO DOWNHAM HALL

**Sunday 7th August. 10-4.**

**Tickets - £5 (cash if possible). Under 5's free**

**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 '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 and growers, a number of Ribbles 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 afternoon teas and cakes additionally available in the courtyard from 2 onwards.

English sparkling wine in the Rose Garden, Mrs Dowson's ice creams, the popular 'Human Fruit Machine', children's activities, music and lots of locally made craft products – including Mountain Croft Living fleeces – will all add to the festival atmosphere.

There will be information stands run by local environmental groups, as well as Rosemere Cancer Foundation who, along with Downham Village Hall, will receive all profits from the event.





**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**HYMNS ON THE GREEN**

OUR WHITSUNDAY Singing on the green, celebration is making a welcome return and will take place on Hare Green at 3.00 pm on 5th June accompanied by Barnoldswick Brass Band.

The congregation of St Leonard's invites parish and visitors to Join for half an hour of informal worship singing old favourites.

**WHITSUN WALKS—FILM**

ON THE subject of Whitsun traditions there is a fascinating short film from 1913 showing the Whitsun Marches in Clitheroe. The film is to be found at <https://player.bfi.org.uk/free/film/watch-whitsuntide-processions-at-clitheroe-1913-1913-online>

**SUMMER CONCERT**

ANOTHER revival is the summer concert at St Leonard's Church. This year, on Saturday 11th June at 7.30 pm we welcome the Lancaster Singers, a group established over forty years ago with a fine reputation for choral music across a wide ranging repertoire.

For further information and purchase of tickets on line see the singers' website [www.lancastersingers.org](http://www.lancastersingers.org) and sample their performances on you tube <https://www.youtube.com/user/LancasterSingers>

Locally, tickets are available from Barbara on 440925.



**RIGHT ROYAL FAMILY FUNDAY  
SUNDAY 5th JUNE 12.30 ONWARDS  
IN THE CROFT OPPOSITE THE  
ICECREAM SHOP**

Daniel Frizzell has written to Downham and Twiston Residents

Hello

It is not long until the village jubilee party and we are all looking forward to welcoming you and your family. Just to update on the day we will have some games for the children, the Children's fancy dress competition and a raffle.

Please note that no dogs will be allowed into the event mainly due to food been on the floor on blankets for some people.

Once again we are looking forward to seeing you on the day for a very long awaited village get together.

**Amy Louise** Adds

Don't forget optional 50s or patriotic dress



**DOWNHAM JUNE 1953**

**Downham From  
Roman Days**

ONE of the principal features of Downham's celebrations will be a pageant to be held in the grounds of Downham Hall, to-morrow, Saturday, at 3 p.m.

The pageant will depict the history of the village since the Roman days and will include the arrival of the Asshetons in Elizabethan times.

Taking part will be all the schoolchildren and several adults, and the pageant, written by Mrs. W. I. Todd and Miss D. Harrison, and produced by Mr. K. Taylor, will include a Coronation ceremony when the Queen will be Edna Mackay, and her attendants Mary Singleton and Dorothy Seed.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

Special services will be held at the Church on Sunday and on Coronation Day, when a children's tea, given by Sir Ralph Assheton, Bart, will be held at Downham Hall. At the function, the children will receive a souvenir in the form of a spoon. The cost of these has been defrayed out of a special fund which was started by a house-to-house collection.

Several events to raise funds have already been held in the village. Of these, a whist drive and dance raised £21, which has been set aside for the provision of a permanent reminder in the village.

Members, and guests, met at the Calf's Head Worston on 19 May 2022 for their Members Night.



The Resolution for this year's Annual Meeting on 11 June 2022 at Liverpool was discussed and approved. The importance of ADHD diagnosis and delays in Women and girls.

There was fun and laughter during the Handbag Bingo, ladies do seem to have lots of things tucked away in their handbags, who knew!! Winner was Barbara Lewis.

Reflections were then a theme, with members looking at several aspects of their lives in relation to covid, then and now. Lots of lively interaction.

Denise was able to show members the wonderful craft items she has been doing since attending the Craft and Laugh group, lovely creative boxes and cards. In the meantime, suggestions for Outings were fast and furious and members are now looking forward to the picnic on 9th June, to Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee together.

The June meeting is a flower demonstration by Helen Addy, Midsummer Flowers, with opportunity have a go with own flowers as well as watching how it's done, and a chance to win one of the two Floral arrangements by Helen. 16 June 2022, start at 7.30pm at Calf's Head Worston. In the meantime coffee/Chat on 1st June 10.00am at Shackletons hosted by Sharron.

Craft and Laughter. Also on 1st June, 7pm Mission Room Worston, decorative boxes is the theme!

New members and guests always welcome. Look forward to seeing you!

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