

PARISH CALENDAR 2018						
MARCH			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Tim Melling—RSBP</i>	
2nd	Friday	2.00 pm	Women's World Day of Prayer	Chatburn Methodist Church		
		7.00 for 7.30 pm	Quiz	Village Hall	<i>Sponsorship for Scout Jamboree</i>	
4th	Lent III	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	<b>NO</b>	Mrs S Marlow Mrs E. Parker
6th	Tuesday	10.30 am	Banner Group	Village Hall		
7th	Wednesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Church		
8th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	<i>Village Hall</i>		
		6.30 pm	VH Management Cttee	<i>Village Hall</i>		
11th	Lent IV Mothering Sunday	11.00 am	Morning Prayer Rev'd Alex Baker	Mrs B. Lewis	<b>FLOWERS</b>	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
12th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>		
13th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>AGM etc</i>	
14th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	<b>IN</b>	
15th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Birthday Party</i>	
18th	Passion Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	<i>Mrs E. Parker</i>		Mr & Mrs C. Ennis
25th	Palm Sunday	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Ann Hardacre	Mrs P. McFall	<b>LENT</b>	Mr & Mrs B Lewis
26th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Christ Church Chatburn</i>		
28th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis		
31st	Saturday	2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
		3.30 pm	<i>Rededication and Celebration of re-ordering of Clitheroe St Mary Parish Church</i>			
<b>April</b>						
1st	Easter Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace		Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Barbara Charleton—Spring Design</i>	

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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

It's been 1956 since Easter Sunday last fell on April 1st. But whatever the date that it falls on Easter has always been associated with joy and laughter.

The precise beginning of the linkage are lost in mists of time. Someone, probably a monk, was contemplating the events of holy week, with its solemn observances of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the astonishing, earth-shaking events of Easter. "What a surprise ending," he thought. Then suddenly, like a bolt of lightning, he had a new insight. His hearty laugh startled his fellow monks, breaking the silence of their contemplation.

"Don't you see," he cried, "It was a joke! A great joke! The best joke in all history! On Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified, the devil thought he had won. But God had the last laugh on Easter when he raised Jesus from the dead."

The surprise of Easter morning is the defeat of death and evil and the resurrection of Jesus to God's eternal life.

The monks called it "the Easter laugh." The idea spread rapidly, and Easter Monday became known as a "Day of Joy and Laughter" across Orthodox, Catholic, and Protestant countries. In homes and churches, it became common to celebrate God's great joke on the devil with joke-telling sessions.

This year for your Easter egg hunt, try getting the kids to search for eggs you didn't hide.

(Only joking)

Every blessing - looking forward to seeing you all this Easter

**O** Lord, raise up (we pray thee) thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the satisfaction of thy Son our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

<b>ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES</b>	
	January 2018
<b>COMMUNICANTS</b>	35
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	£
SERVICES	202
VISITORS	22
DONATIONS	192
HOUSE BOXES	-
SPECIAL	130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646</b>

#### **IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:**

Kath Swarbrick, Anne Chadwick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Ian Chadwick

#### **FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS Holy Baptism**

**11th February, 2018** Grace Emily daughter of Simon and Caroline Morris

#### **Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership**

**T**HANKS to money raised by National Lottery players, the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership has secured £1.8million from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for its ambitious and exciting four year programme of heritage activity based on and around the iconic hill. The scheme aims to reconnect people with their heritage and the landscape of this special place.

The partnership is led by the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the National Lottery grant award is the result of three years of consultation and development. Also on board with the scheme are local councils, farmers and landowners, arts and environment organisations, and community groups.

There will be lots of opportunities for you to get involved, whether it be through practical volunteering, species surveys, landscape research or a creative input. Our Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership area stretches from Gisburn down to Whalley, and across from Clitheroe to Barrowford/Nelson so look out for activity near you over the next few years!

If you want to share this journey with us and stay up to date with activity, please like our Facebook page 'pendlehillproject' or check out our website

[www.forestofbowland.com/Pendle-Hill-LP](http://www.forestofbowland.com/Pendle-Hill-LP).

#### **SPECTATOR**

Do you remember when I told you about Pollyanna and looking for the good in everything? Pollyanna's dad invented the Glad Game, which was a smart bit of thinking on his part and which possibly saved Christmas Day from disaster when his daughter, hoping to pull out a doll from the Christmas missionary barrel pulled out a pair of crutches instead. Now I've said it once and I will say it again....who puts a pair of crutches in a missionary barrel?!

Anyway, Pollyanna had to say what was good about getting a pair of crutches....and the answer was...you didn't need to use them! I think I may have had a tantrum at that but, the ever cheerful Pollyanna saw the good again.

Because I haven't been feeling too good I was struggling to find something to write about and was going to leave this months Spectator. Then I thought how could I disappoint all my fans, well all 2 of them, cousin Elaine from Bratford and Gill Cragg..so here I am and let's play the glad game

What have I to be glad about when I feel so rotten?

At least I'm here to feel rotten

I have Jon and the best family anyone could ever have

Lucy is getting married this month

We are getting a new car, a red one!

I live in Downham, the best place ever

I have a roof over my head and I'm warm

We are getting a new car...a red one

I have a "Mother of the Bride" outfit for the wedding from Boundary Mill and I look gorgeous!

And I got a hat that doesn't make me look like Freddie Parrot Face Davis!

( remember him?)

Hopefully I will see the Specialist soon and he will make me better

Daffodils are out, warmer weather on its way.. yay

And lastly, we are getting a new car, did I mention it's a red one?!

Happy March everybody and Happy Mothering Sunday on the 11th

#### **Festival Bowland 2018**

##### **Try Out a New Skill!**

HEDGES are a key feature of the Bowland landscape. A good hedge not only helps to create a field barrier, but also provides shelter for stock, plus food and habitat for all manner of birds, small mammals and amphibians.

Laying a hedge to prolong its life is a real art, and an important one if we want to reap the benefits of healthy hedges in years to come. If you'd like to try your hand at this traditional countryside skill, then why not join us for one of our free training sessions this month? We'll be at Higher Gills Farm above Martin Top on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March and beginners will be very welcome.



You'll need to book in advance with the Forest of Bowland AONB office on **01200 448000** or by emailing [sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk). If you'd like to find out more beforehand Sandra will be happy to let you know what's involved. SS

**Friday Night**



**1970s Fever**



**Disco**

Friday 16 March 7.00 pm - 11.30pm

Fish and chip supper

£10 Bar available

Tickets available from Barbara 01200 440925  
& Sue 01200 440912

**Rededication of St Mary's**

Dear friends,

We at St. Mary Magdalene's would like to invite everyone from St. Leonard's Downham, Christ Church Chatburn and St. Paul's Low Moor, Clitheroe to join us on the day before Easter, Saturday afternoon, March 31st from 3.30 - 5 pm for the rededication of our re-ordered church

building.

Bishop Philip is coming for this. The afternoon will include "Messy Easter" for EVERYONE from the youngest to the oldest so bring along your families too. There will be all sorts of activities, and refreshments, as well as the rededication. We look forward to welcoming you.

**RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018**

The previously advertised event at the St Mary's Centre, Clitheroe on Friday 10th March at 8.00 pm entitled Musicals in Concert is CANCELLED

**WOMEN'S WORLD**



**DAY OF PRAYER**

THE interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March with the title 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'

We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this Year by the women of Suriname in South America. Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in.

With its vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it.

Please visit the WWDP website: [www.wwdp.org.uk](http://www.wwdp.org.uk)

The Local Service on 2nd March at 2.00 pm is at the Chatburn Methodists' Church.



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**QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday 2nd March 2018

Downham Village Hall

Doors open at 7.00 Quiz starts at 7.30

Licensed Bar

Tickets £5.00 pp inc. Pie and Peas

Teams of up to 4

Prizes and a Raffle

All proceeds to World Scout Jamboree

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or Carol on 01200 445293.

THE PARISH CHURCH IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTE.R.

THIS MONTH THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY DOWNHAM WI



**THE PARISH CHURCH**

**MOTHERING SUNDAY**

DURING the 16th century, people returned to their mother church for a service to be held in mid Lent; either the church where they were baptised, or the local parish church. Anyone who did this was commonly said to have gone "a-mothering",

Mothering Sunday became a day when domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother church, usually with their own mothers and other family members. It was often the only time that whole families could gather together.

Children and young people who were "in service" (as household servants) were given a day off on that date so they could visit their families (or return to their "mother" church). The children would pick wild flowers along the way to place in the church or give to their mothers. Eventually, the religious tradition evolved into the Mothering Sunday secular tradition of giving gifts to mothers.

**This year Mothering Sunday is on 11th March and at 11.00 am we have a Family Service at which members of the congregation are given bunches of flowers for their mothers.**

**WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

2.00 pm Friday 2nd March  
Chatburn Methodists' Church



**CHURCH CLEANING**

**Welcome to the Rota**

Mr and Mrs Chris Ennis have joined the list of church cleaners. We thank them both.

**GARDEN CLUB**

**Hello Everyone**

It's me again and it's that time of year. Yes, the Garden Club is back on the 1st of March.

The very short A.G.M. will be followed by our first speaker Mr Tim Melling of the R.S.P.B. with slides of birds, animals and flowers of the Arctic. Doors open at 7.00pm, we begin at 7.30pm.

I hope to see you there. Everyone is most welcome. CA



**CANDLE LIGHT SUPPER**

A VERY PLEASANT evening was passed at the Community Church at Henthorne, Clitheroe on 4th February. The Whalley Deanery Fundraising Committee for the Children's Society have organised getting on for 20 of these suppers, in aid of the work of the Society with disadvantaged children. We enjoyed a lasagne supper with delicious puddings, all the work of volunteer cooks. rounded off by Octameron singing their Songs from the Shows programme.

The Evening made over £500 for the society, in donations, from the diners.

The Children's Society has a good following in the Downham congregation, together with their friends. The society is most grateful for their support. TM

**COFFEE CLUB**



IT was a good turnout at February's meeting, although it was Carole's turn to skive this time, but she did send some very tasty ginger biscuits so we'll let her off. Di took over the stall, thanks for your help Di. Our guest bakers provided delicious confections as usual, thank you ladies. Our next meeting is on the 8th of March, when once again Carole will be absent but hopefully she'll join us in April with her brand new knee! Our best wishes go with you. CA

**THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP**

It has been suggested that the History Group research and celebrate the history of the School at Downham.

This seems an appropriate thing to do since the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the opening occurs in 2019.

The first meeting of the History Group in 2018 will be a brief AGM and an exploration of this idea which originated from one-time pupil Kirsteen Walmsley, who will enlarge upon her idea at the meeting. Group members will then look at what is entailed in terms of research, interviews and the involvement of members over the following twelve months or so.

This piece of work will then be part of the programme for 2018.

The first meeting of the new series will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. New members welcome.



Downham WI February meeting provoked much discussion prompted by the erudite speaker, Giles Bridge, a barrister from

Bradford. After a fascinating introduction as to his background before he became a barrister, he explained something of what his job entails.

Thereafter he came to the nub of his talk 'A Mock Court'. WI members, in groups of four or five to a table, were all given the same sheet describing the facts of a real incident that had occurred a few years ago. There were then a few questions which caused quite some debate. Giles then went on to hand out a second paper regarding the evidence at the trial and asked what sentence should be passed and should it be the same for both defendants? Lively discussion ensued and by the end we all agreed that it must be a very difficult job to be a magistrate or judge. However, we had a thoroughly engaging evening and Vice President, Helen Addy, got to try on his wig and gown for size.

**The March meeting will be our birthday party on Thursday, 15th at the Village #hall at 7.30- pm. The guest speaker will be Joanne Helliwell "Lady of the Manor" KB**

