

PARISH CALENDAR 2022

MARCH		EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
Ash Wednesday					
2nd	Wednesday	10.30 am	World Day of Prayer Service	Chatburn Methodist	<i>Ecumenical Service</i>
5th	Saturday	10.00am	Tree Planting	Jubilee Barn	<i>Platinum Jubilee Wood</i>
6th	Lent I	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis	NO Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick

8th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Downham Hall	<i>PCC Meeting</i>
		7.00 pm	Craft & Laugh Group	Worston Mission Rom	<i>Downham WI venture non members welcome</i>
13th	Lent II	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr A Heron	FLOWERS Mr & Mrs C Ennis

17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Calf's Head	<i>102nd Birthday</i>	<i>Arthur Geldard</i>
20th	Lent III	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	IN	Mr & Mrs P Eldridge
27th	Lent IV	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	LENT	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C Naylor

APRIL

3rd	Lent V	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	NO FLOWERS IN LENT	Mrs B. Lewis Mrs j Shepherd
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Downham Social Media Resources
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

PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

DOWNHAM & TWISTON

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From Canon Andy Froud

Dear Friends.

It has been 2 years since the word "lockdown" entered our everyday language.

Suddenly, most of us were thrown out of our routine existence into a new challenging, and frightening world. We found ourselves having to navigate a new landscape of rules. There were huge and costly sacrifices made by many who found themselves cut off from family, friends and neighbours. Many suffered mental trauma as they lost contact with others. And many of us will recall the heartbreaking decisions that had to be made about who could (or could not) attend the most important life experiences that we would normally share as human beings

But there were also positive sides to lockdown: families went for walks together. The noise and pollution of traffic was stilled. I remember watching cars stop to give way to pedestrians. Life was slower, less stressful and in some ways more rewarding as people took up new pastimes and hobbies.

I frequently remind people that there were positive aspects of lockdown and that we should not rush to forget them. Indeed not rushing, itself might be one of the lessons of lockdown. This Lent, think about making your own lockdown. You have an opportunity to make rules for yourself and to embrace the rules that God has made for us to enjoy a good life. What rules do you need to follow to lead a better life, to steer clear of temptation? To make space for yourself, for others and for God? As always, how we use our time is central to how we live our lives: how much do we devote to ourselves, to others and to God?

Take time this Lent to study the Bible, either by yourself or with others as we seek to learn more about God's eternal love and purposes for us. Look out on our website for activities, groups and ideas to help you to celebrate Lent

Yours in Christ

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES

January 2022	
Communicants	17
Collections	£
Services	942
Visitors	
Donations	272
House Boxes	
Special	
Total	1,234

STAGE - 2 - DOWNHAM



Thank you for your continuing interest in our productions.
Your support is greatly appreciated. ...
Spring production



The Winslow Boy' by Terence Rattigan,
Wednesday 30th March 2022 to Saturday 2nd April 2022 inclusive,
at 7.30 pm in Hurst Green Village Hall. Doors open at 7pm.

Admission £8 for all age groups, payable on The door, cash only.
Seating is unreserved and unnumbered.

Booking for tickets is now open.

To make a reservation simply email stage2playinfo@gmail.com
stating:

- Your full name;
- Date of performance;
- Number of tickets required;
- Contact telephone number.

You will receive a booking confirmation.

To gain admission either show this confirmation on your mobile at the door
or show a printed copy.

The play is set just before the outbreak of The Great War and is based on the true story of a teenage cadet who is dismissed from Osborne Naval College after being accused of stealing a five shilling postal order. The boy at the heart of the story, George Archer Shee, was a pupil at Stonyhurst College who went on to serve in the Great War and lost his life in Ypres at the age of 19.

A great national story in its day, the play's themes of justice, fair treatment and the right to a fair hearing within English law, are as important today as they were then,

Clitheroe Civic Society

Next meetings of the Society at 7.30 pm at the Assembly Hall
(St Michael and St John Parish Hall) Lowergate Clitheroe BB7 1AG

Monday, 7th March Sally Leeming
The Life and Times of Donald Coates
a founder member of
the Clitheroe Civic Society

Monday 4th April John Lambert
Henry Parkinson
A Pioneer of Industrial & Commercial
Clitheroe

NEW EXHIBITION AT CLITHEROE LIBRARY REFLECTIONS ON THE WATER

Celebrating in words and pictures Clitheroe's Three Medieval Wells
Featuring a film "Water from the Well" by local historian Steve Ragnal
Opening Wednesday 2nd March Free entry

THE DOWNHAM MAGAZINE 1885

THE Members of the brass band have been holding their practices on the village green during the past month and very much has their music been appreciated by the admiring bystanders, "who, milking finished, loll pensive o'er the sigmoid bridge, where-under dart the spotted trout, etc." at least so writes our correspondent, and if the Downham Brass Band has induced any fish to wriggle its way through Chatburn it has indeed accomplished wonders that put Amphion and his "small plantations" into obscurity. But we can't believe there is a trout in Downham beck!



The Downham Band 1885 (outside the George & Dragon)

fortunate in finding colour and appeal in all seasons, the charming scene, as I walked down the drive today evoked something more than appreciation of the colouring; I seemed to be conscious of something beyond the canvas; the glimpsing as it were, a little of the mind which is the Artist. It seemed desired to reveal to us, in a most beautiful manner, the truth of life everlasting, for these flowers, like the primroses in the dell of Ravensclough have been constant in their re-appearing

since long before you or I opened wide our infant eyes in wonder at joy at the beholding. Yes, they are constant throughout the years, and along with that admirable quality we find in them the equally admirable quality of beauty and perfection. My word! what a lot of Truth these tiny, gentle things are revealing. Constancy!. Beauty! Perfection!. Just where else in life do we acknowledge such seeming phenomena.?



CASTLE EXHIBITION SET TO CAPTURE BOWLAND'S DARK SKIES

From the winter constellation of Orion to the magical sight of a meteor shower and the fabulous sweep of the Milky Way, the skies above Bowland are filled with wonder – and look amazing when captured on camera.

THE FOREST OF BOWLAND AONB Partnership and Clitheroe Castle Museum are celebrating the area's celestial beauty with a special exhibition due to open this spring - and inviting people to submit their very own night-sky photographs for shortlisting.

Hetty Byrne, Sustainable Tourism Officer with the Forest of Bowland said, "We're so lucky to have such dark skies here in Bowland and it's great when people take the opportunity to get out and enjoy them. We hope this exhibition will help to show just how special Bowland is once the sun has set – and how important it is that we help to keep it that way."

Both experienced photographers and enthusiastic amateurs are welcome to submit images.

Closing date for submission of entries is Sunday 20th March and further details, including terms and conditions, are available on the Forest of Bowland AONB website at <https://www.forestofbowland.com/dark-skies-exhibition>

The exhibition at Clitheroe Castle Museum will run from early April until late May and admission to the gallery will be free.

An excerpt from *Walks and Talks with Fellman*, E. Williams, 1951:

"March Meditation"

The snowdrops are blooming, the crocuses too; and soon the daffodils will be adding their golden hue to the gay picture.

'Tis indeed a welcome sight to many eyes, to people who find the severity of winter too stern for outdoor activity, and tend to hibernate in the manner of creatures. But to me, who is

RIBBLE VALLEY CROSSROADS CARE

LIVE - LAUGH—LUNCH

Just to let you know we're having the second Chatburn lunch club for people of Chatburn and surrounding area
On Wednesday 30th March, 12.00 noon to 2.00 pm
It's in the Methodist Chapel. Downham Road Chatburn
£5 .00 for two courses and tea or coffee
Roy Porter is offering free transport to those who need it
Book lunch by phoning 01200 422104

'EDGERROW 'ARRY

AS WE WALK along the hedgerows this time of year, there are promising shoots of green, akin to the Wordle scores posted on Facebook by the vicar. For those not familiar with this new online game, it is a sort of hangman meets Tetris where one has to deduce what a hidden 5 letter word is by selecting letters - the correct ones, in the right order are displayed as a bright green block.

This is akin to the old paper based word games where a word has to change at each step of a letter substitution. Within several iterations, a completely different word emerges.

But what has this to do with a local hedgerow walk?

We have a rich linguistic heritage drawn from Anglo-Saxon (the 'vulgar' words), Norman French (the 'fancy' words), Greek and Latin (the 'clever' words) and many exotic words from the old British Empire. Another important aspect of our local dialect comes from old Scandanavian influence: "Boli" is the old Norse word for a bull - so here we are in the Forest of *Bowland*, any given *Thursday*, *casting a stone* in the *beck* whilst washing the *muck* off our boots after treading in the *mire* when coming off the *fell*.

Add several centuries of semantic shift to local words - the Norse *Fjall* turns to *fell*, *Boliand* to *Bowland*. Some familiar local names can be identified by identifying their semantic sources: **Lidgett** to *Lyd Gatte* - the lime road, and **Gerna** - the green hill.

DOWNHAM PRE SCHOOL

WE ARE looking forward to some warmer weather at Preschool then we can get outside and have some fun. We have had one trip to the ice cream shop but can't wait until we can walk in the fields and see some spring flowers and lambs.

We are going to be enhancing our outdoor area with some new equipment over next few weeks.

Don't forget to say hello if your passing - we love a good natter.

Susan

FESTIVAL BOWLAND

Join us in March for two brand new online events.

Tuesday 8th March, 6.30pm - 8.00 pm
Working with Watercourses in the Forest of Bowland

DID YOU KNOW that the River Wyre flows entirely within Lancashire? The source of the river sits in the Bowland fells, where the Marshaw Wyre and the Tarnbrook Wyre are formed. It then flows south through Garstang before turning sharp north west and completing its 28-mile journey at Morecambe Bay.

Find out more about the work of the Wyre Rivers Trust within the Forest of Bowland and the work they do to improve water quality, create better habitats for wildlife and raise awareness of the issues in the Wyre catchment.

This is your chance to hear about their latest projects, find out about the varied volunteer opportunities available and ask any questions you may have.

Wednesday 23rd March, 6.30pm - 8.00 pm
The Bentham Line - City, Coast, Countryside

SKIRTING the northern boundary of the Forest of Bowland AONB, the 75-mile Bentham Line (aka the "Little North Western") travels between Leeds, Lancaster and Morecambe through some of the most scenic landscapes in Yorkshire and Lancashire.

Join us online to find out about the history of the line from the mid-19th century to the present day; the communities it serves, the role it has played in the past (including links to the building of Stocks Reservoir) and how the local Community Rail Partnership is looking to the future through its green credentials and a pioneering Dementia & Community Rail programme.

Both events are free but pre-booking is needed. For more information and to book a place please email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

THE PARISH CHURCH

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

CHATBURN METHODIST CHURCH is hosting an ecumenical service on Wednesday 2nd March at 10.30 am with Revd Catherine from Christ Church and friends from around the area

CHURCH FLAGSTONES

IN LIGHT of recent thefts of FLAGSTONES from Grindleton and Whalley, please could everyone keep an eye on the Church. There is no planned building work, so there should be no strange vans or unknown workmen in the Church yard.

BELL RINGING

AFTER our two year break from ringing, practicing has recommenced on Tuesday evenings. Thankfully we have not forgotten everything we knew, though it is taking a while for the rustiness to wear off (our rust, not the actual bells!).

There will be the traditional cessation of ringing after Shrove Tuesday on 1st March to mark Lent, with practises starting in earnest after Easter.

Thus far 8 weddings have been booked in the Church over the summer, so we need to train hard so as to be feeling confident and sufficiently competent to offer brides musical accompaniment to their big days.

Anyone who fancies learning to ring is very welcome to come along and give it a try. There are no entry requirements. We are an equal opportunity "employer"! RCA

CONCERT

AS THINGS start to get back to normal the PCC is pleased to announce that the Annual Concert is to be resumed on Saturday 11th June with a performance, in Church, by the Lancaster Singers..

JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 5TH JUNE

DISCUSSIONS have started on how to mark the seventieth Jubilee of HM Queen during the June public holiday with a village event

24 BROOKSIDE

AFTER almost exactly 12 months, planning consent has been given to turn Number 24 back into a house, rather than being the glory hole for Number25

Before any work can begin there needs to be another archaeological survey undertaken. Planned works are all internal, so this should be one "new" home that does not change anyone's view, while using hardly any new materials. Who says nothing ever changes in Downham!

ASSHETON ARMS



MINOR WORKS have been taking place on the building (renovating of gutters, down pipes and exterior joinery, together with improvements to access points for drains). Internally there has been plenty of Spring cleaning, especially the removal of a string of defunct electrical appliances, both great and small!

Meanwhile there have been a flurry of meetings and discussions, in an attempt to come up with a plan that will secure the pub as both a successful business, but also as a "good neighbour " to residents and the community. Fingers crossed that reopening can take place in a matter of weeks, rather than months

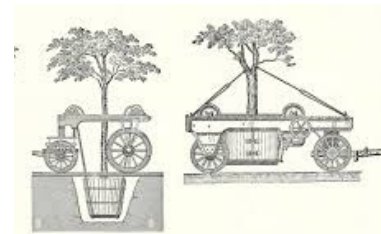
**FLOWERS FROM THE FARM
BIG WEEKEND**

Comes to Downham Hall
Sunday 7th August, 2022 10am – 4pm

Fantastic local Florist experts and growers, WI Stall, Ice Creams, English Sparkling wine and much more ...

Gardens Open Catering from the Langden Grill Food Truck
Tickets just £5 and under 5's Free.

Proceeds to charity - Rosemere Cancer Foundation and Downham Village Hall
More detail and inevitable appeal for volunteers next month ... but if you fancy helping out, just email: olivia@asshetonpr.co.uk. I will find you a job, no worries! OA



JUBILEE TREE PLANTING

Saturday 5 March 10.00 am

ALMOST all preparations for the planting adjacent to Jubilee Barn are in place. The fence is up, trees, guards and stakes delivered, as well as tools sourced. All that we need is suitably suited and booted volunteers to do the planting!

Work will start promptly at 10, so please arrive a few minutes early. There will be a chance to admire one of the Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry Jackal reconnaissance vehicles (assuming that it is not suddenly required in Central Europe!). The photograph will take place at 11, by which time the work should be complete.

Depending on the number of volunteers from Chatburn, there may be the chance to plant some more trees alongside Smithies Brook (near the mid point of the Chatburn Circular walk, below Green Lane Farm), in the afternoon.



REFURB

AFTER months of apparent inactivity, the main building work is poised to commence. The slates have been quarried, sized and drilled, and should be on site by the time you read this, along with the scaffolding. All we then need is a reasonable weather forecast for a few days. Additionally the replacement fire escape is entering fabrication, with preparatory works already complete to remove its dilapidated predecessor and create suitable foundations

MEMBERS met on 17 February 2022, to hear an excellent presentation from Kathryn Ball, about



her 23 day tour of China, showing us the fantastic sights of Beijing, terracotta soldiers, Great Wall of China, with a glimpse of the fastest train !! Lovely figures in typical Chinese dress were displayed together with books on the country.

Updates on events were given , 14 members attended the Mr Kipps performance at Clitheroe Operatics, Susan Whittaker gave a report on the amazing performance with spectacular costumes, worth a visit.

5 members are attending the Spring Council meeting at the University of Bolton Stadium, an opportunity for Lancashire WIs to meet together.

A visit to an exclusive performance of Mama Mia Singalong, on 22 April with entry by donation, fancy dress optional although recommended to add to the Fun evening. Little Savoy Cinema Robert Street, Colne at 7pm.

The first meeting of the Craft and Laugh group will be on 8 March at 7pm in the Mission Room in Worston. Non members also welcome.

The March meeting on 17th, is the 102nd birthday celebration, with a buffet and entertainment by professional singer Arthur Geldard.

As always new members welcome. Contact Diane Poole 07094 111167

