

PARISH CALENDAR 2018

MAY		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Thursday	7.30.pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Kevin Preston—Sweet Peas</i>
6th	Easter VI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs A. Wallace	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
7th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>	
8th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall AGM	Village Hall	<i>All residents of Downham and Twiston are entitled to attend</i>
9th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	
		7.30 pm	Thy Kingdom Come	Blackburn Cathedral	
10th	Thursday Ascension Day	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
13th	Sunday after Ascension	11.00 am	Matins Revd	Mr I. Walton	Mrs M. Roskell Mrs S Marlow Mrs E. Parker
<i>13th to 19th Christian Aid Week</i>					
16th	Wednesday	7.00 pm	Visitation Service	Clitheroe St Mary	<i>PCC Members are invited</i>
17th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>from Priesthood to Engineering</i>
20th	Whitsun Day	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs D. Braithwaite Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
		3.00 pm	Hymn Singing on the Green	Hare Green Downham	<i>Accompanied by Clitheroe Town Band</i>
21st	Monday	7.30 pm	PCC	<i>Church</i>	
		7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Christ Church Chatburn</i>	
23rd	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	
27th	Trinity Sunday	11.00 am	Matins Baptism Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs P. McFall Mr & Mrs C. Ennis
June					
3rd	Trinity I	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe Mr & Mrs B Lewis

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From The Revd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

C S Lewis wrote “I pray because I can't help myself. I pray because I'm helpless. I pray because the need flows out of me all the time, waking and sleeping. It doesn't change God. It changes me.”

Change is at the heart of prayer - we pray because we want to see change in this dark world and change in ourselves.

Some people think that prayer comes naturally - but Jesus' disciples felt they needed to ask him to teach them how to pray. His answer is what we call the Lord's Prayer and at this time of year we focus on what “thy kingdom come” means in our daily lives and in communities and churches.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. If you want to be part of this or to find out more, go to www.thykingdomcome.global.

During the 11 days of Thy Kingdom Come (10th - 20th May), it is hoped that everyone who takes part will deepen their friendship with Jesus, bring others to know Jesus or know him better, and come to know that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer. I hope as many of you as can will join me at Blackburn Cathedral for the Beacon Prayer Event on 9th May 2018 at 7.30 pm - transport is available. There will be plenty of opportunities for prayer during Ascension Day and in the days afterwards

Yours in Christ

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe thy only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with him continually dwell, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURERS		
	March	2018
COMMUNICANTS	27	101
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	224	932
VISITORS	25	57
DONATIONS	192	576
HOUSE BOXES	6	6
SPECIAL	665	1,513
TOTAL	1,112	3,084

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick, Anne Chadwick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, Ian Chadwick
 Carole Ashworth, The family of John Duffy, The family of Raymond Newby
 The Family of Barbara Ayton

Thank you from Kath

KATH SWARBRICK would like to say a big thankyou to all the people who visited her, and sent greetings, for her 80th Birthday.

AGM



AGM

Tuesday 8th May at the Village Hall at 6.00 p.m.
 A review of the year 2017 and election of Committee Members and Officers
 All residents of Downham and Twiston are entitled to attend and vote.

SPECTATOR



WE ARE in Jersey at the moment and although it's earlier than usual, we are still waiting for the sun to appear. Whatever is happening to the weather? Global Warming?.....Global Wetting more like. First there was, as I remember, a very short summer last year followed by a long cold and wet winter.

March went in like a lion but instead of going out like a lamb, it went out like lion and there was a lot of lion in between! April showers are not supposed to be snow, but nobody told it so we had snow when we should have had rain.

"Nere cast a clout til May is out", which I think actually refers to the flower on the hawthorn bush rather than the month"...not only will we **not** be casting any of our clouts, we will need to go shopping for more clouts.....thicker, long sleeved clouts which wrap around your head and stretch down to your feet! Bye the way, does anyone know what a clout is? I'm thinking it's maybe a vest, but not sure.

Hopefully the weather will pick up soon, especially as we're not long off the 21st June, the longest day of the year, when it's all downhill to winter...again!

It was lovely to see the ice cream shop on the green open again for summer, ha ha, and I'm looking forward to having a walk round there for an ice cream or cup of tea and a chat to neighbours and walkers/visitors. As well as getting one out of the house, one can also pick up handy hints and tips like how to make kindling for the fire out of serviettes and kitchen roll tubes, see BL!,,,,No doubt you will see Carol and myself there when she starts exercising her new knee and we go for a twirl around the village.

So bring on the sunshine and let us declare summer has finally arrived.....yay

Ribble Valley Music Festival 2018

Music for a Sunday afternoon
 Sunday 13th May 2018 at 2.00 pm.
 At Slaiburn village hall.

Rossendale Ladies' Choir and Maxine Moolin-Rose, Harp.
 Admission by ticket only. Tickets at £10 from 01200 46078 or 01254 384893
 In aid of the Parish Church of St Andrew

Festival Bowland AONB 2018

SPRING is a great time of year to explore Bowland and our programme for May is packed with events. Head to the Trough for the Bowland Butterfly Walk along Langden valley on Saturday 5th or brave an early start to celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day with Birds and Breakfast in Dunsop Bridge on Sunday 6th. Garstang Walking Festival runs from 5th to 13th May with everything from bluebell rambles and fell-top hikes to map reading sessions and a WW1 talk in Bleasdale. Join the RSPB for a moorland wander above Slaiburn on the 12th or why not kick up your heels with some clog dancing in Clitheroe on Sunday 20th? Finish the month with a Ribble Valley Ramble on Bank Holiday Monday followed by a meal at the Spread Eagle in Sawley. SS

OPEN DAY WHALLEY ABBEY

MONDAY 7th MAY—10.00 am to 4.00 pm
Celebration Service at 3.00 pm
Free admission to House and Grounds
Country Market stalls Guided Tours Refreshments

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ROYAL VINTAGE AFTERNOON TEA
In celebration of the Royal Wedding and in aid of
Christ Church Chatburn Saturday 12th May
at 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm Admission £7
Proper Tea Royal Wedding Exhibition and
Weddings since Christ Church opened



BARBARA AYTON Nee Watson

OLDER residents of the village will remember the Watson family who lived at Chestnut Cottage. The third member of the four daughters born to Tom and Edith Watson has died. Barbara was 90 years old in January of this year. Her two elder sisters having passed away in recent years.

Barbara spent her life in Downham until she married. She studied at the Blackburn College of Art where she displayed a very artistic talent and specialised in Sewing. She ventured to London to work for Mark and Spencer as a designer. She loved her work and was very successful, but it soon became clear that City life was not for her and she returned to Downham and worked as a designer for Trutex in Waterloo Road, Clitheroe. In 1961 she designed and made the Bride's Wedding dress and all the outfits for her sister Anne's wedding

Marriage followed and she and Bill set up home in Newsholme where their two children William and Joanne were born. Much later in life Barbara and Bill made farmhouse meals and customers came from far and wide to relish Barbara's homemade Steak Pie and Chips and Peas. Business flourished for many years, but when retirement came they moved to Hellifield. After Bill died, Barbara remained in the family home and she enjoyed an active life with her many friends in the village. Even then, in later life, she still retained her creative skill.

It was only in her last year that she became unwell and she sought sanctuary in Manorlands and finally in Threshfield Court, near Grassington where she died in March of this year.

She leaves a son William, daughter Joanne and five grandchildren.

With the passing of Barbara, the doors of Chestnut Cottage in Downham have almost closed, leaving within, the echoing memories of happiness, love and comradeship the four daughters of Tom and Edith enjoyed.



CHRISTIAN AID Week runs from 13 – 19 May and is a national collection aimed at raising funds for the World poorest people and those who have suffered through no fault of their own.

In Downham and Twiston we circulate donation Envelopes with our Newsletter and invite everyone to donate towards this very special cause.

Please help by placing your donation in the enclosed envelope and either hand it to a member of the PCC or pop it in the Wall Safe at the back of church.

Thank you - your support is really appreciated.

PN

John Duffy

MANY of us remember John, he would have been 88 in April. He and Florence Smithies were engaged for forty years. John used to come, from Essex, to Downham regularly before Florence died and until he was too incapacitated to make the journey. He died on 8th March. We remember him well at St Leonard's. For many years John used to do the calligraphy for Church notices and in the book of Remembrance.

Raymond Newby 1930 – 2018

RAYMOND was born in Blackburn and on his marriage to Leila in 1953 moved to Lower Hall Cottage, Downham to work for Downham Hall Farms. He remained at Lower Hall Cottage for the rest of his life and he had many happy days in Downham, especially the ones spent driving his grey tractor. Anne and family would like to thank everyone who have sent cards, messages of sympathy and offers of help following their sad loss.

THE PARISH CHURCH

ASCENSION DAY is one of the earliest Christian festivals dating back to the year 68 AD. According to the New Testament, Jesus Christ met several times with his disciples during the 40 days after his resurrection, to instruct them on how to carry out his teachings. It is believed that on the 40th day he took them to the Mount of Olives, where they watched as he ascended to heaven.

Ascension Day marks the end of the Easter season and occurs ten days before Pentecost,

**Blackburn Cathedral
Thy Kingdom Come Launch
Wednesday, 9th May**

LAST YEAR a group of us from Clitheroe, Chatburn and Downham joined with over 400 other Christians in a great event at Blackburn Cathedral to mark the beginning of a world-wide prayer initiative. I really hope you will be able to join us this year: the free bus leaves at 6.30 from Railway View in Clitheroe. Let me know if you would like to come (and how many tickets you would like). Andy Froud 01200 423317 / 0796 957 6691.

HYMN SINGING ON THE GREEN

At Whitsun

ST LEONARD'S Church invites parishioners and visitors alike to join in this Annual act of worship on Hare Green on Sunday, 20th May at 3.00 pm. This year accompanied by Clitheroe Town Band.

GARDEN CLUB

ON 5th of April the Garden Club held its meeting without Secretary Carole who was in hospital.

The A.G.M. received the resignation of the Chairman Dr Dave Awbery who was thanked by all for his work over the last two years. No new appointment to the Chair was made. Other committee members were re-elected en bloc, all being willing to serve another term. The Committee was thanked for its work over the past year, and best wishes sent to Carole for a speedy return to the Club.

The main event of the evening was the return of Barbara Charleston, florist extraordinary with her talk and demonstration on Spring Design. Barbara told us how lucky we were to be receiving her attention. She was, she informed us, moving house and downsizing her speaking engagements. She went on to say that she had equipped herself for an evening with a WI bringing mostly artificial flowers, only to find herself surrounded by real gardeners who would expect fresh flowers and greenery. However she went on in her inimitable, style to charm the audience with her humour and great skill with the material, producing five arrangements all of which were donated as raffle prizes. She gave a couple of poems as part of the talk, both very funny and many anecdotes about her work over the years.

On May 3rd Kevin Preston will be telling us about the cultivation of Sweet Peas. Everybody is, as always, most welcome. **CA**



THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

Downham School 180 years

WORK continues on the school history project. Including exploration of the material in the Lancashire Archive, arrangements for an afternoon of sharing memories and information. And researching the possibility of grant aid for the whole project.

Next year sees the 180th anniversary of a primary school on the present site of our hugely popular pre-school and over 455 years since the first reference was made to a school in the parish

On Sunday 16th September between 2 – 4 pm, we are launching the celebrations with an afternoon of 'Memories and Memorabilia'. Please feel free to come along for tea and cakes whilst you share with us any photographs, books, reports or anything else you may have. Members of the History Group will be on hand to listen, record and copy any artefacts you may have for use at our exhibition next year.

In the meantime please visit our Facebook page 'Downham School 180 years' for lots of photos, memories and updates on forthcoming events or contact Kirsteen Walmsley (kewalmsley@aol.com) if you would like further details. **KEW**

theWI THE NEXT MEETING OF the Downham WI takes place on Thursday, 17th May at the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm The Guest Speaker will be Franklin Schultz his subject "From Priesthood to Engineering". **INSPIRING WOMEN**

COFFEE CLUB

WE had a fairly good turnout this month and a fine day too. Our guest, Mbakers, Molly and Philippa tempted us with their delicious cakes and Di looked after the stall, in the absence of Carol, thank you ladies. For those of you that don't know, Carol had her second knee replacement that day and was in hospital for eleven days. She's being well looked after by her family and is recovering at home. We all send our best wishes to you Carol and look forward to seeing you in May at our next meeting which is on the 3rd at 10.00 am, hope you can all make it. **BL**



Stage 2 Downham held a special event at the Village Hall on Friday April 6th. A Soiree! It was a journey into unknown territory, but a lovely audience, good food and drink provided by Greendale View Kitchen and a bevy of exciting entertainers made the evening a huge success. We shall certainly do a repeat performance! Watch this space! **FO**

