

PARISH CALENDAR 2019

November			Event	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Trinity XX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T McLean	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
4th	Monday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	<i>Brian Jeffery Sabden Calico Printers</i>	
5th	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Bonfire	Village Hall and Car Park	<i>Fireworks at 6.30 pm</i>	
7th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Phil Dykes - Badgers</i>	
10th	Trinity XXI	11.00 am	Matins Revd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton		Lady Clitheroe Mrs A Wallace
11th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>		
13th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B Lewis		
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
17th	Trinity XXII	10.50 am	Remembrance day Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs P. McFall	Mrs D Briathwaite Ms J. Shepherd
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Caroline Eames Forensic Scientist</i>	
24th	Trinity XXIII	11.00am	Matins	Mrs K Herron		Mr & Mrs P Mercer
25th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyfull Noise	<i>Chatburn Christ Church</i>		
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
27th/ 30th	Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 pm	Stage 2 Downham	<i>Village Hall</i>	<i>Comedy A Bunch of Amateurs</i>	
DECEMBER						
1st	Advent Sunday	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	NO FLOWERS IN ADVENT	Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick
3rd	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Cttee	Viullage Hall	<i>Committee Meeting</i>	

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From The Revd Anne Hardacre

'Change and decay in all around I see, Oh thou who changest not, abide with me' - words which will be sung often over the next few weeks. as we remember loved ones no longer with us and those who lost their lives because of war. How relevant those words are at the present time.

Who knows what will happen regarding Brexit and who knows the consequences, whatever the outcome of the negotiations. (Though we may have some answers by the time you read this.)

We are being made increasingly aware of the fragility of our World, as global warming and climate change bite in, many animal species are in serious decline and our seas are being choked with plastic. We wonder whether we can make the necessary changes in time to avert disaster and whether there is the will to do so. The there is the damage humans inflict on one another through war, terrorism, knife crime and abuse.

Our God never changes and his love for us remains constant. He never sleeps or grows weary. He is always there for us and his promises never fail. One familiar hymn describes him as an anchor keeping us firm through the storms of life and other hymns call him a rock

Whilst doing all we can to mend our broken World, let us prepare ourselves for our final heavenly home by placing our hope in the One who gave his beloved Son to die for us and raised him to life to conquer death for us. The One who has promised to create a new heaven and a new earth.

Yours in Him

Anne



Please Don't forget
Remembrance Sunday Morning
Service begins at 10.50 am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Lord Clitheroe Patron of the Parish Church of St Leonard
who celebrates his 90th Birthday on 3rd November

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	September	2019
COMMUNICANTS	53	336
COLLECTIONS		
SERVICES	280	4,435
VISITORS	77	526
DONATIONS	212	5,601
HOUSE BOXES	3	10
SPECIAL	70	7,684
TOTALS	642	17,446

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Helen Addy, Kath Brown, Olive Awbery, Kath Swarbrick
and others who are unwell. The fallen in two world wars.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

13th October

Emily Lynne RIDING daughter of Adam and Melanie

A "thank you" to everyone for their very generous harvest gifts which were distributed to the Food Bank and elsewhere following the service

MATERNITY COVER SOUGHT

Bowland Bioenergy are looking for part or full-time maternity cover for a junior office administrator at Smithfield. If you might be interested, ring the office to discuss details. **01200 440437**.

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DOWNHAM BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Downham Village Hall and Car Park
Doors open 5.15 pm Bonfire 6.15 Display 6.30.
Tickets £6 Including supper. 5 to 12s £3 under 5s free.

Tickets

01200 440925 or 07810267703

Sorry, no personal fireworks.

THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER

Downham Ice Cream Shop is holding a

"HALLOWEEN PARTY"

In aid of the

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY CHARITY.

6pm until 8pm.

Pie and Pea Supper, including Parkin, for sale.

Vegetarian Option, please ring Michelle on 441613.

Dress up as SPOOKY as you want.—Prize for the winner
Fun and Games for everyone. Bring your family and friends.

SPECTATOR

ZOE was fuming when she went up to the village hall and noticed the recycling bin.....some kind person had dumped a load of clothes, bikes and household rubbish all over the place. She told me this morning and I didn't take too much notice as she can be bordering on fanatical when it comes to recycling, I've seen her looking through our bin to make sure I haven't put a plastic bread wrapper or carton in! I admit to throwing away lurpak containers because I can't be bothered washing them and yes I try to bury it in the bin so she can't see it but it's like she has antenna that lead her to things that shouldn't be in there! Then she washes it and leaves it on the side of the sink where I have to do the walk of shame every time I pass it. But when we went up later to turn around in the car park I was as shocked as Zoe to see the mess. It was like someone had a clear out and just dumped it out all over. Shocking. What horrendous behaviour.

Anyway, I know I said I was retiring but maybe you won't mind if I write the occasional piece or have the occasional rant?

I'm off now to wash up some ready meal cartons so they can be recycled. You can't change other people, only yourself, but I would like to have the stocks back so if we find out who did it, we can put them in for a couple of days and throw lurpak cartons at them!



NEWS CLIPPINGS FROM YESTERYEAR:
Northern Daily Telegraph 1903...

DOWNHAM CLUB DAY.—The village of Downham yesterday presented a lively appearance on the occasion of the Benevolent Sick Society anniversary. Crowds of holiday-seekers poured into the village, the day being gloriously fine. The members of the club formed in procession at eleven o'clock, and proceeded to service at St. Leonard's Church, headed by the Helmsore Brass Band, afterwards parading the village. Dinner followed at the George and Dragon Inn. The procession then re-formed and again paraded to the village green, where dancing was indulged in. Afterwards a visit was paid to Downham Hall, the processionists returning to headquarters, where they dispersed.

SMALL GRANTS THAT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Small grants of up to £750 that can make a difference for projects across the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are available from a charity set up with the 'we can help you' aim.

The Champion Bowland charity targets projects that promote educating people or benefiting the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment. Money for the grants comes from donations, often by visitors to the area, charity events and other sources.

In the 10 years since Champion Bowland was launched, £13,460 has been donated to 28 community and environmental projects. They are as varied as wheelchair and pushchair trails, churchyard railings, a heritage trail, bee pollinator patches and Landmark Trees.

Applications can be made online on the Champion Bowland website at www.championbowland.org.uk or, for more information, contact the AONB office on 01200 448000.

The AONB stretches from close to the M6 on the west to Grindleton in the east; from Hornby in the north and south to Longridge. Sabden and Pendle Hill are also included.

'In a manner of Speykin'

Something's coming - Something Good!

Rimington Memorial Institute On - Friday 29 November At - 7.30 pm
You will be at the launch of Christine Thistlethwaite's CD and have the opportunity to hear speak some of her dialect poems in her inimitable fashion. Along with Lancashire folk music from Trouble at the Mill, clog dancing and a supper. Look out for other notices of further details

St LEONARD'S DAY TIDY Saturday 9 November 10.00 am 'till 12 noon

IT'S that time of the year again, when able bodied Parishoners are asked to come and do their bit to help tidy up the Church and Church yard, over and above the great work that the cleaners do on a weekly basis. We meet in Church from 10am, with jobs allocated with an eye to the weather and skills of each participant. Scruffy-ish clothes and tools of your own choosing would be helpful to the cause.

Why not take this opportunity to tidy up your family grave? Remember that the PCC is only responsible to keep the Church yard safe and accessible (though we do what we can for individual grave stones). It is the responsibility of each family to look after their own, within the rules laid down by the Diocese and PCC (Churchyard Information Booklet at the back of Church).
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BRIDLEWAY

AFTER almost four years of planning and battling with the Planners, the Pendle Hill Landscape Partnership has finally secured planning permission for the route between Downham and Chatburn. Many thanks to all of those who came along to the Planning meeting at the Council offices to show the depth of feeling on the issue.

Work will hopefully start shortly, but progress will be slow now that rain has fallen and winter is almost upon us.
RCA



"THERE BUT NOT THERE" RETURNS



As a mark of remembrance, the pews of St Leonards will see the poignant return of the soldier "Tommy" silhouettes. You are always welcome to visit our Parish church and sit beside these figures, read of their local connections and remember all those who have died fighting in the service of their country.



Pendle Hill Walk Marie Curie

THE final total raised from the above event on August Bank Holiday Monday is a fantastic £1,308.85 which will provide 65 hours of nursing care for terminally ill people in their own homes.

Thank you again for all who supported the event in any way especially those who braved the walk in the morning mist and their generous sponsors.

Thank you again and apologies for delay in announcing the final total. DP

Ribble Valley Marie Curie Fundraising Group.

Burns Night 2020



Following the success of our inaugural Burns Night tickets are now being released for Burns night 2020

Saturday 25th January from 7.30pm.

Another fun night is promised, including guest piper, Burns' Supper and traditional ceremony, a 'wee dram' and a Cellidh all for just £10 a ticket.

All profits and donations will go to **ABF - The Soldiers' Charity.**

SHOE BOX APPEAL

THIS year we have moved to a local shoe box distributor, International Aid, which takes shoe boxes to Europe, Africa and Asia. You can pack a shoe box with small gifts for children or adults and be more specific about the age of child your box is for. Leaflets are available at the back of church and they give advice on what to include.

Please bring filled boxes to church by Sunday November 17th, so they can be transported and given out for Christmas or ring Derek Hardacre on 01200 429341, if you need your box collected **DH**

Harvest Christening

IN a beautifully decorated church which was filled to capacity Emily Lynne, daughter of Adam and Melanie Riding was welcomed into the church family on 13th October in a Harvest Festival and Holy Baptism Service. The message was gifts: the gift of life itself, the gift of light as symbol of the love of God, the gift of food at harvest time and returning to God the harvest gifts and collection enabling the work of the church in Downham. The festival included a sketch by the Vicar and Alan in which the component parts of a symbolic meal of a pizza were brought together.

The thanks of St Leonard's church was expressed by the Vicar who announced that the gifts would be passed on to needy people including those which are sent via the Ribble Valley food bank. He thanked parishioners who had given flowers and time to decorate the church for the festival.

New Archdeacon

WE have a new Archdeacon of Lancaster. He is The Venerable David Picken, who is currently Archdeacon of Newark in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Archdeacon David joins us at an important time as we continue to move forward with our Vision 2026 Healthy Churches Transforming Communities. He will be installed as the new Archdeacon in a service at Blackburn Cathedral on 4th February, 2020. David said: "I look forward to working with colleagues on the Bishop's Leadership Team, and clergy and laity from across the Diocese, to further Vision 2026

STAGE 2 DOWNHAM

THE Autumn production will take place on Wednesday 27th November 2019 to Saturday 30th November 2019 inclusive, mencing at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall.



This time we bring you a terrific comedy with a Shakespearean twist! We will be performing 'A Bunch Of Amateurs', written by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman.

Tickets are £8 and we plan to offer a meal deal with the 'Assheton Arms'.

The journalist, writer and TV presenter Ian Hislop is best known as the editor of 'Private Eye' and is also a long standing team captain of 'Have I Got News For You'. Nick Newman is a satirical cartoonist and scriptwriter who regularly contributes to 'Private Eye' and 'The Sunday Times'.

Their play concerns the attempt by a fading Hollywood action hero to boost his flagging career. He arrives in England to play King Lear in Stratford. Unfortunately he finds that this is not the birthplace of the Bard in Warwickshire but the sleepy village of Stratford in Suffolk. His fellow thespians are not the legends of the theatre he was expecting but a bunch of amateurs trying to save their theatre from the developers.

Acting worlds collide and Hollywood's monstrous ego and vanity are tested to the limit by the enthusiastic amateurs. How does it play out? Come and see for yourself!

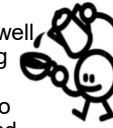
Bookings open on Monday 28th October 2019.

For tickets, email stage2playinfo@gmail.com or call the Ticket Hotline 07845 926295. For the meal deal please contact The Assheton Arms direct on 01200 423301.



COFFEE CLUB

OCTOBER coffee club was fairly well attended by our regulars, including the Reverend, who always has a cheery word for everyone. We also welcomed France's Sister Ruth and Husband Chris who were enjoying a holiday 'oop north'. It was lovely to see them and they joined in the lively chatter, which is an important part of coffee club. They also enjoyed the cakes and pastries, generously donated by various members and which are always appreciated. Our tables looked lovely, as always, and this month Frances donated one of her displays to Kath Swarbrick, who was very touched by the gesture and sends her thanks.



A list for our Christmas party went round and anyone not there who can't make Novembers meeting and would like to go, please ring me on 01200440925. It's pie and peas again, plus mince pies, cakes and chocs. Hope as many as possible can make it. Last but not least, Carole once again impressed us with her beautiful cards and quite a few members went home very happy with their choices.

Our next meeting is on November 14th, hope to see you there

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GARDEN CLUB

I WAS having kittens quietly away, I thought I was going to have to give a talk, but at 7.40pm the speaker for the garden club meeting arrived. Kevin and his wife Vive had got lost despite having visited us before, however the wait was worth it. Kevin and Viv produced masses of divided plants and cut down plants to take cuttings off, all for free and masses of beautiful Winter bedding for sale.

He told us all about what to cut and when to cut it to safely put our gardens to bed for the Winter. What a wonderful evening it was, ending with the usual raffle and supper.

Our November meeting will be a talk on Badgers by Phil Dykes

Please remember your menus and money for the Christmas Dinner Thank you.

CA



MEMBERS and two visitors met for the AGM in the village hall on 17th October.



All present committee re-elected with the addition of another existing member!

The Autumn sales table proved a massive hit with home-made Christmas decorations of all descriptions some with delightful candy canes some knitted miniature Christmas crackers! Everything found a home and funds were boosted by £40. Huge thank you to those who made those who came those who bought! Even our Adviser from Federation was tempted by the home-made gin!!

There was time for members to have a good chat and catch up over a brew and abundant types of biscuits and parkin!! Our other visitor Sue was made most welcome and is returning to join in the fun planned for our 2020 Centenary year.

If you have any memorabilia from the WI in Downham or are a past member or a family member was a member I am looking to hear about memories you may have for our exhibition on our 100th birthday. Please get in touch it would be wonderful to hear stories and anecdotes and I can add them to the archives.

Our next meeting is 21st November 7.30 in Downham Village Hall when our speaker is Caroline Eames who is a forensic scientist!

Come along and join us for the evening you will be most welcome. Diane Poole 07904 111167