

PARISH CALENDAR						
NOVEMBER			EVENT	Sidesmen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
5th	Saturday	5.30 pm	Re-opening Village Hall & Bonfire	Village Hall and Car Park		
6th	3rd before Advent	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mrs J Shepherd Mrs A Wallace
13th	Remembrance Sunday	10.50 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr A Herron	Mrs P McFall	Mr & Mrs A Herron
17th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Christian Book Club	Worston Mission Room		
20th	Next before Advent	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis	Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell	
27th	Advent Sunday	11.15 am	Matins Canon Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	Mrs M Mercer	Mr & Mrs P Mercer
30th 3rd	Wednesday to Saturday	7.30 pm Or 2.00	Stage-2-Downham	Village Hall	<i>Pygmalion—George Bernard Shaw Last performance is 2.00 pm matinee</i>	
DECEMBER						
4th	Advent II	11.15 am	Holy Communion Canon Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace	Hon Mrs R Assheton	Mrs S Travis Mrs A Chadwick
<p>THE PARISH CHURCH OF St LEONARD IS MOST GRATEFUL TO THE INDIVIDUALS, BUSINESSES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT SPONSOR THE PARISH NEWSLETTER</p>						
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<p><b>Downham Social Media Resources</b> The public Facebook page - "<b>Downham Village</b>" The private Facebook page "<b>Downham &amp; Twiston Residents</b>"</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.

EVEN IF you have never run a race in your life, or if like me you have, but finished a long way down the line, you know the power of a crowd to encourage you. There is something about the cheers, the applause and the smiles that quickens the pace and strengthens weary bodies. I still remember the burning lungs and aching legs caused by running up Moor Lane for the East Lancashire Hospice Santa Dash, in what seems in many ways a lifetime ago. The support of the crowd made all the difference.

I don't know whether St Paul ever took part in sports himself: in the ancient world, as I understand it, sports was even more professionalised than now and I would imagine his studies and tentmaking would leave him little time for the luxury of competing. But he knew about sports, as all his readers did, and so he compares being a Christian to being like an athlete. In his first letter to the church at Corinth he writes: "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever."

Being a Christian is not easy: if it were there would be a lot more of them.

There is constant temptation to give up and take the easy route. At this time of year as we approach the long winter we are reminded by the festivals of the church, All Saints and All Souls, that we are never alone and face the darkness with all the saints in light. As we run the race that is set before us, we are surrounded by the love and prayers of all those who have finished the race and now share in the light of God's eternal glory. Their support makes the race easier to run.

Yours in Christ



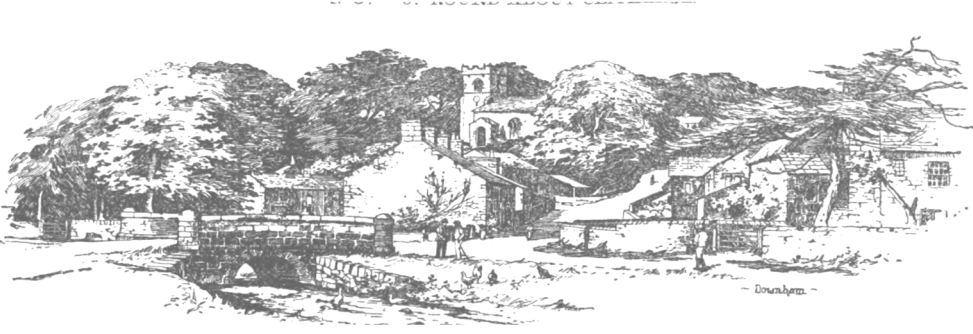
Remembrance Sunday  
service starts at 10.50 am

LORD, THE GOD of righteousness and truth, grant to our King and his government, to Members of Parliament and all in positions of responsibility, the guidance of your Spirit. May they never lead the nation wrongly through love of power, desire to please, or unworthy ideals but laying aside all private interests and prejudices keep in mind their responsibility to seek to improve the condition of all mankind; so may your kingdom come and your name be hallowed. Amen

DOWNHAM St. LEONARD FACTS & FIGURES		
	September	2022
<b>Communicants</b>	39	297
<b>Collections</b> £		
Services	170	4,561
Visitors	41	268
Donations	212	8,028
House Boxes		
Special		11,391
<b>Total</b>	<b>423</b>	<b>23,248</b>

**IN OUR THOUGHTS & PRAYERS**

Friends and neighbours who have been unwell or who are in hospital  
Lord Clitheroe, Diana Braithwaite and Shaun Roney



From The **Manchester Times of September, 1890** a weekly newspaper published in Manchester from 1828 to 1922



The Civic Society meets monthly on the first Monday of the month at 7.30 pm at the at Michael and St John Centre on Lowergate Clitheroe. Speakers cover a wide range of local history topics. Membership is open to all and visitors are welcome.

7th November	Phil Braithwaite	Restoration Services UK
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Philip Braithwaite has many years of experience working within the restoration sector. regarded as a leading expert in building restoration by sector peers.

5th December	Dr Jan Graffius	Stonyhurst College
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Dr Graffius is the Curator of the Collections at Stonyhurst

**ANNUAL BOWLAND ANOB PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION**

WHETHER you're an experienced photographer, or a keen amateur, we'd love to see your images that capture the beauty and opportunities this outstanding area has to offer year-round.

These may include landscape or wildlife images, or people enjoying activities in the area - whatever captures Bowland at its best through every season!

Lathams Holiday Lets Retreats have kindly donated the fantastic first prize of a 2-night, low season stay at Bowland-based Lathams Hayloft.

The winner and shortlisted images will appear in the 2023 printed Bowland Discovery Guide and on AONB supported websites and social media.

The closing date for the competition is **Monday 21st November 2022.**

A shortlist will be made by the AONB team, and the finalists will go to a public vote (via social media and the AONB website) week commencing 28th Nov.

Upload up to three images via the AONB website at:  
[www.forestofbowland.com/upload-your-photos](http://www.forestofbowland.com/upload-your-photos)

Images can be taken from any season, so if you didn't manage to take some summer shots, there's still chance to get out and capture the best of Bowland in the autumn sunshine.

We're looking forward to seeing all your submissions.  
For more info email [hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:hetty.byrne@lancashire.gov.uk)

## LANCASHIRE CHOIR OF THE YEAR

THE wait to find the Lancashire Choir of the Year 2022 is almost over! We're excited to share this series of videos for the final six choirs. Which includes the Clitheroe Church Operatic Society - whose members involve our very own Kirsteen, Anne and Alice.

Watch on <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/choir-of-the-year/finalists/>

the fantastic entries from six finalists below and have your say on your favourite in the 'People's Choice' vote which is open now. You have until 12 noon on Friday 18 November to [vote](#) so what are you waiting for? Grab a brew, sit back and listen to the amazing voices of all 2022 finalists and **vote**

These choirs will perform at a celebration concert at the Charter Theatre, Preston on Thursday 24th November

On the night prizes will be awarded to the:

- +People's Choice Award 2022
- +3rd Place Runner Up 2022
- +2nd Place Runner Up 2022
- +Winner 2022

Good luck to our finalists and happy watching!

These are the finalists:

- + Blackpool Male Voice Choir
- + Clitheroe Parish Church Amateur Operatic Dramatic Society - show choir
- + Red Rosettes Show Chorus
- + Lancaster Royal Grammar School Choir
- + Aughton Male Voice Choir
- + Rossendale Male Voice Choir



## DOWNHAM WI REPORT Clitheroe Advertiser 25th November 1921

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.**—A whist drive and dance organised by the Women's Institute in aid of their funds was held on Saturday last, during the afternoon and evening. Thirteen tables were filled for whist, and a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. An excellent tea was served during an interval by members of the Institute committee, the usual staff of ladies having charge of the refreshments. The M.C. for whist was Mr. K. Sharp and prizes were won by the following: Highest score at half-time: Mrs. J. Smith, tea cosy. Ladies: 1, Miss Myers, tablecloth; 2, Mrs. Townson, silk apron; consolation, Miss Bleazard. Gentlemen: 1, Mr. F. T. Smithies, cigarettes; 2, Mr. W. B. Leigh, tie; consolation, Mr. J. Driver. At the dance there was a very large attendance and an enjoyable evening was spent. Arthur Taylor's Melody Makers were in attendance, and the M.C.'s for the dance were Messrs. A. Lonsdale and K. Sharp. The Institute funds will benefit considerably as a result of the effort.—The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the school on Wednesday evening of last week. Mrs. Assheton presided over an excellent attendance of members. Miss M. Holgate was appointed delegate to the Autumn Council Meeting at Preston. Reference was made by Mrs. Assheton to the Personal Service League to which the Downham Women's Institute are to give all possible aid. A lecture on "Play Producing" was given by Miss Seward. This was instructive and was listened to with the closest of interest. At the conclusion a vote of thanks was proposed by Miss R. Wheeler, and seconded by Miss M. Smithies. Next came a competition for the best table decoration. There was an excellent show of flowers and a good number of entries. The prizes were won as follows: 1, Mrs. Sharp; 2, Mrs. Coates. Tea was served by the following hostesses: Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Coates, Misses Loynd, F. Tarver, B. Farrer and C. Preston. A general knowledge game caused much amusement and was very interesting. The meeting was concluded by community singing, accompanied by Miss M. Holgate and conducted by Miss Assheton.

# BONFIRE & FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SATURDAY 5TH NOVEMBER

**At the village hall car park at 6.00 pm  
in aid of the Village Hall Refurbishment.**

**Also**

**Please come along at 5.30pm to the grand reopening of the Village Hall by the Mayor of the Ribble Valley, have a glass of mulled wine and see the renovations and improvements (please note you will need a ticket to attend the fireworks afterwards)**

**Tickets £5.00 to include a great firework display and glass of mulled wine/soft drink – under 10's free.**

**Bonfire lighting at 6.00, firework display at 7.00 pm.**

**Food available from The Langden Grill**

**Please reserve tickets as soon as possible at [info@downhamvillage.org.uk](mailto:info@downhamvillage.org.uk)**

**All car parking in the village car park at the bottom of the village.**

**PLEASE NO DOGS,  
PERSONAL SPARKLERS  
or FIREWORKS**

**THE PARISH CHURCH  
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

CHURCH was decorated on Saturday afternoon 8th October with seasonal hedgerow fruits and leaves and garden flowers.

In addition to fruit and vegetables a number of canned and jarred produce were donated as gifts for the Ribble Valley Food Bank.

A donation from Harvest Thanksgiving gifts was made to the Bishop's annual Harvest Appeal.

This year, our Diocesan family of Churches, Schools and Academies is asked to make a difference to the lives of women, and their families, in Burundi.

We will be supporting the work of the Mothers' Union, a worldwide Christian charity, through their Literacy and Numeracy Project which aims to lift 2,500 people out of poverty over the next two years.

As one of the poorest countries on earth, with the majority of people living on less than £1.50 a day, by giving what we can, together we can make a significant difference to the lives of our people in Burundi who are in desperate need.

**REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

THE ACT of Remembrance will take place within the morning service on Sunday, 13th November which starts at the earlier time of 10.50 am.

Ian and Anne are proud to that they will in Downham day in early They intend daytime



Chadwick let us know be collecting for poppy November. to do a collection

and an evening round. If anyone wanting poppies feels they have missed Anne and Ian give them a ring on 07745275141 or the village facebook.

**DIOCESE OF BLACKBURN**

At the **DIOCESAN SYNOD** meeting this month Bishop Philip opened proceedings, with an address looking back at the past 12 months. He praised parishes for their energy and commitment during the pandemic and highlighted#;

outstanding leadership from clergy and laypeople

the Diocese's commitment to parishes and maintaining clergy numbers further commitment shown by leaders in parishes facing often complex issues

Bishop Philip also called on every clergyperson and layperson to remain committed and continue to play their part through a clear focus on three things: generosity, vocations and evangelism. He said: "Our call to transform communities in the name of Christ will not change. So, let's get on with the job and carry it out with joy.

Other topics covered by Synod included a motion (which was passed) on strengthening the Diocesan Carbon Net Zero task force in response to the climate emergency.

**DIOCESAN CONFERENCE**

**7th to 11th November**

THE forthcoming Diocesan conference is an important moment for the Diocese. We ask people in all our parishes to be praying now for those attending and all those speaking, leading, organising or involved in any other way.

There will be specific prayers on each day of November, both leading up to and also during the conference, in the website Blackburn Prayers.

The event is focused on the Gospel of John here is the Conference Collect which is featuring in many of the acts of worship over the four days ... cont

*Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for the witness that your servant, John,  
bore to the Word made flesh.  
Through John's teaching  
may we abide in Christ,  
be built up as members of his body,  
and find life through his cross.  
For he is alive and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
one God, now and for ever*



*WE LOOK forward to the re-opening of the Village Hall in November. See page 3.  
In the meantime prior to the official opening Ainsley Harris has been running a yoga session on Friday and has posted this picture of the main room ready for one of her sessions. It is likely that use of this great community facility will be gradual as we recover from the pandemic.  
Stage-2-Downham returns this month—see flyer enclosed. Sadly we will be without*



*the monthly WI meeting. A village group that has provided well over a hundred years of inspiration, service, education, entertainment, fun, campaigning, friendships and much more.*



THE AGM for the Downham WI was held on 20th October at the Calf's Head in Worston. The majority of the 36 membership were present.

The President, Secretary and Treasurer stepped down from their roles, with most of the remaining committee. Sadly these roles could not be filled from the remaining membership.

The visiting Adviser from the Lancashire Federation, Ruth Grimley then formally conducted the meeting to commence the closure of the WI.

It is a sad time after 102 years in existence. However there is a window of 3 years to reform, should volunteers come forward. DP

Planning to send Christmas Cards this year? Why not help raise some money for the Village Hall and buy some Downham Greetings Cards? They're large and blank inside so you can write your own messages and cost just £5 for a pack of 8 including envelopes. Email: [olivia@asshetonpr.co.uk](mailto:olivia@asshetonpr.co.uk) with your order.