

PARISH CALENDAR 2017

OCTOBER			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
1st	Trinity XVI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R. Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
3rd	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Village Hall Mgt Cttee	Village Hall	Committee Meeting	
4th	Wednesday	7.30 pm	Royal Preston Morris Dancers	Village Hall	FREE! Come and have a go	
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Elizabeth Parker—Gardens	
7th	Saturday	1.00 to 4.00 pm	Jewellery Party	32 B rookside	In aid of WI Celebration	
		2.00 pm	Decorate Church			
		7.00 pm	Film	Martin Top Chapel	Life of Martin Luther	
8th	Trinity VII Harvest Festival	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs A Wallace		Mrs P McFall Mrs M Roskell
9th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
11th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
12th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
15th	Trinity XVIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	Mrs E. Parker	Lady Clitheroe Mrs A. Wallace
17th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	History Group	Village Hall	The Clarion	
18th	Wednesday	8.00 pm	Defibrillator Training	Village Hall	By First Responders	
19th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall		
20th	Friday	7.00 pm	An Evening of Magic	Village Hall	The Modern Mystic League	
22nd	Trinity XIX	11.00 am	Matins & Holy Baptism Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mrs P McFall	Mrs C. McGrath	Mrs S Marlow Mrs E. Parker
23rd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise			
25th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
29th	Trinity XX	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mrs E. Parker		Mr & Mrs H. Brown
31st	Tuesday	6.00 pm	Halloween Party	Hare Green		
November						
2nd	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	Steve Helliwell Gresgarth Gardens	
3rd	Friday	6.00 pm	Village Bonfire	Village Hall and Car Park		
5th	Trinity XXI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick

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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

The UK national debt stands at £1,951,592,736,504. Or at least it did for a second back there. It's hard to keep track with the national debt clock (www.nationaldebtclock.co.uk) - and it's even worse apparently. That £1.9 trillion - that's what a trillion looks like - doesn't include all state and private pensions and all other debt, which would bring the figure over £4.8 trillion. And I haven't the foggiest who we owe it all to.

Please don't try to explain it to me.

Whatever it is, debt is growing around the world but I'm not letting it keep me awake at night because whatever that figure may be it pales into insignificance against the fact that everything we "own" is in some sense "borrowed". The wealth of the richest man in the world is something that he can only possess for a time. I'm fairly sure that Donald Trump doesn't and probably never will get this.

We brought nothing into the world and we can take nothing out.

In the church we call this stewardship: it's sometimes confused with the campaigns that churches run to get people to give more money. But giving generously really comes from a recognition that everything we have is only temporary and passing. We are stewards of God's creation and must look after it and eventually hand it on or back.

As we celebrate our harvests this year we should remember not just the many blessings which God has given us, those who do not share those blessings but above all that "all things come from you and of your own do we give you"

Yours in Christ,

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	August	2017
COMMUNICANTS	36	319
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	499	2,601
VISITORS	60	317
DONATIONS	192	6,498
HOUSE BOXES	18	168
SPECIAL	741	4,975
TOTAL	1,510	14,559

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Kath Swarbrick, Ann Chadwick

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

2nd September John Geoffrey Braithwaite and Gemma Louise Giffiths both of Clitheroe., the bridegroom Grandson of Diana Braithwaite.

16th September Jamie Carl Robert Griffen and Hannah Neave Rafferty both of Chadderton

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SPECTATOR

WELL, it doesn't take long for your whole life to change does it? One minute you are sailing along, full speed ahead, and the next minute, you are staring into the abyss.

It was at the " fun afternoon" on Hare Green. We were having a great time, everybody laughing, eating ice cream or drinking teas and coffees from the ice cream shop. This little place has turned out to be an asset, where villagers often meet up for a cuppa and a natter with other villagers and visitors...when the weather allows of course.

Anyway, it was a beautiful sunny afternoon and I was happily eating an ice cream when Zoe said, in a serious voice whilst pointing at my chin, "what's that?" "What's what," I replied, feeling around and coming up with.....a hair..."argh! It was massive. Zoe whipped it out in a jiffy, but that's not the point. Am I, at 65 (nearly) turning into the bearded woman?

Will I attract black cats or will Jon sell me to a passing circus? It's just not fair. All my life I have basked in the luxury of not needing waxing appointments. If any daughter has complained, I have told her to take it up with her father, this hair gene did not come from me! and now this...latent tendency hair growth!...on the chin!Oh the shame!

I am away now to hide, or to look on eBay for a suitable beard cover.....I may be gone some time!☐

PS Jon said is that why they call it "Hare" Green? Oh haha very funny.....not



It's shoebox season once more - time to wrap, pack and fill those shoeboxes with treasures as you join with thousands of generous individuals across the UK and the globe to send love and bring joy to children in need this Christmas. From packing, collecting, processing and shipping, to developing teams overseas and empowering local churches to reach out to children in their communities – Operation Christmas Child begins with you!

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GET THE MAGICIANS IN THE DIARY

ON Friday 20th October at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall, Blackburn District Society of Magicians are presenting an evening of Stage and Table Magic at a super supper event. They are the troop that entertained in the Rose Garden in July and it promises to be a great event. Tickets from Olivia see attached flyer. OA

FESTIVAL BOWLAND IN OCTOBER

IF YOU have children or grandchildren, why not head over to Beacon Fell Country Park near Goosnargh on Saturday 28th October for their seasonal Halloween activity day? Suitable for accompanied children four years and over and no booking required - just go along between 11am and 3pm. £1 entry. There is a café on site and the views from the top of the fell are fantastic on a clear day! For more information call 0300 123 6780.

It's on the other side of Bowland but the Grizedale valley near Scorton is a beautiful spot, and well worth a visit if you haven't been before. The Friends of Garstang Walking Festival are leading an eight mile guided walk around the area on Sunday 29th October, taking in Nicky Nook and Oakencrough and looking out for autumn colours in the woodlands. For more information and to book a place contact the Visit Garstang Centre on 01995 602125 or email garstangtic@wyre.gov.uk. £4.50/£3.50 per person. SS

DOWNHAM AND TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

THE SEPTEMBER meeting of the History Group took the form of an outing in lovely weather across Lythe Fell from Slaidburn and on from Bentham to our destination at Tunstall St John where, after a picnic lunch, we were met by Jane Greenhalgh who was a church warden at St John's until recently. She told the story of the Church and in particular of the Picture that had featured on TV and which had recently been cleaned.

A Church at Tunstall is recorded in the Domesday survey but the oldest structure in the present church dates from the 13th century. The church was rebuilt around 1415 by Sir Thomas Tunstal. Alterations were made in the 16th century. In the 1820s it was attended by the Brontë sisters during the time they were receiving education at the Clergy Daughters' School at nearby Cowan Bridge. In 1907 the church was restored by the Lancaster architects Austin and Paley.

Internally there are so many interesting things to see. Architecture, glass, statues and a number of memorials to the Fenwick family. The church also owns the object of our visit, a 16th-century painting by Francesco Montemezzano probably donated, in the early 19th century, by vicar Frederick Needham, who was a half-brother of the church patron Richard Toulmin North. The painting was removed for restoration in connection with a BBC television programme, in July 2015 when the church was at the centre of an episode in the BBC television series Fake or Fortune? The programme settled the artist's identity but left many questions still to be answered.

Our 17th October meeting will be a presentation by Charles Jepson on The Clarion Cycling Club House at Rough Lee. The Clarion cycling club, began one evening in February 1894. A report of one tour said, "We had spent as grand a holiday as possible. Ah-h! It was glorious! Say no man lives until he has been on tour with the Clarion CC. Members were inspired to set up their own Clarion Cycling Clubs to allow the cyclists to get away for a cheap weekend in the country. The first was a caravan set up over the summer of 1895 at Tabley Brook, near Knutsford, A permanent Clubhouse in an old house was opened in June 1897 at Bucklow Hill, leased from a farmer for 5 years. This was followed an old farmhouse in Handforth which ran from 1903 to 1936. Other Clubhouses were set up in Wharfedale, Halewood, Ribble Valley, the Midlands and Essex.

Only one Clarion House survives and it is near Nelson, opened in 1912 by Nelson ILP. It welcomes visitors, walkers and cyclists still. The subject of our meeting. TM



STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



FOLLOWING our Spring production, 'The Servant Of Two Masters', our Autumn production will be 'The Weekend', written by Michael Palin. Performance dates are Wednesday 29th November 2017 to Saturday 2nd December inclusive at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall.

We hope once again to offer a pre-performance, meal plus ticket deal. Details of this, ticket prices and ordering arrangements will be in the November Newsletter.

'The Weekend' takes a very funny look at family values but also has its darker side.

Stephen Febble is retired and all he wants is to be left alone. His life is suddenly and utterly changed when, to his horror, his wife Virginia fills the house with guests for the weekend. It's enough to make him reach for both the whisky and the sarcasm and to increasingly subvert the proceedings. There is much of Palin's self-effacing humour, but there's sharp observation and truth too.

We hope you will be able to join us – please also pass on this information to anyone else you think might enjoy the play.

If they would like to be added to our mailing list, our email address is:

stage2playinfo@gmail.com

Children's Society Clothing Sale

DOWNHAM Village Hall was turned into a massive clothing recycling warehouse on Friday and Saturday 15 and 16th. The Fundraising Committee of the Children's Society in the Whalley Deanery has been collecting clothing and accessories under the banner "There's Cash in Your Closet" for a local Sale in the Village hall on Saturday afternoon and to feed into the Society's Charity Shops.

Many hundreds of items were donated by local people through St Mary's Hall in Clitheroe and Downham Village Hall. Volunteers sorted, and priced items prior to the doors opening and served tea and cake to customers. Several very nice potentially valuable items were detected and are being separately valued to make a fair price for the charity's work.

Hon Treasurer Brian Lewis said it has been a wish of the committee for some time to find a means of collecting for the shops and this seems to be a good way to combine that while letting local people have a chance to buy before shipping the goods away to the nearest shop which is in Garstang.

The Children's society Committee wishes to thank all the volunteers and customers who were involved in raising £300 and sending on so much stuff for retailing in the shops.

SHEEPDOG THEFT

ALAN Parker from Top Row had two dogs stolen from his home on Saturday 23rd September. Any information about their whereabouts would be gratefully received.



THE PARISH CHURCH

Operation Christmas Child

IT'S time to think about packing those shoe boxes again! What a blessing they are to children in many different parts of the world who would not otherwise receive any Christmas present.

Leaflets about packing your box are available in church. When it is ready, please bring it to church or contact Derek and Anne for collection. The boxes need to be in by Sunday 19th. November. Thanks, Derek and Anne

“500 YEARS SINCE LUTHER’S PROTEST”

THE Salem Congregational Chapel at Martin Top is holding a Film Night on **Saturday 7th October at 7pm** to mark this important anniversary. The film is “a biopic” which examines Protestant reformer Martin Luther’s personal battles and his transformation from simple monk into leader of the Protestant movement and (in the eyes of the Vatican) an ecclesiastical terrorist”. The film last 2 hours. Admission is free, but please contact Alan Marsden on 0775708418 to book a seat. RCA



THE OCTAMERON SINGERS are presenting a Musical Miscellany at Downham Village Hall on Saturday 30th at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £8 and include interval refreshments. They are obtainable from Roy Porters Butcher at Chatburn, Platform Gallery Clitheroe, from Philippa on 01200 441484 and Barbara on 01200 440925 Their programme includes Songs from Shows and other popular items. The show is in aid of the Downham Village Hall and St Leonard.s Parish Church.

THE GARDEN CLUB

OUR meeting to have been on Thursday 7th September at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm was postponed until the regular November slot where our speaker will be Steve Helliwell and his subject is Gresgarth Gardens .



The October meeting to be held on Thursday , 5th is back to the programme with a talk about Gardens by Elizabeth Parker. CA

PARISH MEETING

THE ANNUAL Parish Meeting this year will be on Thursday 28th September at 7pm in Downham Village Hall. RCA

THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP

A FULL report of our last meting and some details of the October meeting appear on page 6.

Our 17th October meeting at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm will be a presentation by Charles Jepson on The Clarion Cycling Club House at Rough Lee. The Clarion cycling club, began in February 1894 and the Rough Lee Club House in 1912, It is the only one remaining in the kingdom and still welcomes visitors.

ROYAL PRESTON MORRIS DANCERS

THIS GROUP has booked in at the Village Hall again. This time on Wednesday, 4th October at 7.30 pm. They are offering a free session comprising a demonstration and some tuition. They say “Come on and have a go”.



COFFEE CLUB

ANOTHER busy morning with lots of catching up on all the news. We had delicious cakes provided by Di and Philippa, thank you ladies. One of my cakes contained whisky, I hope no one got breathalised on the way home ! Our thanks go to Frances for the beautiful table decorations , which she very generously donates to different members each month. Now it's that time of year again, yes i'm talking of the Coffee Club Christmas lunch. I'll send round a list with the details ,and if you want to come, just add your name. The day's the same, the second Thursday in December, so hopefully it will be a full house. Our next meeting is on October 12th, look forward to seeing you all



HALLOWEEN PARTY
AT THE ICE CREAM SHOP
TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER
from 6 till 8 pm
BRING THE GROWN UPS AND HAVE FUN.
ENJOY TOMBOLA, GAMES
THERE'S A PRIZE FOR THE BEST COSTUME.
HOT DOGS and PARKIN FOR SALE
FREE SWEETIES FOR THE KIDDIES
HOPE YOU CAN MAKE IT.



ALL are welcome to a Ladies' Jewellery Party hosted by Helen Addy at 32 Brookside, Downham on

Saturday, 7th October 1.00 to 4.00 pm. Pop in for coffee, tea & cake and browse 'Jewellery Tailors' stall of quality hand-made jewellery. There will be an 'Autumn Mini Hamper' Raffle to raise funds for Downham WI 100th Birthday

The next WI meeting is the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 19th October, at 7.30 pm. HA

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

THE First Responders group based in Clitheroe, are offering a training session on how to use the machine housed in the old telephone box. The session will take place in the upstairs Green Room at the Village Hall at **8pm Wednesday 18th October**. Please enter by the bottom door as the Main Hall is in use. RCA



BONFIRE

BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL and CAR PARK
FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER at 6 pm DOORS OPEN AT 5.30 .
Tickets £5 including hot supper
Anyone welcome first come first served
Tickets available on 01200 440925
or 07810267703
CLOSING DATE FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER