

## PARISH CALENDAR 2018

OCTOBER		Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
4th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Social and planning evening</i>
7th	Trinity XIX	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs P. McFall	Lord & Lady Clitheroe      Mrs S. Travis Mrs A Chadwick
8th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Christ Church Chatburn</i>	
10th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr B. Lewis	
11th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall	
14th	Trinity XX Harvest	11.00 am	Harvest Festival Revd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewiis	Mrs C. McGrath      Mr & Mrs C. Ennis
	Sunday	3.00 pm	Pause for Hope	St Michael & St John Clitheroe	<i>Ecumenical service for those affected by Cancer</i>
18th	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	
19th	Friday	7.30 pm	Quiz	Clitheroe Cricket Club	<i>In aid of the Children's Society</i>
21st	Trinity XXI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Anne Hardacre	Mr I Walton	Mrs E. Parker      Mr & Mrs B Lewis
22nd	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodist Church</i>	
			History Group	Village Hall	<i>The Battle Of Read Bridge</i>
24th	Wednesday	10.00am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean	
28th	Trinity XXII	11.00 am	Matins Revd Anne Hardacre	Mrs A. Wallace	Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
November					
1st	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Gardens of the South—S&amp;A Kellington</i>
4th	Trinity XXIII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Revd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Lord & Lady Clitheroe      Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
5th	Monday	5.30 pm	Bonfire	VH Car Park	

### OUR PRIEST IN CHARGE – Revd Andy Froud

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### OUR CHURCH WARDENS

The Hon Ralph Assheton – 441210 Mrs Philippa McFall - 441484 Mr Ian Walton—445063

### VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Chairman and Bookings Secretary** Mr Shaun Roney—441667

**Hon. Secretary** Mrs Clare Ashworth—445112

## PARISH OF ST. LEONARD

## DOWNHAM & TWISTON

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**From The Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway**

**T**HE Season has truly been changing over the past few weeks. After a wonderful summer reminiscent of 1976 (for those of us with long memories) we're approaching Autumn and Harvest Festival. Originally a Pagan Festival, Harvest is a celebration of food grown on the land, in coastal regions to bless the bounty of the seas and in some rural areas to give thanks for healthy livestock. It reminds us of all the good things that God has given to us and gives us the opportunity to share with others.

The Bible is full of Harvest imagery; Jesus used it too in the Parable of the Sower. The act of planting seeds represents a new beginning but in order for them to grow we need to nurture, protect and feed those seeds if they are to grow. It's the same for us. As God's people we should nurture, protect, love and feed one another if we are to flourish, grow God's Kingdom on earth and be the kind of people God wants us to be.

Catherine



**L**ord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	AUGUST	2018
<b>COMMUNICANTS</b>	25	315
<b>COLLECTIONS</b>	£	
SERVICES	432	2,949
VISITORS	70	513
DONATIONS	405	6,882
HOUSE BOXES	-	65
SPECIAL	603	4,947
<b>TOTAL</b>	1,510	15,356

**IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:**

Helen Addy, Bob Swarbrick, Kath Swarbrick, Jean Whitsey, Kath Brown, and others who are unwell.

THE PARISH CHURCH IS VERY GRATEFUL TO THOSE BUSINESSES, ORGANISATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT SPONSOR THE NEWSLETTER. IN OCTOBER THE NEWSLETTER IS SPONSORED BY THE ASSHETON ARMS

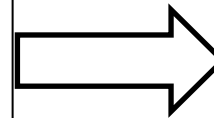


**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**HOLY MATRIMONY**

**1st September** Scott Andrew Boast and Molly Faith Gladwin  
Molly formerly of Downham

**SPECTATOR**



**M**Y lovely sister-in-law commented the other day that anyone who provides facilities for disAbled people should try them out first themselves.

We are in Jersey on holiday and we request Special Assistance to get us through the airport and for this service we are extremely grateful as we would be unable to fly anywhere on our own, but surely it could run a little smoother?

We have to put up with little niggly things like waiting on the plane for nearly half an hour after all other passengers have disembarked and flight attendants are cleaning around us, before two wheelchairs have been found and brought to the bottom of the steps. We have been left by our minders until the last minute before the plane takes off and we have put up with dark looks from other passengers for "pushing in", not to mention being left on our own nowhere near drinks or toilets and being rushed at an alarming speed past the Duty Free whilst looking longingly at what we could have bought if only we had legs!

This visit surpassed others as we were rushed around from gate to gate, one of which was in what looked like a cellar with no other person there but luckily we were not left long at that one. The assistance lady pushing me had been stuck recently in a lift so sent us down on our own or with the other assistant whenever she could! But we were kept busy until the last 30 mins before boarding, when we got left where passengers were queueing non stop and we felt in the way, stared at and exhausted by the time we boarded our flight. We were thirsty and hungry and swearing we'll never travel again! I don't want to moan but Please let it be easier when we go back tomorrow and let us take the sunny weather back home to Downham with us to prolong the wonderful Summer that we have had this year.....and PLEASE .....no mention of the C ( Christmas) word just yet.



WHALLEY DEANERY FUND RAISING COMMITTEE  
Chairman - The Revd Andy Froud

**QUIZ NIGHT**

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 7:30pm

Clitheroe Cricket Club

Chatburn Road, Clitheroe

In aid of the Children's Society

**ADMISSION £7 per team member**

**Includes Pie & Pea Supper  
Licensed bar available**

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**BONFIRE !!**

**BONFIRE AND  
FIREWORK DISPLAY**

DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL  
and CAR PARK

MONDAY NOVEMBER 5th at 6 30pm

DOORS OPEN FROM 5.30

Tickets £5

INCLUDING HOT SUPPER  
UNDER 14s FREE

ANYONE WELCOME

FIRST COME FIRST SERVED

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON

01200440925

and

07810267703

## STAGE 2 DOWNHAM



Thank you for expressing an interest in our productions. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our Autumn production will be 'The Admirable Crichton', written by J M Barrie. Performance dates are Wednesday 28th November 2018 to Saturday 1st December inclusive at 7.30 pm in Downham Village Hall.

The ticket price remains at £7. We hope once again to offer a pre-performance, meal plus ticket deal. Details of this and booking arrangements will be in the next Newsletter

Best known as the creator of 'Peter Pan' J M Barrie was a successful playwright. He wrote 'The Admirable Crichton' in 1902 as a masterful light comic spoof which was also an indictment of the prevailing British class system. The play centres on the household of Lord Loam, who scandalises polite society by inviting his servants to take tea with him once a month, much to the disapproval of his butler Crichton who is opposed to such social reversal. Social norms are then further tested when the household is shipwrecked on a tropical island. The resourceful Crichton is the only one of the party with any practical knowledge and takes charge of tracking food, building shelter and rigging up an electricity supply whilst his Lordship is rapidly reduced to fetching and carrying. Suddenly the class barriers are down and Crichton is the new 'governor'.

We do 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](mailto:stage2playinfo@gmail.com)



## The Pendle Hill Foodie Foray

A celebration of local food producers and the distinctive local dishes found at the foot of our landmark hill.

**Starting on Saturday, 13th October, the five-day programme includes walks, talks, foraging and feasting.**

Whether you fancy finding out more about the local delicacies that thrive within our landscape, finding food for free amongst the hedgerows or tucking into a five-course locally sourced feast, there's an event for everyone.

Join us for our Safari Summit on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> starting with breakfast at the Assheton Arms, followed by a guided walk over Pendle Hill Summit, and finishing with a late lunch at the Barley Mow (all for just £20, including food and transport at the start from Barley to Downham). For those with families, join us at Gazegill Organic Farm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> and learn how organic and low intensity farming systems can minimise impact on the environment, then taste the difference for yourself with a selection of delicious farm produce - a taste of what's to come from their café in 2019! (Free event). Or why not join us in Sabden on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> for a 8km valley walk, finishing with afternoon tea at Sanwitches café and a visit to the Milking Parlour, where the Gills will give a short talk about the production of their nutritious whole milk. For a full event listings & online booking form visit: <https://pendlehillproject.com/foodie-foray> SS

## PASTORAL SCHEME St MARY MAGDALENE CLITHEROE St PAUL LOW MOOR CLITHEROE, CHRIST CHURCH CHATBURN & St LEONARD DOWNHAM

**T**HE Parish of Downham St Leonard was well represented at the very fitting service for the licensing of the Revd Catherine Hale-Heighway as Associate Minister of the combined benefice with responsibility for St Paul's Low Moor and Christ Church, Chatburn, on 4th September. The service was conducted by the Archdeacon, the area Dean and the licensing carried out by the Bishop of Blackburn.

The service included a welcome by the people of the four churches and declarations by the congregations that they will support the priest in her promises to celebrate the sacrament of holy communion, to study, teach and proclaim the truth of holy scripture, to administer the sacrament of holy baptism and to serve the spiritual and material needs of the community.

The service was hosted by St Paul Low Moor and ended with a party with really good refreshments.



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## CHURCH CLEANING

ROTA organiser Lady Clitheroe informs us that Sue Marlowe has left Downham and has therefore given up her place on the Rota. Her partner in cleaning, Eileen Parker, has also decided that it is time to retire having been a founder member of this rota scheme begun over 20 years ago. We have been fortunate in recruiting Jacqui Shepherd and need one more at least to balance the list. The more names on the rota the less frequently the job comes round. Anyone with an hour to spare once every nine weeks and who would like to help please speak to Lady Clitheroe. We are, she says, very grateful to those who volunteer for this duty, we have a very clean and welcoming church. We thank Sue and Eileen for their help over the past years.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD [SAMARITANS PURSE] SHOE BOX 2018

**O**NCE again it is time to start to look out for small gifts to fill a shoe box with a selection of toys, school supplies, soap, toothpaste & other hygiene items, sweets hat, gloves etc. There are leaflets at the back of church or you can get more information on [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/occ)

Please bring your filled shoebox back to church so that Anne or Derek can pick it up by Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November at the very latest. If you need us to pick shoe boxes up or you need more information ring **01200 429341**



THE PARISH CHURCH



**OUR installation, *There but not There*, honouring the seven men of Downham and Twiston who died in the Great War 1914-18 was completed exactly one hundred days before the anniversary of the Armistice on 11th November and will remain open until Remembrance Day.**

Some of our reporting is advance notice of Remembrance weekend.

The Royal British Legion banners move round the smaller villages of Ribble Valley in turn. It is Downham's turn this year. Starting with a parade from the assembly point near the Assheton Arms across to church, a piper at the start the last post at the end. The service, as ever starts ahead of our usual time at 10.45 am. This so that we are at the silence precisely on time.at 11.00.

The PCC is presenting a Brass Band Concert at 7.30 pm on Friday, 9th November. It is to be given by our friends from the gardens open The Barnoldswick Brass Band. Further details are enclosed..

GARDEN CLUB

AFTER being outdoors for the June and July meetings and all the hustle and bustle of the Annual Show in August it was a very relaxing evening at the Garden Club this month. It was about 8 or 9 years since Dr. Irene Ridge came to speak to us ,and what a wonderful speaker she is! Her photographs of Wild Orchids came alive as she told us all about them and where in the world we could see them. There are several species that can be found in Great Britain if you look but don't touch, she also told us about people digging them up !



Dr Ridge was very knowledgeable and passionate about Wild Orchids which makes for a very interesting evening. The usual supper and raffle followed to end the evening.

Our meeting on Thursday, 4th October. is a SOCIAL EVENING, tea, biscuits and a natter and hopefully some suggestions of speakers and places to visit for next year. All suggestions and criticisms will be welcomed. Of course anyone who hasn't been before will be very welcome too.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY QUIZ

**THE Children's Society provides services that support vulnerable children including those in trouble, who live with a disability, or are in care or are asylum seeking.**

**The Ribble Valley Fundraising Committee has organised a quiz on Friday, 19th October at the Cricket Club in Clitheroe at 7.30 pm . Why not come as a table with three others and enjoy the supper and Fun? See page 7.**

**The Children's Society has enjoyed good support from Clitheroe and around for many years.**

COFFEE CLUB,



**WE** were a bit depleted at our September meeting, but that didn't stop us from catching up on all the Village news. .Our Vicar arrived early and it's always a pleasure to see him.The cakes disappeared, despite the low numbers, as quite a few of our members had hungry mouths at home to feed! Thanks as usual to our generous bakers ,who never fail to tempt us with their delicious confections. The table decorations looked lovely as usual, thanks to Frances.

Our next meeting is on October 11th at 10am, hope you can all make it.

MARIE CURIE FUN DAY

**HUGE** thank you to all who supported the Fun Day on August Bank Holiday Monday. Despite the weather conditions there was a wonderful atmosphere on the day with supporters enjoying the games and scrumptious bbq provided by David and Michelle from the Ice cream shop. The teddy bears, kindly donated by Mr Ken Hudson in memory of his late wife Muriel, proved a hit with everyone.

The grand total of £516.26 was raised which will provide 25 hours of nursing care to the terminally ill. The committee of Ribble Valley Marie Curie are most grateful to everyone who helped both before and on the day and all who supported the event.DP



It was a very colourful meeting at Downham WI this September because this month's talk was on Malaysian Silk Batik by

Chandra and Richard Law. What surprised us all was not only Chandra's witty account of the British climate upon her arrival in the UK, compared to her native country, but also the teaching of Batik in Malaysia. From the age of 14 it is compulsory for girls to study batik for 3 years in order to master this fine art. Boys have to study it too for one year before moving on to working with wood, metal and bamboo. Whilst Chandra spoke, her husband Richard was preparing the hot wax for his practical demonstration of creating Silk Batik with stunning results. The pair also has a number of items for sale, the most popular being the collapsible hats (which can also be used as a fan when half opened), so look out for who's wearing them next summer!



THE DOWNHAM & TWISTON HISTORY GROUP Downham School

**OVER** 100 former pupils,, teachers and others got together in Downham Village Hall on Sunday 16th September. Pictures, photographs school reports and other memorabilia was shown, exchanged and scanned and returned to owners. Tea, cakes and memories were enjoyed as members of the History Group, who organised the get together recorded everything ready for the 180th anniversary of the school building next year. The History Group is ,most grateful to all who attended, loaned things and helped with refreshments and the organisation of a most enjoyable event. **OUR NEXT meeting is taking us to a new season of speakers and we welcome back Brian Jeffery with his "The Battle of Read Bridge" presentation on Monday, 22nd October at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.**