

PARISH CALENDAR 2017

September			Event	Sidemen/ women	Altar Flowers	Church Cleaners
3rd	Trinity XII	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs E. Parker	Mrs D. Braithwaite	Mr & Mrs B Lewis
4th	Monday	11.00 am	History Group	Meet @ Bridge	<i>Trip to St John's Tunstall</i>	
7th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Steve Helliwell—Gresgarth Gardens</i>	
10th	Trinity XIII	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Anne Hardacre	Mrs A Wallace		Mrs L. Whitsey Ms Z. Ward
11th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>St Michael and St John Church Clitheroe</i>		
12th	Tuesday	7.30 pm	PCC	Church		
13th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr B Lewis		
14th	Thursday	10.00 am	Coffee Club	Village Hall		
16th	Saturday	2.00 to 4.00 pm	Clothing Sale	Village Hall	<i>In Aid of The Children's Society</i>	
17th	Trinity XIV	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs P McFall		Mrs D Braithwaite Mrs F. Eldridge
21st	Thursday	7.30 pm	WI	Village Hall	<i>Lady Milena Grenfell Bains</i>	
24th	Trinity XV	11.00 am	Matins Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr I Walton	Mrs D. Braithwaite	Mrs A Moyle Mrs D. Wilkins
25th	Monday	7.30 pm	Joyful Noise	<i>Chatburn Methodists Church</i>		
27th	Wednesday	10.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mr T. McLean		
28th	Thursday	7.00 pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Village Hall		
30th	Saturday	7.30 pm	Octameron Concert	Village Hall	<i>Miscellany featuring Show Songs</i>	
October						
1st	Trinity XVI	11.00 am	Holy Communion Rev'd Andy Froud	Mrs B. Lewis	Lord & Lady Clitheroe	Hon Mrs R Assheton Mrs C. Naylor
5th	Thursday	7.30 pm	Garden Club	Village Hall	<i>Elizabeth Parker—Gardens</i>	

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From The Rev'd Andy Froud

Dear Friends

I was once two hours late for a funeral. Before at least one of you (I know who you are by the way) say “well, typical of HIS incompetence” let me say that it wasn’t my fault at all. It was in the days before sat navs when asking “where is the church please?” meant that you got full directions to a church. Just not necessarily the church you wanted to go to.

When I was a curate my vicar was told off by a nurse: this lady has been in hospital for two weeks - where has the church been? He explained to her that every day someone from the church had been to see her: this just happened to be the first time the vicar had come to see her.

The answer to where is the church? is not a single building and not a single person. The Greek word that we translate as church isn’t used much in the Bible. It’s ekklesia and from it we get words like ecclesiastical. It always means the congregation; the followers of Jesus who have come together in one place.

For the next few months the congregation of St Mary’s will be worshipping in the St Mary’s Centre. I hope that, as at Chatburn, where we had to worship in the school while the building work was undertaken, we will rediscover what the church really is.

I hope too that the work which has been completed on the building at Chatburn and has had such a great effect on the church there will have the same sort of effect on the church at St Mary’s.

But every church is ultimately I believe, only part of the one church where all the followers of Jesus are reunited in worship of the one eternal God.

Yours in Christ,

God, who of thy generous mercy didst send the Holy Spirit upon thy Church in the burning fire of thy love: grant that thy people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, ever abiding in thee, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

ST. LEONARD FACTS AND FIGURES		
	July	2017
COMMUNICANTS	51	283
COLLECTIONS	£	
SERVICES	624	2,102
VISITORS	70	257
DONATIONS	2,132	6,306
HOUSE BOXES	-	150
SPECIAL	238	4,234
TOTAL	3,064	13,049

IN OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS:

Susan and the family of the late David Yorke, Kath Swarbrick, Carole Ashworth, Linda Whitsey

FAREWELL & WELCOME

Goodbye to **Lily and Val Serban** who are happily settled with Stan in Rotherham and a big welcome to **Linda and Chris Ennis** who have moved into the flat at Downham Hall with their dog Elsie and about a dozen unusual breed chickens (well, the chickens aren't actually in the flat of course!). Linda is Downham Hall's new housekeeper and Chris has his own 'handyman' business.

We also say farewell to **Paul Sutton** from Greendale and **Chris Todd** from Stocks Tree Cottage, who are both moving to pastures new imminently.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

Holy Matrimony

19th August, James Edward **Hardman** and Renata **Agabiti** both of Grindleton and worshipping at All Hallows, Great Mitton.

FESTIVAL BOWLAND IN SEPTEMBER

TAKE INSPIRATION from the forest and paint your very own Bowland picture on a tiny glass tile with local artist, Karen Redmayne on Sunday 10th at Gisburn Forest Hub. Suitable for adults and accompanied children aged 4 years and over. £2.50 per ticket. For more information and to book a place contact Sandra Silk at the Forest of Bowland AONB office on 01200 448000 or email sandra.silk@lancashire.gov.uk

Not a million miles from Gisburn Forest is the village of Tosside where we'll be holding an Outstanding Week event on Saturday 16th September. Bring some of Bowland's fantastic autumn colours inside as you make a lovely tissue paper window hanging. A family-friendly activity where adults come free! £2.50 per child. For more information and to book a place Sandra Silk at the Forest of Bowland AONB office on 01200 448000 or email Sandra

Saturday 23rd is your chance to have a go at some Equinox star gazing back at Gisburn Forest Hub. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather and we'll experience an unforgettable night under the stars, travelling through the constellations and along the Milky Way. An indoor presentation will be followed by the opportunity to look through powerful telescopes operated by experienced amateur astronomers. Suitable for adults and accompanied children 12 years and over. £10 per ticket (£5 concessionary) or £25 for a family ticket. To book a place go to www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/robert-ince-7214874047

BOWLAND EXPLORER

Don't forget – you can enjoy a journey on the Bowland Explorer summer Sunday bus service from Clitheroe to Bentham until 24th September. Let someone else take the driving strain whilst you take in Bowland's beautiful scenery in comfort on board this sixteen seater minibus. For timetable and fare details – and to read a first-hand account of the journey – go to www.forestofbowland.com/Travel-Information

CONCERT SATURDAY 30th SEPTEMBER AT DOWNHAM VILLAGE HALL



was formed in 1996 and are therefore celebrating their twenty-first anniversary this year. As the name suggests they consist of eight singers plus a musical director/accompanist. Although there have been some changes in personnel five of the original members still remain and all have been singers for many years in other ensembles and choirs. They are also all soloists in their own right, Hilary and Sarah are also flautists in Settle Orchestra.

They love getting together to sing as an ensemble and it has been said that this comes through not only in their live performances but also in their three CDs – "In the Mood", "Anything Goes" and "Octameron at Christmas".

At the concert in Downham Octameron are giving a Programme that includes the really popular shows songs such as West Side Story and some Rogers and Hammerstein.

This joint venture between the Parish Church and Village Hall is to raise funds for both. We look forward to a great evening's entertainment with tickets at £8 from Roy Porter's, Philippa on 441484, Barbara on 440925 and also available at The Platform Gallery.

SPECTATOR

R Elaine is coming for her tea tonight and the main reason is that she will be here to admire the hanging basket that she very kindly offered to make up for us and which is just starting to bloom and look gorgeous.

Jon used to do lovely baskets till he got too wobbly and for a long time, Jon's ex mother and father in law used to make us hanging baskets that were like Kew Gardens. Splendid. Alas, they had to give it up as they got older and Jon's father in law sadly died recently. He will be missed.

As we are all getting older and approaching the front of the check out queue!, our family decided to have more fun get-togethers before we all start meeting for funerals. That is why some of them came for hymn singing on the green and why I booked the village hall for my 65th birthday in October. It will be a birthday celebration/family get together/raise awareness and funding for Parkinson's.

I thought I would invite people by Facebook where you can set up a special group chat about the forthcoming event. My "dippy" sister Debs set one up for her party; so how hard could it be? That was my first mistake!

I set up a Poll group, second mistake, and people were voting on which date to have it on...NO! Then I set up another one and people were asking what was going on, Lucy set one up for me and then I thought I'd have one last go. Oh dear, I watched as the messages flashed up .." Pat is leaving the group" " Liz is leaving the group". No wait, come back!

I got a message from Lucy, "mum what is this, what have you done? I decided to close all the groups and take Lucy's advice, stick to the old fashioned methods... party invite cards at the ready!

THE RIBBLE VALLEY MUSIC FESTIVAL IN SEPTEMBER

Friday 15th at 8.00 pm at Chatburn Christ Church The Last Night of the Chatburn Proms.

ANOTHER DOWNHAM EVENT FOR THE DIARY

ON Friday 20th October the Village Hall and Blackburn District Society of Magicians are presenting an evening of Stage and Table Magic at a super supper event,

DAVID YORKE

MANY will have read the excellent obituary of David in the August 10th edition of the Clitheroe Times which summarises his life very well, as a Land Agent and founding Partner of Ingham and Yorke, his addiction to, and skill with, the piano and his joy on the Grouse Moor.

As far as I was concerned he was an elder brother when I was young. Ferreting and shooting pigeons and getting into mischief together was wonderful fun and sing-songs round the piano with all the family (including my Grandfather with his 8-stringed Banjo) are very happy memories of those pre-television days.

David had been very poorly for a number of years and ,though he will be sadly missed, his death will be a happy release for him.

Ingham and Yorke took over the management of the Downham Estate in the early 1960's and I think that we all have much to thank David and his colleagues for their hard work and the success they have had in preserving the well-being of our Downham Community. c



Children's Society Clothing Sale

There's Cash in Your Closet and Whalley Deanery Fundraisers for the Children's Society want you to clear it out and donate it to their cause.

The Children's Society run a number of projects in the North West including help to missing Children, Street Safe Lancashire provides direct support and advocacy to young people, tailored to their needs.

The Society works in schools and other settings to deliver awareness raising sessions. Through group work with young people the aim is to ensure that vulnerable children understand and recognise concepts such as grooming and exploitative relationships. They discuss how young people can keep themselves safe, in the real world and on-line. Advice and training to professionals, parents and the wider community is another important part of their preventative work. The Missing from Home team work closely with police and children's social care.

Whalley Deanery Committee will be on hand to accept gifts of good quality clothing on Friday 15th and in the morning of Saturday 16th September at The St Mary's Centre Clitheroe and Downham Village Hall.

Committee Chairman, The Revd Andy Froud, said we hope that some people might like to donate a whole special occasion outfit others just one item—all will be gratefully received and recycled to new owners at the sale on Saturday afternoon at Downham Village Hall between 2.00 and 4.00 pm.

THE PARISH CHURCH

FAREWELL ORGANIST JOHN

ON 20th August, John Hampshire played his last Sunday Service for the congregation at St Leonards. Members expressed their gratitude through the medium of a small gift and very good wishes for the future in Cumbria.

BELLS

BELL RINGING goes from strength to strength. We now have five ringers who are proficient enough to go on tour (St Mary's Clitheroe) and to have performed at two "gigs" aka weddings. In fact with the recent addition of four beginners we are a bigger Downham band than for many years and better recruited than many of the surrounding towers. RCA



**PASTORAL REORGANISATION
4 Parishes**

THE BISHOP of Blackburn has drafted new proposals for the organisation of Clergy and Parishes within Clitheroe and Chatburn and Downham. Briefly this means that a new, larger, Joint Benefice is formed from the Parishes of Clitheroe St Mary Magdalene, Clitheroe St Paul, Low Moor, St Leonard Downham and Christ Church Chatburn.

All Parishioners are entitled to make representations either for or against the draft proposals by 11th September. The full proposal is contained in a folder in Church, along with arrangements for making representation. Hon Sec. PCC

**THE GARDEN CLUB
SHOW**

WHAT a wonderful sight met our eyes when we walked into the village hall on the day of the garden show! Walking round we realised also the different scents. The sweet peas, beautiful roses, the lilies and the phlox. Just wonderful. The vegetables came next and what an array of lovely, healthy potatoes, onions, beans and on through the schedule. Then we moved on to the photography which I think is improving year on year. Last but not least is the confectionery. What can I say about these superb jams marmalades and cakes etc.? They looked good enough to eat.



A fabulous show .Well done Downham & Twiston. Also a massive well done to all the winners,

- Flowers-Olivia Assheton
- Vegetables-Bernard & Carolyn Gethings
- Photography- Frances Peter Eldridge
- Confectionary-Frances & Peter Eldridge
- Overall points- Frances & Peter Eldridge
- Best in Show- Francis & Peter Eldridge

With many thanks to competitors, judges and everyone who worked before the show and on the day.

Our next meeting is on Thursday 7th September at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm where our speaker will be Steve Helliwell and his subject, Gresgarth Gardens CA

PARISH MEETING

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

All Downham residents are welcome to attend this relatively short and painless get-together. The meeting is the opportunity for residents to praise, comment or moan about the local government matters. In the past items have included gritting, street lighting, dog fouling and traffic concerns, to name but a few. RCA

COFFEE CLUB

WE HAD a good turnout at the August coffee club and it was lovely to see Dave and Olive again after a few month's absence, you were missed. Thank you to Frances for her delicious fruit cake and the beautiful table decorations. They were much appreciated. Our Carole joined us, complete with new knee and whilst not quite ready for "come dancing " is continuing to make good progress. Best wishes from all your coffee club friends. Our next meeting is on 14th September at 10.00 am. Hope to see you all there BL



RAIN

I SHOULD have stuck to news last month, rather than weather forecasting. No sooner had I written that I expected about 3 inches of rain, when the heavens opened and we ended the month with 4.32 inches! We are therefore marginally above the long term average. That said, at least we did not get 9.4 inches as we did in 2007. RCA

FUN AFTERNOON BANK HOLIDAY

A great time was had by all and lots of smiling faces were to be seen at the Fun Afternoon on Bank Holiday Monday at Hare Green in aid of The Marie Curie Foundation. Over six hundred pounds will be donated to the Cancer Charity.

The Ribble Valley Group who organise events for the Charity send their thanks to everyone who did preparation work and those who were helping on the day, not to mention those who turned out in support.

A good mix of locals and visitors enjoyed the stalls and games. There are good pictures on the charity's Facebook page. DP



President Mrs Judith Nixon welcomed members and speaker, Peter Warren, to the July meeting. Judith Nixon read Freda Karol's report of the AGM in Liverpool. Freda was our delegate from Gisburn WI.

Peter Warren who was from the auctioneers, Warren & Wignall Ltd, Leyland, showed slides of a range of antiques from the Georgian period to Art Deco of the 20th Century. Members enjoyed a competition and had great fun guessing the year and value of the artefacts. Although some estimates and dates suggested by members were wildly inaccurate, others were spot on!

Frances Garner reported on the visit some members made to the Stone & Roses Garden near Chorley. Members enjoyed the beautiful gardens and a wonderful afternoon tea with piano accompaniment by the founder, Raymond Smith.

Members supported Downham Open Gardens by running and providing cakes for the WI Cake Stall on the Saturday and Sunday. Thanks go to all those who ran the stall and the villagers and members who provided cakes for the stall.

In August, Downham WI members enjoyed the annual outing. Forty seven members and guests enjoyed a wonderful canal trip from Foulridge towards Barnoldswick with Foulridge Canal Cruises. On a sun dappled evening everyone enjoyed a wonderful cruise with beautiful countryside viewed through every window on the Leeds Liverpool Canal. The friendly owners of the barge provided a generous, delicious supper of home-made pie and peas.

President, Judith Nixon said how much everyone had enjoyed the trip and thanked Barbara Lewis for organising it, Susan Whittaker for organising the quiz and Rosemary Norgrove for organising the raffle.

Frances Garner reported on the excellent Clitheroe and District WI Area Show, which once again was held in Clayton Le Moors. Downham WI won the Small Institute Silver Cup, although Slaidburn WI, have vowed to win it back next year. AK