

Dear Parishioners, The maintenance committee of the combined parish met for the first time on Thursday. Original committee members Arnold Marsden, Les Collinson and Michael Bradley were joined by Peter White and Tony Hagan from Sabden to work through a 12 point agenda covering both our churches and properties. A full report will be presented to the Forum meeting on Wednesday along with mock-ups of signboards for both the churches and the social centre. Tony Hagan as Sabden folk know is a qualified surveyor, so again we have expert advice on hand following Alban Mercer's retirement.

I am grateful to two parishioners who donated £300 and £100 towards the cost of this winter's increased church heating. The boiler has run continuously since the first cold snap in November! With meteorologists predicting a continuing freezing winter (notwithstanding the current warm spell) and colder than average winters in the foreseeable future coupled with rising energy prices then our heating costs will become a major expenditure.

Following the theft of lead last summer, all lead has been treated with *smartwater* (an anti-theft device) and warning signs to thieves will soon be displayed. More disabled wall signs and ground markings will reserve the spaces on the school side of the church for disabled parking only.

The loop system which enables people with hearing aids to follow services has failed and should be repaired this week. The sound engineer will also install a specialised CD player to lead our singing at Mass. Until now we have managed with a make shift arrangement.

Our parish isn't primarily composed of buildings but of people and so there are quite a number of pastoral issues for discussion.

Many faith leaders - Christian and otherwise - expressed gratitude for the manner in which Pope Benedict during his recent visit eased religion out of the closet to which it had been confined and reintroduced it into the public arena, stressing its relevance for modern day society. Many Catholics feel, too, that his visit has put new heart into our community and as one said to me, "he has moved us off the back foot." We need to explore how best we may build on this.

The offer of a six week *formation for mission* programme has been made to the parish. What is it? Come along to the Forum in the Parish Centre on Wednesday at 7.30pm to find out. We shall there also arrange our Lent and Easter programme and service times and Sabden Confirmations

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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**2nd Sunday in Ordinary time- 16th January 2011**

## *St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe*

### **SUNDAY**

Mass at 9.30am

### **MONDAY & FRIDAY**

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### **TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY**

Mass at 9am

### **SATURDAY (22nd January)**

11am - 11.45am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

11am - 11.55am Exposition

11.30am Rosary

Eucharistic Service at noon

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

## *St Mary's Church Sabden*

**Sunday** - Mass at 11am Thursday 7.30pm Ecumenical Service

**Friday** - Mass at 9.15am

### **MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK**

Henry Thornber, John Dolphin, Gertrude Feely, Ethel Kilroy, Angela Brennan,  
Tom Macauley, Peter Cunningham (2), Fr Wareing (2), Judy Masterman (2)

### **SICK**

Sr Angelina Telese, Grace Warren, Anthony Cornwell,

### **LATELY DEAD**

Jane Cottam, Peter Cunningham, Judy Masterman

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Henry Thornber, John Dolphin, Gertrude Feely, Angela Brennan



## WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday - P & B Hardwick Sunday - A & J Marsden

## READERS

Saturday - C.Astin Sunday - C.Morgan

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - R Carter & B Taylor Sunday - T.Mercer, A Hickling, P.Sutcliffe

## OFFERTORY

St Michael & St John's £794.01 Sabden £263.18 Many thanks

**ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S PARISH CENTRE** Opens after Mass on Saturday evening. Why not come in for a relaxing evening, re-kindle old friendships and make new ones. Don't forget Sunday evening is our regular Family Quiz Night between 8pm—10pm **BINGO** on Tuesday evenings.

A '**Review Meeting**' for members with the committee will be held TONIGHT Sunday 16th January at 7.30pm in the Top Lounge to discuss plans for 2011. All members welcome. **FORTHCOMING EVENT** Saturday 22 January Mowtown Night - Everyone Welcome

**MEMBERSHIP** Membership fees may be renewed from January 7th 2011 every Monday, Friday and Sunday evenings. Fees to increase to £10 for adults, £5 for OAP's and students.

**TEA DANCE** Wednesday 19th January in our Parish Hall. Dancing from 2pm - 5pm. Admission £3.50 including an excellent Afternoon Tea. Come and dance the afternoon away - everyone welcome.

**K.S.C. JUMBLE** A date for your diary Saturday February 19th

**TABOR RETREAT HOUSE** programmes for January - July 2011 are now available from the porch

**SALFORD DIOCESE - DEPT FOR EVANGELISATION** in association with the Council of Christians and Jews invite you to UNTOLD STORIES - Jack a child survivor of the holocaust, will tell his story. Wednesday 26th January at 7.30pm St Gabriel's RC High School, Bury. Entrance by suggested donation of £3. More information on poster in porch

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** unclaimed raffle ticket White no 92

**WALSINGHAM BANNER** to raise funds there will be a Whist and Domino Drive Thursday at St Wilfrid's Club, Longridge on Thursday 27th January Admission £1.50 including refreshments. ALSO on Friday 18th February at 7.30pm there will be a Ceilidh at Chipping Village Hall with the Ribchester Old School Band. Tickets £10 adult, £5 children (under 10's free) including Hot Pot Supper. See posters in porch

**KATHERINE HOUSE, SALFORD** List of courses available in porch

**COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR** are appearing at THE GRAND on Sunday February 6th. Doors open 7pm. Tickets £17.50. See poster in porch.

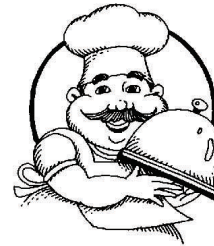
**CATHOLIC COMPANION** January edition now available from table at back of church (front of War Memorial) still only £1. Please put money in CTS box

## RIBBLE VALLEY VISUALLY IMPAIRED

**(RVVI)** Monday 24th January at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall - The Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service will give a talk on Gas, Fire, Water, Smoke, Electric, Unlocked Doors and other dangers. Everyone Welcome

## TASTER EVENING

An event not to be missed. Following the success of the last Taster Evening two years ago the P.T.A. have organised another one on Wednesday 16th February in our Parish Hall. The Hall



will be transformed for the evening into a 'Top Class restaurant' in which volunteer chefs will cook a favourite dish. Entertainment will once again be provided. The bar will not be open but please feel free to 'Bring a Bottle' of your favourite tipple. Tickets £5 a head and will be available from School, any PTA member or Janet at the presbytery.

## SABDEN NEWS

**BONUS BALL (SABDEN)** The bonus ball this week is no 46 Pauline Hindle. There is a vacant number for the bonus ball if anyone wants to join - contact Harry or Carol. Winners please collect winnings from Carol or Harry.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK SERVICES IN THE VILLAGE

Tuesday 18th January - 7pm St Mary's, Wednesday 19th January 7pm Baptist's, Friday 21st 12 noon at St Nicholas' this includes the hunger lunch and on Sunday 23rd at 3pm service at St Nicholas'

**ST MARY'S PARISH HALL (SABDEN)** To book the hall contact Tony Hagan and his telephone number is 07711 635084

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** are collecting batteries and nestle cereal tins. Please hand them in at school or in the container in the porch.

## CLITHEROE CHURCHES IN PARTNERSHIP



## OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**Tuesday 18th January**  
United Reformed Church -  
12.30pm Lunchtime Service

**Wednesday 19th January**  
St James 10.30am

**Thursday 20th January**  
Trinity Methodist  
10.30am in Wesley Room

**Friday 21st January**  
St Mary Magdalene 10.30am

**Sunday 23rd January**  
United Reformed Church  
United Service at 6.30pm

**Monday 24th January**  
St Michael & St John's  
9am Eucharistic Service

**Sunday 23rd January**  
St Helen's, Waddington  
United Service at 11am

*Please come and join us  
Everyone Welcome*