

Dear Parishioners,

The mystery of our church bell's past and is solved. Bell expert John Greenhough wrote to me, "Thanks to a sharp-eyed enthusiast checking records, we have just found out that your bell was originally cast for Youlgreave parish church of All Saints in Derbyshire. It hung there as the largest bell until 1870, when it was sent to the White-chapel Bellfoundry in London for recasting but survived the melting pot and was sent to Clitheroe sometime later."

All Saints church was built between 1130 and 1150, is reputed to be one of the finest churches in the Derbyshire Peak District and has an excellent website: Google "Peak District View: All Saints Youlgreave". I'll contact All Saints in the hope of discovering when the bell as hung.

Saben's Christmas Raffle star prize, the iPad2, was won by 17 year old Michael Brown. And what a worthy winner: he had sold the greatest number of raffle tickets and bought 15 himself. Congratulations, Michael.

Our thanks go to all who contributed towards our two successful Christmas Fayres. St Michael and John's raised £2,188 and St Mary's Sabden £2,988. With money still to come in, Sabden will easily exceed three thousand pounds!

Parish Christmas cards will soon be posted through parishioners' doors to wish everyone a happy Christmas and remind all of the times of Christmas services.

With Christmas approaching it is time to think of inviting a family member or a friend who may have fallen away from regular practice **to come home again for Christmas!** Who will you invite this year? And remember, it takes courage to step inside church after an absence, so don't just invite someone, also offer to accompany them home.

Finally, Christmas can be a time of strain on family budgets and lead to debt. With professional help it is possible to both clear debt and manage the family budget. Professional advice is offered in: The CAP Clitheroe Centre at The Grand Venue, 18 York St. The Citizens Advice Bureau, 19/21 Wesleyan Row, Parson Lane.

Fr John

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

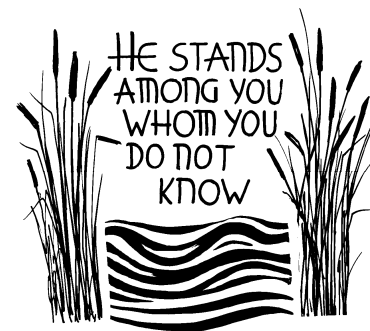
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Third Sunday of Advent (B) - 11th December 2011
Gaudete Sunday

St Michael & St John's Church, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

**Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday**

Mass at 9am

Saturday (17th December)

11am - 11.45am Sacrament of Reconciliation

11am - 11.55am Exposition

11.30am - Rosary Noon—Eucharistic Service

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

7.30pm - Joy to the World at Trinity Methodist Church, Parson Lane

St Mary's Church Sabden

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Kenneth & Janet Barlow, Alice & Patrick Emerson, Mary Cushion, Special intention, ,
Joan Kelly, James Reid, Richard Embery, Ashfield Batts, Thomas & Marian McCauley
Mary Pocock, John McNally, Kathleen McNally, Patricia Tomlinson, Denise Pinch

SICK

Mark Jezierski, Mary Bishop, Fr Fred Watson

ANNIVERSARIES

Kenneth & Janet Barlow, James Reid, Richard Embery, Ashfield Batts,
Thomas & Marian McCauley

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £655.33 Sabden £121.15 Many thanks
SOCIAL CENTRE Future Events in the Top Lounge - **Thursday 15th December** in the Top Lounge - Annual Christmas Carols with Slaidburn Band.

Please note: the Social Centre is now open 7 days a week from 7pm and Sunday lunchtime from 12noon - 3pm

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL this year at The United Reformed Church. It will open NEXT Friday 16th December from 11am - 5pm, Saturday 17th December from 11am - 4pm and Sunday 18th December from 10.30am - 12.30pm followed by a Nativity. Please support.

WALSINGHAM only a few places remain available on the 2012 Pilgrimage June 18 - Thurs 21 Cost £185 + Insurance deposits £20 To book ring Maureen 443499

JESUITS & FRIENDS Current issue is now available from porch - free

ST HUBERT'S, DUNSOP BRIDGE Fr Chaloner would like to thank all who bought raffle tickets or helped in any way at the Hot-Pot Bingo last Monday. A list of winners is in porch.

LADIES GROUP 2012 programmes now available at both Clitheroe & Sabden

LADIES GROUP ANNUAL DINNER Friday 20th January at Clitheroe Golf Club. 6.30pm for 7pm. £14 (two course) £18 (three course). Menu's are available from both Clitheroe and Sabden. Please return with payment to Janet by 8th January

CAFOD FUNDRAISING EVENT - Carols by Candlelight at St John the Baptist, Padiham. Friday 16th December. Tickets £3 adults, £1 children and include a mince pie and glass of wine after the event. Tickets ring Fred Uttley 01282 773032

CLITHEROE

CHRISTMAS FAYRE still two unclaimed raffle prize - 70 Yellow Cup and Saucer and 148 Green (very pale could be mistaken for grey/blue) Stole - please see Janet

LITTLE CHURCH desperately need more volunteers to help out each Sunday. You would only be needed once every six weeks. You would need to be here about 10 minutes before Mass to help set up and you can be involved in planning Little Church sessions if you want to. Please contact Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504

ROTA'S new rotas will be compiled in the couple of weeks. If you wish your name to be taken off any of the rotas please let Janet know before 19th December

INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DUBLIN a trip with Salford Diocese June 14th - 17th 2012. See poster in porch

CATHOLIC COMPANION December issue now on sale at back of church - still only £1 - excellent value for money.

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S DIARIES Can be found on the shelves at the back of church - 50p each. Money will go towards the church bell

GREENERY REQUIRED We need a large amount of greenery for decorating the church at Christmas. If you could bring it along with you anytime up to 21st December we would be most grateful.

Still some very reasonably priced Christmas cards for sale at the back of church (some reduced), Diaries £1.50 and £2.50, Pens £2, and childrens books. Please put money in C.T.S box

WELCOMERS NEXT WEEKEND Sat - J.Bentley Sun - D.Marsden & J Byrne
READERS Saturday - G.Harkin Sunday - School
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Saturday - L.Perrin & H.Mercer
Sunday - R.Embery, I.Parkes, P.Sutcliffe
B.Parkinson, M.Maffia, P.Holgate

TEA AND COFFEE

ADVENT LUNCHES this coming Tuesday 13th December for details see poster in porch. This week the speaker will be a member of the United Reformed Church.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT with our Primary School Choir NEXT Friday 16th December in our Parish Hall 2pm - 4pm. Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies will be served further information school 01200 422560

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA DANCE 2pm - 5pm THIS COMING WEDNESDAY 14 December in our Parish Hall. Special Christmas Buffet Tea - Tickets £6

UNIVERSE CHRISTMAS SPECIAL includes some interesting articles all relating to Christmas - Crafts and recipes. Only £2 - good value

ECUMENICAL EVENTS during Advent are **The Pop Choir** at U.R.C. on Sunday 11 December, **Joy to the World** - Christmas Concert Saturday 17 December at Trinity.

Radio Lancashire Sings Christmas on Thursday 22nd December at Low Moor Club and The Wagon and Horses. A change of date - on Wednesday 21st it will be from St Michael & St John's Social Centre not the 22nd as previously advertised.

CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERIES Christmas cards are now ready for delivery. They can be found in the sacristy batched up in areas. Those of you who telephoned regarding the card deliveries will find their's in an envelope with their name on.

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SABDEN

BONUS BALL (SABDEN) The bonus ball this week is no 8 Dee Ellis There are some numbers still available for this draw, please join in it's only £1 per week.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Thanks to everyone who helped in any way with the Christmas Fayre - it was a great success. Harry Waterworth won the football tickets, Michael Brown won the iPad. Some prizes still unclaimed - Whisky - Jane Brown, Liqueur Jane Bamford, Red Wine - Caroline Dugdale, White Wine - M.Shaw, Biscuits - Bernadette L. Please claim from the sacristy after mass.

FOR SALE Items for Advent on sale after Mass

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch

HALLS FOR HIRE



**For Birthday's,
Celebrations,
Anniversaries
Funeral Receptions etc
Contact**

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ST MARY'S SABDEN
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