

## Dear Parishioners

Today we recall an event that really shook the followers of Jesus. He left them! And he left them with a remarkable challenge - to preach his message to the whole world. He left it to them to work out how to communicate with people who spoke different languages in far flung countries and cultures, and to summon the courage to leave behind their familiar surroundings and set out on a journey, a mission. Today we, the Church, face the same challenge to do our best to communicate our faith to people both at home and abroad, wherever we meet them. Today, the feast of the Ascension is set aside as the day when we pray for the work of the Church in the world of the media, both the old (TV radio press, cinema) and the new (Facebook, blogosphere, twitter and the rest).

How did our parish manage financially during the past two years; how much money came in and where did it go? These and other questions will be presented by the Finance Committee and discussed in the Parish Forum on Wednesday night in the parish hall, beginning at 7.30pm.

Another issue of interest to parishioners is the Food Bank, so for the opening 15 minutes of the Forum, two leading members of the bank's committee will explain how it will operate and respond to questions.

Two pieces of good news. Brian Williams is able to refurbish a church bench for £300 if they are worked on in blocks of three. This price includes VAT and is less than half the price of the previous firm. Brian, too, has renovated a bench free of charge, so do take a look at it and we'll discuss the matter in the Forum.

The second is that the puddle/lake on the centre of our field has been drained! Arnold negotiated with A & R Plant Hire a specialist company who with a laser to measure the fall, dug a substantial trench, laid a drainage pipe, encased it with stone and returned the topsoil. Myles Fox provided the stone so the whole job cost only £1,176.00. Compare that with Lancashire Education's estimated cost of £25,000! Andrew Brown will supply seed to re-grass the area. There has, however, been a complaint – from the ducks!

Congratulations go to Annemarie Williams for her imagination and effort in organising the giant raffle to raise money for the defibrillators. The raffle raised an impressive £1,891.00. An exceptional effort and thanks to all who helped her!

*Fr John*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## The Ascension of the Lord - 12th May 2013

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

#### Monday & Friday

Eucharistic Service 9am

#### Tuesday & Wednesday

Mass at 9am

#### Thursday

Mass at 7.30pm

#### Saturday (19th May)

11am - 11.55am Exposition

11am - 11.45am Reconciliation (Confession)

11.30am Rosary

12noon Eucharistic Service

6pm First Mass of Sunday (quiet)

### St Mary's, Sabden

Sunday - Mass at 11am Friday - Mass at 9.15am

#### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEKS

Albert Blockeel x 3, Margot Barlow, Private Intention x 2,

Denis & Margaret Mckenna x 4

#### SICK

Sally Hickling, Winifred Taylor, Matthew Gallagher

#### LATELY DEAD

Albert Blockeel, Margot Barlow, Stowell Musgrove

*There will be a collection after all masses this weekend for  
World Communications Day*

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £764.35 Sabden £143.61 Many thanks  
**FOOD BANK** the Clitheroe Christians in Partnership plan to open the Clitheroe Foodbank on Monday 1st July. Until the foodbank is set up the Salvation Army are preparing food parcels and would welcome food donations. There are a list of suggested foods on the notice board in the porch and a box has been provided at the back of church for anything you wish to donate.

**CRB CHECK** We have received the revised forms for new volunteers who need to apply for a CRB (now renamed 'safeguarding' check). These can be collected after masses this coming Saturday and Sunday. Newly commissioned Special Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers) do need to apply.

**LADYEWELL** Why not visit the Shrine of Our Lady and the Martyrs at Ladyewell - a Place of Pilgrimage, Prayer and Peace. You can gain a Plenary Indulgence when you visit the shrine in this year of Faith 2013. Pick up a leaflet from the back of church and read the information relating to the plenary indulgence on the notice in the porch.

**CIVIC SOCIETY** next meeting at Ribble Valley Mayors Parlour on Monday 13th May at 7.30pm - 'The History of Whalley Abbey', an illustrated talk by Nigel Neil.

**CAFOD** This year's campaign '**ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE IF**' highlights the fact that 1 in 8 lives with the pain of hunger. 870 million people worldwide go to bed hungry. That's the equivalent of the combined population of the EU, US, Australia and Canada. IF we act together we can make world leaders change the future. Here are the four big **IF**'s - **AID-IF**, we make the right investments to stop people dying from hunger and help the poorest people feed themselves. **LAND-IF**, we stop poor farmers being forced off their land, and use crops to feed people, not fuel cars. **TAX-IF**, we stop big companies dodging taxes in poor countries, so that millions of people can free themselves from hunger. **TRANS-PARENCY-IF**, we force governments and big corporations to be honest and open about their actions that stop people getting enough food. When an opportunity comes - please support.

**DAY OF RENEWAL** Kendal, Day of Renewal Sat 25th May. See poster in porch

**CARITAS AND LAY CHAPLAIN VACANCIES** - See posters in porch

**DEFIBRILLATOR RAFFLE** You can find a list of prizes and winners in the church porch

## **CLITHEROE**

**SOCIAL CENTRE** Sunday evening In addition to the usual Quiz on a Sunday evening is 'Play your Cards Right'. Please come along - Everyone welcome

*The Social Centre is now open through from 12noon on Saturdays & Sundays*

**CHRISTIAN AID** Would anyone be willing to collect some Christian Aid envelopes this coming week - Edisford Road (as far as the school), and Henthorn Road from the top to as far down as the Park. Please contact Janet 424657 - your help would be greatly appreciated.

	Saturday	Sunday
Welcomers	M.Manning	B.Barker & K.Peel
Readers	A.McGuire	M.Barrett
Eucharistic Ministers	A.Harkin & H.Addy	G.Lambert, P.Donnely, A.Marsden
Tea & Coffee		Embery family

**'A TASTY EVENING'** back by popular demand. The Friends of St Michael & St John's are holding their taster evening on Wednesday 22nd May at 7.30pm in our Parish Hall. We are looking for volunteer chefs and musicians and of course people to come and eat all the tasty dishes. Tickets are priced at £6 each and can be bought from Janet at the Presbytery. Bar will be open. More info Geraldine Hennigan 01200 425504

**LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR JUNE 26** Names are now being taken for this outing. Please give your names to Janet 424657 or Daphne 427912

**A.P.F.MISSION BOXES** Could collectors please drop off money to the Sacristy or Presbytery by today Sunday 12th May. problems please ring Janet or Sion Any on 01200 428949

**TEA DANCE** **NEXT** Wednesday 15th May in our Parish Hall 2pm - 5pm. Come along and enjoy a delicious tea. Still only £3.50

**K.S.C.** Council meeting Tuesday 14th May - please note will commence earlier than usual at 7pm in the presbytery

**CHRISTIAN AID** today, Sunday 12th May in aid of Christian Aid - OPEN GARDEN at Moor Hey Cottage, Knowle Green 01254 878402. Refreshments available. Donations to Christian Aid

## **SABDEN**

**BONUS BALL** No 37 - R.Waling

**ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL** collect batteries and Nestle cereal tokens. Please hand in at school or in the container in porch. They are also collecting Sainsburys vouchers

**LOST PROPERTY** Several items of lost property have accumulated. If you think anything may be yours please collect from the Sacristy. If not claimed we will have to dispose of them.

**RED MISSION BOXES** There are some receipts on the notice board for people who had their mission boxes emptied - please collect.

**SPRING FAIR/GARDEN PARTY** There will be a meeting on Tuesday 28th May at 7.30pm in the Hall to organise the Garden Party. Please come along and bring your ideas. Let's make this years event a good one.

