

The Knit and Knatterthon was a wonderful community event. With an age range of 97 years, some stayed the full 12 hours and one woman brought her baby for just half an hour to cheer the knitters along. Nearly all the local Christian denominations were represented. The conversation flowed easily even amongst complete strangers and Clitheroe Ukulele Band entertained the evening knitters.

75 people put their names on the list of attendees. This doesn't include the 12 children from St Michael and St John's who were an absolute delight, talking and laughing and looking around, all the time knitting away with their competent little fingers.

What was particularly good was the number of young people and the number of people who came to learn or refresh. Men came too, some who could already knit and some who had never knitted before. The experienced knitters were kept busy teaching the newcomers. The final number of squares was 135, albeit many of them brought along already knitted.

The event was for Syrian refugees in Turkey, some fleeing their war torn cities but hoping to return to Syria and some, despite advice and education, trying to get across the water to Lesbos. When the winter comes these people will need the blankets made from the 8 inch squares knitted in Clitheroe.

With thoughts about how we can become a more welcoming community we can make a number of observations:

- nearly all different Christian communities represented
- school involvement
- the number contributing who couldn't make it on the day
- young people attending
- men coming with their wives and learning to knit
- relaxing experience of chatting whilst knitting
- learning about the refugee crisis and how people can help
- people sharing their faith
- people of faith and no faith working together to a common cause
- the number of requests for similar events

Concern for refugees is good for community building, bringing together people of different Christian beliefs or none. The next Knit and Knatter is July 27 but before that we have the Refugee Picnic and Walk on July 23, as mentioned in last week's newsletter. Come along. You will enjoy it. For details and how you can help, contact Tom Clay on 07962136749

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 17th 2016

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by coffee

Monday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Thursday

Mass at 9.15am & 7.30pm

Saturday (23rd July)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 6pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Sunday—Mass at 10am Parish mass book p 111

Eucharistic Prayer III p27 Preface II page 66 **Tuesday** —Mass at 9.30am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Norman Dudman, David Steinson, Bob Driver, Les Collinson, Gary Cottam,

Special intention, Peter Standen. Alec Clements x 2,

In thanksgiving, Sheila Ryan, Joan Ferguson

**SVP Quarterly Collection will take place this weekend
16/17 July after all Masses. Please give generously.**

SICK

Joseph Kitching, Breda Powell, Bert Bradley, Joseph Wright, Bill Dewhurst,
Elaine Marsden, Les Collinson

LATELY DEAD

Norman Dudman, Alec Clements, David Steinson, Gary Cottam,
Sheila Ryan, Peter Standen.

ANNIVERSARIES

Bob Driver, Joan Ferguson

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £752.40 Sabden £98.91 Dunsop £1,364.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA Clitheroe £353.54 Sabden £41.94 Dunsop £108.42

LECTIO DIVINA This group has now broken up for the summer and it is hoped to re-launch it in September.

LADIES GROUP MYSTERY TOUR This will take place on Wednesday 27th July. Coach to set off from the Interchange at 3pm prompt and will arrive back approximately 9.30–10pm. Cost £27 which includes the coach, meal, all tips and of course the mystery! Menu's are available from the porch or see Daphne 427912 or Janet 423307 ext 3 Only 4 places left!

CARITAS REPRESENTATIVE Caritas Salford is the Catholic Diocesan Charity which cares for the needs of children and families, and disadvantaged or isolated people in the community, including refugees and victims of human trafficking. The role of the representative is to build bridges between parishes and Caritas for the purpose of sharing the Church's mission, awareness raising and community building. Our Representative is Anthony Brown a.brown@caritassalford.org.uk

TEAM TAN-KEN 2016 From 4th – 7th August 2016 Mark Dixon and his son Sam (Son and Grandson of John & Pat Dixon) will with 4 other young men attempt to cycle 226 miles from Moshi in Tanzania to Dagoretti in Kenya in aid of two charities CAFOD and The Medaille Trust. They aim to raise £4,400 (which is the distance between Manchester and Nairobi). The bicycles are gifts from Liverpool Police (i.e. unclaimed stolen bikes) and supported by Clitheroe's Cycle Recycle. They will be left in Kenya for use by Youth and Charity workers. More details on poster in the church porch. If you wish to sponsor them please Google 'Sponsor Tanken 2016'

PRO-LIFE WALK Will people who have promised sponsor money for Right to life, please put money in a clearly marked envelope onto the collection plate with name of the sponsor. Donations are still being accepted.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES There is a meeting for all those going on the trip to Lourdes at 8pm on Tuesday 19th July in the Presbytery. Anyone who wishes a petition to be taken for them, to be placed at the grotto, please use the box at the back of the church, which will be available until Wednesday 27th July. Boxes are also available in Sabden and Dunsop Bridge.

TRAFFICKING AWARENESS LEAFLETS AND PRAYER CARDS The Police are investing heavily in raising awareness of human trafficking in East Lancs and the signs to look out for. Our Deanery is contributing to this via a poster and leaflet campaign and prayer card for every parishioner. These are available from the church porch.

KNIT AND KNATTERTHON in St Michael & St John's Parish Hall on July 27th 10am-4pm. Come and knit a square for Syrian refugees in Turkey. Wool and needles provided. Knitting lessons for beginners. Come along any time or stay all day. Light refreshments.

SYRIAN REFUGEES next Saturday 23rd July we shall host a number of refugee families for the day. They should arrive at Edisford Bridge by 10.30am to enjoy games and a picnic by the river while the more energetic will join a walk along our eight-mile circuit of the River Ribble. All parishioners are invited—individuals, families and children, to join us if only for an hour at Edisford to meet and mix with our visitors and help them feel welcome. Bring a picnic! The Mosque is to provide a Bar-B-Que. Walkers should meet inside Brungerly park gates, also at 10.30am. The visit will end when they travel over the nick to our Parish Hall in Sabden for Afternoon Tea. Come and join the fun!

OPEN DAY Larmenier Village, Beardwood, Blackburn see poster in porch

CLITHEROE

PARISH CENTRE Subs Adults £10 Senior Citizens & Students £5 now due—renew at the Centre. Sunday Evening Quiz & Play your Cards Right starts 8.30pm.

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND Sat Welcoming A.Harkin Reader—M.Taylforth Eucharistic Ministers—M.Preedy & N.Dixon **Sunday**—Welcoming—B.Parkinson & E.Thomson Reader—P.Anwyl Eucharistic Ministers— G.Lambert, H.Addy, K.Downes . Little Church—G.Hennigan & J.Golding & Coffee – No Coffee

APF RED MISSION BOXES This collection £383.59. We are in need of a new collector for the Park Avenue area. If you can help please phone Sion or Janet Hall 01200 428949. Thanks to all involved in helping with this important job.

READERS REMINDER There will be a readers' training session in church on Monday July 18th at 7.30pm. New and registered readers are invited. All welcome

TEA DANCE Wednesday 20th July in Parish Function Suite. 2-5pm Dancing/ Afternoon tea with homemade cakes. Only £3.50. Information Daphne 01200 427912

PRIMARY SCHOOL Congratulations to our Primary School which was nominated and shortlisted for the 'Primary School of the Year Award' in the East Lancashire Education Awards 2016. Although not overall winners, St Michael & St John's were 'highly commended' in recognition of the outstanding outcomes in the recent RE inspection and the pastoral care, guidance and support provided by the school. St Michael & St John's are also one of about only 30 school of the 480 schools in Lancashire to have achieved a 'Gold' award that recognises and celebrates the excellent standards of behaviour in and out of learning and the way in which the children look after each other so well. Well done!

TABOR Carmelite Retreat House in Preston—Programmes available from porch

SABDEN

BONUS BALL This weeks winner no 12 Violet Robson. Thank you for the swift response for the Bonus Ball Draw. Unfortunately I won't be around today to collect completed reply slips. Please could you leave them in the Bonus Ball basket at the back of church where you will also find details about supporting the draw by having a number. Remember half the money is donated to church!! Alternatively you can email me a dmaa1@hotmail.com. Many thanks

UNCLAIMED RAFFLE PRIZES 241—Digital Picture Frame, 256 Proseco. Please claim from the Sacristy after mass

DUNSOP BRIDGE

SUNDAY TEAS Teas available each Sunday until the end of August. Open 10.30am-4pm in Dunsop Village Hall. To help, telephone Julie Bennett 01200 448630

WADDOW LODGE in Waddington Open Garden 31st July 1-5pm—courtesy of Peter & Liz Foley Admission £4 children free. Plants for sale