

## A new Interfaith Initiative

Whilst visiting the New Neighbours Refugee and Asylum Seeker project in Burnley learned that another new family had arrived in Clitheroe, from Syria. They were desperate to learn English. Currently the only English classes for men and women are in Blackburn and Burnley. As Refugees and Asylum Seekers only get £5.00 a day to live on and the bus fare is more than £4.00 each way it is impossible to attend an English class.

Recently, Clitheroe Christians in Partnership, the Mosque and friends, met to discuss coordinating the refugee response in our area. We began by sharing our belief that the Refugee crisis is a humanitarian problem and so reaffirmed our wish to work together.

As a result of this meeting we are to begin an exciting new initiative in Clitheroe. We are setting up an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class and Refugee and Asylum Seeker drop in.

The United Reformed Church have kindly offered a room, heated and insured. Teaching requires a lot of resources which needs funding. Astonishingly, this weekend, we had had an anonymous donation, from a lady in the Hodder valley, to cover the cost of teaching materials. The Ark Project, Blackburn despite being extremely busy, have generously offered to advise on Safeguarding and legal requirements.

We would like to invite interested parishioners or retired teachers who hold a DBS (Disclosure and barring) certificate to help staff the project. It is important to have stability in the staffing arrangement, so we would require a commitment, once a week, from January 2018 until July 2018 in the first instance. This would cover the first two terms. There are a variety of roles including 1:1 teaching support for each student, child care support for children during the adult English class and help with tea, coffee and friendship.

We have wondered what the project should be called and would welcome suggestions. We also hoped to have a nurse as part of the team. Unbelievably we met a paediatric nurse who is due to retire in December. She explained that she hoped to work on a Refugee project and as health is a key issue in this area of work we were delighted to welcome her on board.

We do need more volunteers. For information ring Tom Clay on 07962 136749 or email: tom.clay48@hotmail.com

**Tom and Kathryn Clay**

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## Christ the King - 26th November 2017

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

#### Monday

Requiem Mass 12noon  
Lou Marsden

#### Tuesday

Requiem Mass 10.30am  
Elizabeth Booth

#### Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday (2nd December)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am

Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am Saturday—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

**S.V.P. COLLECTION** the S.V.P. Christmas collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend 25/26 November. All money donated will be distributed to people in need locally, especially families. Please be a generous as you can.

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Wedding Anniversary x 4, Paul Mooney, Nora Hart, Elizabeth Booth x 2, Frank Wrigley, Mary Mercer, Les Neary, John Dixon x 7, Lou Marsden x 9, Deceased Calvert and Runkin families

**SICK** Fr David Foster, Cliff Astin, Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Amelia Telese

**LATELY DEAD** John Dixon, Lou Marsden, Elizabeth Booth, John Holden, Veronica Higgins

**ANNIVERSARIES** Nora Hart, Frank Wrigley, Julia Tresnan, Joseph Fullalove

### **PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £816.96 Sabden £162.56 Dunsop £195.50

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**FOODBANK** Volunteers to help collect Christmas food at Clitheroe Tesco 9am-6pm Thur 30th Nov, Fri 1st and Sat 2nd Dec. Each collection period lasts for 90 minutes. The food donated ensures that our clients can enjoy special Christmas meals. Ring 07849 534431 or email info@ribblevalleyfoodbank.org.uk if you can help.

**THE BEACON** November edition (newsletter of Caritas) now available in the porch.

**REFUGEE DROP IN** a centre and English class are being set up in Clitheroe. We would like to invite parishioners, who hold a current DBS certificate, to help staff the project, one morning per week. More information contact Tom Clay

**CAFOD** Stuck what Christmas gifts to buy? Tired of trawling shops to find that perfect present? ***World Gifts*** deliver the true spirit of Christmas giving. Whatever you choose, your gift will make a real difference to someone in need this Christmas. So look no further. Avoid the chaos of the shops and choose an ethical gift for your loved ones to help someone smile this Christmas. Pick up a catalogue in all 3 churches.

### **CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—A.Harkin Reader** A.Harkin **Eucharistic Ministers** F.Ellis, M.Fox **Sun morning Welcoming—R & C Conti Reader—N.Wallace Euch Ministers—J.Hall, S.Hall, K.Downes Tea & Coffee** P.Byrne & Family

**PARISH CENTRE** As you walk past the Parish Centre you will notice new name boards. The Old Club is now called the Old Schoolrooms, and the Hall: The Assembly Hall. St Michael & St John's also appears on each. The website is www.clitheroebar.com This hopefully will dispel the belief that the Parish Centre is only really for Catholics, and the new names will attract more custom.

**LADIES GROUP** meeting Wednesday 29 November 7.30pm in the Hall. At this meeting we shall present a cheque for £1,300 to a representative from East Lancs Hospice plus £50 donated by the R.M.V.C. We thank everyone for their valued support at this event. At the meeting we will be taking bookings for the Christmas Dinner (Friday 19 January) and our outing to Saltaire/Bradford on Thursday 7 December.

**ECUMENICAL ADVENT SERVICE** At St Mary Magdalene's on Sunday 3 December the first Sunday of Advent at 6.30pm

**JOY TO THE WORLD** this annual ecumenical service is at Trinity Methodist Church on Sunday 10th December at 6.30pm. A celebration of Christmas including carols and featuring Ribble Valley Choir and Orchestra. This event is free and will end around 7.45pm when refreshments will be served. A retiring collection to support refugees through Christian Aid will be made.

**K.S.C. QUIZ NIGHT** this year will be on Wednesday 27 December—details later

*Christmas cards, Advent Calendars and gifts are on sale from the side porch before and after all masses/services throughout the week. Please put money in box on wall or in the C.T.S.box at the back of church on the wall to the right of the war memorial.*

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Wednesday 13th December—Rotary Club Carol Service here in St Michael & St John's

**CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL** St Paul's, Low Moor Saturday 2/Sunday 3 December 11am—4pm. See poster in porch

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS** and a light lunch at Clitheroe United Reformed Church on Tuesday 5th, 12th and 19th December from 12.45pm

**RAFFLE TICKETS** as you are aware there is no Christmas Fair in Clitheroe this year, but there will be an opportunity to support our Parish in Dunsop Bridge—Raffle tickets will be on sale the next two weeks here in Clitheroe.

**WALKING NATIVITY** in Clitheroe on Saturday December 2nd—more details later

***This week there will be cakes available with Coffee after Mass in our Parish Hall in aid of Children in Need***

### **DUNSOP**

**BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT** Monday 4 December at Newton Village Hall. Doors open 7pm Eyes Down 7.45pm. £7 inc Hot Pot Supper and One Bingo Card (additional ones 20p). Christmas Draw Raffle will also be drawn. See poster

**ANNUAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** with Slaidburn Band this year is on Sunday 3rd December at 6pm. Again we need mince pies and cakes for the get together after the service in the Village Hall. These can be brought to Mass on Saturday 2nd December.

**THORNEYHOLME SCHOOL** We are holding an Open Day on Wednesday 29 November between the times of 9.30—11.30am and 1.15—3.15pm. Come along and see us at work and at play! *"We're nearer than you think!"*

### **SABDEN**

**FOODBANK DONATIONS** can be left at the back of church.

**BONUS BALL** Winning Bonus Ball number is 11

**KNIT, STITCH & NATTER** every Monday 10-15am—noon, top room in the hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish and knit, **STITCH** or just natter.

**FUN FITNESS & DANCE** Tuesday evenings 7.30-8.30pm. Suitable for all ages. Cost £3.50—proceeds go to hall and church funds.

**CHRISTMAS FAIR** All the usual stalls plus some craft stalls. Father Christmas will be in his grotto from 1-2 don't miss him. The grand draw will take place 3pm—the first prize this year is a Drone with lots of other prizes. Raffle tickets available after mass—please try to sell them. Also on sale from Janet at the presbytery in Clitheroe. There is a list in porch for donations towards raffle together with a list of stalls we need to man. Any donations towards Tombola or homemade cake stall needed as well as towards the drone and luxury hamper. Christmas wreaths can be ordered—list in porch. Help with assembling the wreaths in the hall 9.30am Thurs 30 Nov—training given. Greenery would be greatly appreciated—please leave outside hall.

**CHRISTMAS BINGO** St Mary's Hall Friday December 8th. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Festive themed family night—more details later.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS** Christmas Cards and Advent Calendars children's Christmas books will be on sale after Mass on Sunday in the Hall.

**COFFEE AFTER MASS** please volunteers, a rota is displayed on the notice board.