

## Laudato Si Group

The Laudato Si' Group has agreed that the way forward for our Parish to begin implementing Pope Francis' and Bishop John's request that we respond positively to the Pope's letter Laudato Si is to work towards gaining CAFOD's **Live Simply Award**.

As well as a means for progressing Laudato Si', the award will bring together the many strands of our Parish groups so we can work as a community to live sustainably with creation and in solidarity with the poor.

Under these overlapping headings there is much we are already doing and much more we can do. Some of it will engage environmentally concerned individuals and families with outings to learn about wild flower meadows around Slaidburn or a visit to a farm at Rimington which provides educational opportunities for children. The Yorkshire Dales National Park and Natural England have conservation sites. Dale Head church (near Stocks Reservoir) and Horton in Ribblesdale church are best examples of conservation.

We can apply lessons learned. The old Catholic cemetery on Waddington Road is a potential conservation site. "Bob boxes" (for bats and birds) can be a learning vehicle. Children can sponsor a box to learn how they work and what they attract. We can encourage domestic Wildlife Gardening and develop the ground behind St Mary's, Sabden and St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge. We can have practical foraging lessons as family days out.

At a personal level we can learn of products associated with environmental damage and serious labour exploitation. We can check the ethics of purchases and think Fairtrade. We can buy vegetables in season to avoid the expense of storage and transport. We have plenty of water but purification takes energy. In avoiding energy wastage and wastage of food, fuel and wastage generally, we live in solidarity with the poor. Pope Francis reminds us that "Not to share one's wealth with the poor is to steal from them and to take away their livelihood. It is not our own goods which we hold, but theirs". At a Parish level we will provide a list of things to do and products to avoid buying on ethical grounds.

To learn more and have your say, come to the Parish Centre on Wednesday, January 10th at 7.30 pm. Joe Howson and Mark Rotherham (Lee House Mission Awareness Centre) will talk about their environmental projects and Joseph Cooper will talk about their Live Simply Award plans and progress at St Wilfrid's Parish, Preston.

Now is the time to put Laudato Si into action!

Laudato Si Action Group

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## The Epiphany - 7th January 2018

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



#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am  
followed by Coffee

**Monday, Wednesday  
Thursday & Friday**  
Eucharistic Service at 9am

#### Tuesday

Requiem Mass 11.30am  
Robin Parker

#### Saturday (13th January)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am Reconciliation 11-11.45am  
Exposition 11-11.55am First Mass of Sunday—5pm

### St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

**Thursday** —No Mass this week **Saturday**—First Mass of Sunday at 6.30pm

### St Mary's Church, Sabden

**Sunday**—Mass at 11am

**Wednesday** – No Mass this week

**There will be a Mission Appeal at all masses next weekend.**

### MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Robert Graham, Deceased family members, Holy Souls x 2,  
Special intentions, Terence Nolan, Bill Lamb, Angelo Semimerio

### SICK

Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Amelia Telese, Ruth Edwardson,  
Bernice Dachs, Margaret Cunningham, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst.

### LATELY DEAD

Robin Parker, Bill Lamb, Pema Murry, Angelo Semimerio

### ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Graham, Terence Nolan, Fr Bernard Dobson SJ

### PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £759.20 Sabden £184.35 Dunsop £372.10  
Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

RETIRING COLLECTIONS a list of all the retiring collections for 2018  
can be found in the porch.

LAUDATO SI meeting in our Parish Centre Wednesday 10th January at  
7.30pm—for more details see back page.

### **CLITHEROE**

ROTAS January to April have been sent out by email this week. Unfortunately we have had a problem sending some of them so if you have not got your copy then a hard copy is available in the box on the table near Sacristy door.

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—  
J.Luciani Reader J.Byrne Eucharistic Ministers B.Worden Sunday  
morning—Welcoming A & J Marsden Reader—M.Donnolly Eucharis-  
tic Ministers - G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe Tea & Coffee—  
P.Geldard & T O'Donnell Little Church—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

LADIES GROUP Please pick up a copy of the 2018 Programme from the porch. Forthcoming event—Ukulele Band in the Hall Friday 16 February 2018. Proceeds to The Sea Shell Trust. Annual Dinner at Ferraris. The coach will leave King Lane at 6.15pm—please note revised time.

LADIES GROUP COMMITTEE MEETING Monday 8 January 7pm in the Presbytery.

K.S.C. COUNCIL MEETING Tuesday 9 January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery.

ROSARY OF THE UNBORN will be said after Mass/Service each morning this week for all Pro-Life intentions. Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for us

HALF PRICE SALE There is a sale of Christmas cards, ornaments, books etc on a table near the War Memorial. Please put money in CTS box on the wall.

CAFOD Our CAFOD group are holding a meeting in the presbytery on Tuesday 16th January at 10am. Please come and join us—find out how we can all help CAFOD

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins on Saturday 13th January with an Ecumenical Prayer and Praise meeting at 10am at Clitheroe Community Church which will be led by Clitheroe Community Church and the Salvation Army. The week ends on Sunday 21 January with Ecumenical Worship at St Paul's Church, Low Moor at 6.30pm. Please try and come along, you will be most welcome

CARITAS MOTHER AND BABY HOME in Blackburn would like to thank you for your continued donations. See copy of letter in porch.

WALSINGHAM Two Association pilgrimages to Englands National Shrine of Our Lady. Blackburn Branch Tuesday 22nd—Thursday 24 May 2018. Cost approx £170. Non-returnable deposit of £50. Includes ½ day trip to coast. To book tel: Vincent Fleming 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join the main coach in Blackburn—to book tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley Branch Monday 18th to Friday 22nd June 2018. Cost approx £305. Deposit £25 includes ½ day to coast and a full day trip out. Main coach starts in Clitheroe. To book tel: Hose Noblett 01254 265498

### **DUNSOP**

MOTHER & TODDLER GROUP Wednesday afternoons in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall. Further details Laura Wells 01200 448304

BABY SENSORY specifically designed from birth to assist your baby's development. Thursday morning in Dunsop Bridge Village Hall again contact Laura Wells for more details.

### **SABDEN**

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL Winning Bonus Ball number is 34

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.

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

HALF PRICE SALE of Christmas cards—see Pat Whitwell after Mass

### **K.S.C. DANCE**

**Friday 26 January**

from 7.30pm.

Dancing to

John Lancaster

Tickets £7

inc Hot Supper

Tickets from

Arnold 01200 427096

or

Betty 01200 427029