

Dear Parishioners,

The Maintenance committee met on Tuesday to review recent projects, ongoing work and urgently required maintenance.

Major completed projects include the external repair and redecorating of SMSJ's church, presbytery and social centre. Inside the church the loop and audio system have been improved by relaying wires and introducing four auxiliary speakers.

The total refurbishment of the porch/sacristy in Sabden is nearing completion. A steel H beam replaced the main roof support which had rotted, the plaster and cement were hacked off the walls, an area of dry rot was eliminated, the window replaced and floor, walls and ceiling were insulated to warm the coldest room in Sabden! The outside steps have also been replaced.

Major redevelopments begin in Dunsop this week to extend the extremely cramped sacristy and provide storage space for the church by incorporating a back room from the presbytery. The house will be divided from the church before a total refurbishment will make it an attractive rental in the property market. The income will eventually repay the parish for the budgeted cost of £66,000 and then provide financial security for St Hubert's Church which as you are aware is now listed at grade II. A new toilet will be introduced next to the Church.

From Monday 26th February to 9th March work will be carried out in the porch of St Michael and John's. During this period, entrance to the church will be by the side door, though for Sunday Masses on 3rd & 4th of March we may have to lay some temporary flooring. As many of you may be aware, the heavy oak church doors are difficult to open, not because of the weight of the doors but because the floor has risen. This is the result of the iron tray holding the door mat rusting and lifting the floor tiles. The iron will be replaced by stainless steel and the tiles will be relaid.

Two smaller jobs in Clitheroe will be an extension of the CCTV surveillance. In the Social Centre the doors between the top bar (the School Room) and the Hall (the Assembly Hall) will be sound proofed.

So, enough to be getting on with!

Fr John

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - 21 January 2018 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



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

Tuesday & Friday
Mass at 9am

Saturday (27th January)
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

There will be a retiring collection at all masses next weekend for Caritas

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Fr Joseph Wareing x 2, Christine Bamber, Molly Hartley, Bernice Dachs x 2, Stephen Pryle, Paul Snape, Brenda Longstaffe, 21st Birthday blessings,

SICK

Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Ruth Edwardson, Margaret Cunningham, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst.

LATELY DEAD

Robin Parker, Bernice Dachs, Michael Kevin O'Brien,

ANNIVERSARIES

Christine Bamber, Stephen Pryle, Paul Snape, Brenda Longstaffe

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £854.68 Sabden £190.66 Dunsop £223.00

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

SMA MISSION APPEAL Clitheroe £794.31 Sabden £195.92 Dunsop £191.00 plus a cheque for £100 sent directly by a parishioner

CRIB OFFERINGS - FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND Clitheroe £345.45 + cheque £10

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

VACANCY for a Health & Safety Co-ordinator in Salford Diocese—see poster

PARISH FORUM The first meeting of the Forum in 2018 will be on Wednesday 7 February at 7.30pm in our Parish Centre. Refreshments will be served from 7.15pm. Any items for the agenda should be given to Peter Donnelly 01200 441081 or email: donnelmarg@aol.com before Wednesday 31 January.

ST BAKHITA MASS to pray for the victims of human trafficking and modern day slavery—Wednesday 7 February at St Mary's Burnley. Anthony Brown will speak.

CLITHEROE

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Bentley
Reader A.Harkin **Eucharistic Ministers** M.Preedy & M.Smith v**Sunday morning—Welcoming** T.O'Donnell & J.Byrne **Reader**—P.Sutcliffe **Eucharistic Ministers** - A.Marsden, P.Donnelly, E.Lambert **Tea & Coffee**—S.V.P. **Little Church**—A.McNulty & F.Garner

LADIES GROUP Please pick up a copy of our Programme of events for 2018 from the porch.

SPRING HAPPENING All welcome to attend the next planning meeting for the Spring Happening Monday 5 February at 11am & 7.30pm. Let's join our talents and skills together for this new parish event. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, do not hesitate to contact one of the below.

Jane Brown 01200 441949 jane_ann_brown@hotmail.com

Susan Fellows 07887 690402 susanfellows@hotmail.co.uk

Ann Harkin 07823 400278 anhark456@aol.com

HALF PRICE SALE Just a few items left at the back of church. Please put money in the C.T.S. box on the wall.

CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK The Octave of prayer for Christian Unity ends today 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: Jose Noblett 01257 265498

PARISH DRAW WINNERS £100 25 Betty Byrne, £20 87 Micael Bradley, £20 43 Susan Fellows, £10 82 A.Nickolaus, 119 L.Jackeon, 99 keiron Reddy, 9 Jill Downes.

UKULELE BAND Our Ladies Group have organised a fund raising event for The Sea Shell Trust on Friday 16 February from 7.30pm (doors open 7pm) in The Assembly Hall (our Parish Hall). Tickets are £6 inc light refreshments Bar will be open and there will be a raffle. Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated—please bring along to next Ladies Group meeting on Wednesday 31 January or leave in the Parish Office. Tickets for this event will be on sale after masses on the weekend of 3/4 February or from Daphne 01200 427912, Carol 01200 426769, Patsy 01200 441792, Janet in the Parish Office 01200 423307 ext 3

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 5

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.

K.S.C. DANCE

Friday 26 January

From 7.30pm.

Dancing to
John Lancaster

£7 inc Hot Supper
Tickets from

Arnold 01200 427096

or

Betty 01200 427029