

## LIVE SIMPLY SO THAT OTHERS MAY SIMPLY LIVE

Our newly launched Laudato Si group (formed to promote Pope Francis' concern for the poor and for the earth (our common home) has decided to challenge the parish to earn CAFOD's Live Simply Award. This will encourage us to care for the planet and work for a fair sharing of the planet's resources among all people. It will also link in with the many activities already taking place in the parish: the Hope in the Future programme, the work of the SVP, the Food Bank, the refugee support initiatives, work on behalf of the unborn, the threats to introduce euthanasia and the support of victims of human trafficking to mention only some.

CAFOD's focus for Lent this year is on children suffering from hunger and malnutrition. Next week Lent Family Fast Day, will concentrate on helping families, particularly in Zimbabwe, ensure that their children grow up healthily and enjoy their childhoods. Every pound raised during Lent will be matched by the UK Government!

As a CAFOD trustee, Bishop John has travelled to places where he has seen the people who live from what they find on piles of rubbish. Speaking on Laudato Si last September, he asked that we **See, Judge and Act**. We must **SEE** what is happening in the world, **JUDGE** where it is wrong and then **ACT**. In 2012 the UK wasted 7 million tons of food whilst 1.2 billion people worldwide went to bed hungry. We must **ACT** by changing our attitude to the food we buy and the way we spend our money. It is estimated that 30% of the food on our plate goes into the bin.

World hunger will only be eradicated if we take action both at home and overseas.

This Sunday CAFOD distributes Family Fast Day envelopes. This year we ask that you keep your envelope throughout Lent and each time you resist a treat or otherwise abstain or sacrifice put the money you save in the envelope and then return the envelope on Easter Sunday.

This Lent, try to live simply so that others may simply live -- and also help save the planet!.

*Laudato Si and CAFOD groups*

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## First Sunday of Lent - 18 February 2018 St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

### Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am

### Tuesday

Mass at 9am

### Friday

Mass at 9am

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm

### Saturday (24 February)

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



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

### HOPE IN THE FUTURE MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Meeting 1—St Mary's, Sabden  
Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm

**MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK** Michael Pryle, Fr J Wareing SJ, Arthur Peters, Birthday wishes, Michael Jackson

**LATELY DEAD** Janet Ward

**SICK** Canon Tony Dorran, Jonathan Taylor, Margaret Cunningham, Anne Fox, Ruth Edwardson, Bill and Barbara Dewhurst.,

**ANNIVERSARIES** Michael Pryle

*Please note the Parish Office will be closed next Thursday 22nd February*

**PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN**

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £764.46 Sabden £107.82 Dunsop £137.60

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £265

**SURVIVE MIVA** Clitheroe£598.07 Sabden£116.69 Dunsop £37 + £50 cheque

**A.P.F.MISSIONS** Quarterly collection amounted to £707. Several boxes are in the church porch ready to collect.

**HURST GREEN FLEA MARKET** Our CAFOD group will be running a stall today Sunday 18th. Refreshments all day. Why not come along and find a bargain or two?

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** runs from February 26th to March 11th. When you choose Fairtrade you are helping to ensure that the person who grew the banana you are eating, or the coffee beans used to make your drink, was paid fairly for their work.

**A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Friday 20 April. Fundraising party for Refugee Day; "Wonderful Tonight". Delicious curry and entertainment at the Old School Rooms, Lowergate. Tickets £10 from Tom or Kathryn Clay 07962 136749

**ST AUGUSTINES QUIZ NIGHT** Friday 9th March doors open 7pm quiz starts 7.30pm. £3 per ticket can be purchased on the night. See poster

**OAK HILL SCHOOL & NURSERY** Open Day Thurs 8 March 9.30am—2.30pm.

**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** Saturday 5 May led by Bishop John. Pilgrimage includes, Procession, Reconciliation, Mass £20 return. More information from John Griffin 0161 817 2222 or john.griffin@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

**DIOCESAN ALMANACS** are now available from all three churches Cost :£3

**THIS YEARS DEANERY STATION MASS** will be held on Wednesday March 7th at 7pm in St Joseph's Church, Audley Range, Blackburn. This years mass has a Youth theme "Called to Greatness". Many schools attended last year and St Michael & St John's Liturgical Stick Dancers were to the fore. The Mass is open to all parishioners. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

*Walk with Me booklets—A Lenten Journey of Prayer  
are available from the back of church £1*

**CLITHEROE**

**ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND** Saturday Evening—Welcoming—J.Luciani Reader A.McGuire, Eucharistic Ministers A.Harkin & N.Dixon Sunday morning—

**Welcoming** M.Rogers & C.Willman **Reader**—Kevin Downes **Eucharistic Ministers** - H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, S.Smith **Tea & Coffee**—P.D'Souza & family

S.Fellows & C.Mashiter **Little Church**—S.Fellows & C.Mashiter

**LADIES GROUP** We are trying to arrange a day out by coach to Liverpool late April, early May which will include (optional) the exhibition of the Terracotta Warriors. However we need to know roughly how many people are interested. If you would like to go please let one of our Ladies group know. Up to date we have had very little response—if you are interested ***PLEASE LET US KNOW BY 28TH FEB OR ONCE AGAIN WE WILL HAVE TO ABANDON THE IDEA!!!***

**LADIES GROUP** Wednesday 28 February 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall when one of our parishioners, Mrs Judith Byrne will speak on the History of Denis Byrne & Co. You are all welcome to join us (men included) to this not to be missed talk. Cost £2 including Tea and Biscuits. Following the outstanding success of the Glen South Variety Show in the Assembly Hall last October, it was planned to hold a similar event in March this year. Regrettably, Glen himself has undergone major surgery recently, and in the light of this and his need for some recovery time, we will hopefully hold the next show in the autumn. More information later.

**WOMENS WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** this year is at St Mary's Parish Church Friday 2 March. Doors open 7pm, Service at 7.30pm. All welcome inc Men and children.

**LENT TALKS** The first of this series of talks on Saturday mornings in our Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) throughout Lent. Next Saturday—24th February at 11am (Coffee served 10.30am. This weeks speaker Danny Tang—"A Christian surgeon". The Good Friday ecumenical service this year is from St James followed by a walk of witness to the Castle gates where a short service will be held.

**FAIRTRADE** a photographic exhibition in Clitheroe Library 17—24 February. See poster in porch for more information.

**BAPTISM** We welcome Charles Cooper Mysko who was baptised last Saturday

**TEA DANCE** Our Ladies group invite you to the Tea Dance Wednesday 21 February 2-5pm in the Assembly Hall. Dancing & Afternoon Tea only £4

**K.S.C.DANCE** Friday 23rd February in our Assembly Hall. Dancing to John Lancaster. Cost £7 including hot supper. Tel: Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

**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 baby's development. Thurs 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 13

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to go on the cleaning rota for the Church and Hall. Please help if you can it only involves a couple of hours every few weeks. Please see Jennifer, Suzanne or DamiEn after Mass.

**OLD SABDEN EXHIBITION** An exhibition of Old Sabden is taking place in the Hall on Sat and Sunday March 17/18. If you have any pictures of people and places, any old maps, newspaper cuttings or memorabilia please dig them out. Any items borrowed will be looked after and returned. Please leave with Kay Galea, Jean Haythornthwaite, Pat Whitwell, Margaret Waling or Margaret Parsons,

**SABDEN SINGS** Churches Together in Sabden are organising a service of song and worship 'Sabden Sings' on Sunday Feb 25 at 4pm at the Baptist Church. Everyone invited to go along and sing—and take an instrument along to play if you wish.

**VILLAGE PRAYER SERVICE** This year's Women's World Day of Prayer in Sabden will be held at St Nicholas CE Church on Friday March 2nd at 2pm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** each Tuesday at 7.30pm evening through Lent. If any group or individual would like to lead one week please let us know—01282 433455. We are also leading the Friday Station at St Michael & St John's on 23 February. Again if you would like to be involved contact the above number.