

Dear Parishioners

As you may be aware, on 18 June 2015 Pope Francis published a letter called Laudato Si which emphasises our responsibility to care for our common home, planet earth, which faces a dire future if present trends continue.

He speaks to the whole world about the increasing damage we are inflicting on our environment and challenges us all to make the connections between our lifestyles and the damage they do to the planet. He encourages us to learn to recognise the choices we have in our lives to help or hinder our planet's health. Every drop of water we drink, every strand of cotton we wear, every word we write on our computers affects the environment in some way or other. And need I add: plastic bags?

His letter has been received positively by other churches, environmental groups and governments

He calls us to recognise our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork, as an essential aspect of Christian living. We must all take responsibility to safeguard God's creation.

In our parish this Advent, we are launching a short course called Global Healing on 5 December, which will continue with two sessions after the New Year. Bishop John has recommended it to the diocese. It starts with an evening of film, discussion and a multicultural meal. In the spirit of our "Live Simply" parish initiative, the 30-minute film illustrates practical responses from dioceses, parishes, families and individuals around the country. The film includes interviews with Cardinal Nichols and specialists in environmental questions.

Seven people have already volunteered to provide a choice of meals from around the world. But it would be good if more volunteered to join them! Please contact any member of the Live Simply (Laudato Si) group, or ring Anthony Brown on ☎ 01200 422811 for further information.

Also, volunteers from the group will be outside after Masses who will be only too glad to answer your questions and offer tickets (so that we have an idea how many will come, to ensure sufficient meals with no wastage of food). The tickets are free but please only take one if you intend to come, and return it if you find you can't. Please feel welcome to invite family and friends. *Fr John*

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary time - 18th November 2018

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe



Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

Monday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service 9am

Tuesday

Eucharistic Service 9am
Deanery Requiem Mass
at St Mary's Langho 10am

Wednesday

Eucharistic Service at 9am
Funeral Service 10.30am- Jean Boyer

Friday

Mass at 9am

Saturday (24th November)

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

During Winter time the church will close at 4pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am Saturday Mass at 6.30pm

St Mary's Church, Sabden

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

There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for The Retired Clergy Fund

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £870.42 Sabden £164.79 Dunsop £141.30

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

MASSES Eileen & Kieron Prendergast, Ron Scott, Frank Wrigley, Veronica Higgins, Private intention

LATELY DEAD Jean Boyer, Ron Scott

ANNIVERSARIES Eileen & Kieron Prendergast, Frank Wrigley, Veronica Higgins

K.S.C. XMAS QUIZ this year will be on Thursday 27th December. More details later

YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME In 2019 there will be a Youth Pilgrimage (over 18's) to Rome led by Bishop John from 16—23 February. Cost £690 inc flights, full board, accommodation and insurance. More info from ☎Tracey Ward on 0161 817 2222 or email tracey.ward@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

GOLDEN JUBILEE Fr John celebrates his 50 years as a priest on Friday 1st March 2019. It is only fitting we celebrate this very special occasion with a mass of thanksgiving followed by a celebration. A meeting will be held in the presbytery on 27th November at 7pm to discuss arrangements. Please come along.

LOURDES The meeting for anyone interested in joining a Parish group on the Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2019 is on Wed Nov 21st 7pm in presbytery

LADIES GROUP Annual Christmas meal at Whalley Golf Club on Friday 18th January. Menu's are now available from the porch. Please return by our next meeting together with money on Wednesday 28th November

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS FOOD COLLECTION Volunteers greatly appreciated with help to collect Christmas food at Clitheroe Tesco 9am—6pm Thursday 29, Friday 30 November and Saturday 1 December. Each volunteer session 90mins. We also need people to help collect and sort and strong volunteers to carry boxes. To confirm your availability email info@ribblevalleyfoodbank.org.uk or tel 07849 534431

TEA DANCE Wednesday 21 November 2-5pm in Old Assembly Hall (Parish Hall). Only £4. Tickets for the Christmas Tea Dance on Wednesday 12 December will be on sale at this event £7.50. More information 01200 427912

GLOBAL HEALING Wednesday December 5th at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall An evening of film and cultural food. Admission free by ticket only available after Mass or from Anthony Brown 01200 422811. Bishop John was very pleased to hear that our plans in the Parish include Global Healing and has asked for any feedback on how our Live Simply Group is developing in relation to Hope in the Future.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING Latest Medaille Newsletter now available in the porch.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE at St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge. Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm with Slaidburn Silver Band. This is a parish event—all are welcome

SVP CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be taken after all Masses on November 24/25th. Please be as generous as you can to help an increasing number of needy families enjoy a little extra this Christmas.

HOPE IN THE FUTURE The next meeting Tuesday 20th Nov in the presbytery.

CAFOD stuck for what Christmas gifts to buy? World Gifts deliver the true spirit of Christmas giving. Pick up a catalogue in all three churches.

ST AUGUSTINES are wishing to appoint a Cover Supervisor and a part time English teacher from January 2019. Details can be found on St Augustine's school website.

CHURCH CHOIR Come along and join our Church Choir most weeks at the 9.30am Sunday Mass—you will be made most welcome. No need to be professional or read music. At the moment we are short of male voices. We look forward to seeing you

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE at St Augustine's Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December. All are welcome

JESUITS & FRIENDS Winter 2018 edition now available from porch

CCP CLITHEROE CHRISTIANS IN PARTNERSHIP 'Carols at the Castle' an open air carols event on the bandstand Sat 1st December 4.30pm. Free hot chocolate and mince pies. We need at least 50 volunteers for setting up, stewarding, serving hot chocolate and mince pies. Contact Mary Sellers if you would like to help ☎01200 428653

Some more dates—Advent Carol Service, St Mary's Sunday 2 December 6.30pm.

Advent reflections and light lunch at Clitheroe URC Tues 4, 11, 18 Dec from 12.45pm

'Joy to the World' Concert at Trinity Methodist church 6.30pm Sunday 9th December.

LADIES GROUP Wednesday 28 Nov 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall (Parish Hall) come along and enjoy a fantastic talk 'Cycling round Tanzania' with Anne Geldard. Only £2 inc tea and mince pies. You are all very welcome.

ANTI-TRAFFICKING ROADSHOW PRESTON 24th November. Details on website

CLITHEROE

ROTAS Sat Welcoming J.Bentley Reader J.Byrne Euch Min F.Ellis & M.Fox Sunday—Welcoming R & F.Holgate Reader D.Carr Euch Min G.Lambert, P.Lambert, P.Sutcliffe Tea & Coffee B.Parkinson & B.Barker Little Church—C.Naylor Preston

CHRISTIANS SPORTS QUIZ The Old School Rooms Thursday 22 November Cost £2. See poster in porch

K.S.C.DANCE Friday 23rd November from 7.30pm. Dancing to John Lancaster. £7 inc supper. Tickets from Arnold 01200 427096 or Betty 01200 427029

ST HUBERT'S CHRISTMAS DRAW Arnold will be selling tickets outside church from this weekend 18th November £5 a book

Christmas Cards/Gifts are now on sale from the side porch

DUNSOP

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Sunday 2nd December at 6.30pm with Slaidburn Silver Band. This is a parish event—all are welcome

RUN FOR FUN COUCH TO 5kRun for free (no charge) Sundays 10am and/or Wednesdays 6.15pm from Holmehead Cottages Dunsop Bridge. Register to join the fun groups.runtogether.co.uk/ToHillAndBackDunsopBridge

APF BOXES now due for counting. Please bring them to church over next week.

BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT at Newton Village Hall Monday 3rd December 7pm for 7.45pm. Cost £7 inc Hot Pot Supper and one Bingo Card.

SABDEN

FOODBANK DONATIONS can be left at the back of church.

BONUS BALL This week's winning number is 53 Susan White Congratulations

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER every Monday 10.15am to noon in the Top room in the Hall. All welcome to pop along for tea/coffee and biscuits and a chat. Bring your own crafts if you wish to knit, stitch or just natter.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR will be on Saturday 1st December 11am—3pm It will comprise of craft stalls plus some of our own. The Grand Draw will take place at 3pm. This years first prize will be Afternoon Tea in Blackpool Tower Ballroom, plus lots of other splendid prizes. Look out for tickets which will be available soon. If you can help on the day or would like to have a stall, put your name on the list in the porch. There is also a list of suggestions for raffle prizes if you would like to donate. Draw tickets now available—lots of fabulous prizes—please take some to sell.

SERVICE OF LIGHT this year will be a Christingle Service where each child ends up with an orange and candle. It is intended that the children make their own (with help). If there are oranges left over then the grown ups can make one. The service is for all denominations and will be on Sunday December 2nd at 4pm in Sabden Baptist Church.