

## THANK YOU ALL

Recently, all parishioners were invited to complete a questionnaire entitled "Offering my Time and Gifts" as part of the Hope in the Future initiative.

On the 4th October 2017 Bishop John launched this initiative for the renewal of the Diocese of Salford. Earlier in the year, three meetings were held in all three churches in our parish to help us reflect on how to follow the example of St Francis of Assisi in rebuilding our church, by recognising and celebrating our gifts in the service of the church and others.

Following on from these meetings the questionnaire was launched to look at harvesting our gifts. The questionnaire invited each parishioner to confirm which parish groups they already volunteer for and which parish groups they would be interested in knowing more about with a view to volunteering. The response to the questionnaire has been amazing and a big thank you must go out to all those who returned their questionnaire.

Out of the 350 forms taken over 80 were returned. These showed the vast number of people that already volunteer for the numerous parish groups we have and they also showed just how many of our parishioners want to volunteer.

Every parishioner who returned a questionnaire stating their interest in a parish group will in due course be contacted with further information. Due to the overwhelming response this will take a little time but be assured contact will be made.

Out of the 71 parish groups listed on the questionnaire, interest was shown in relation to 54, with many groups having several volunteers. Some of the groups already exist in our parish but many are new, which will hopefully represent exciting times for our parish moving forward. Sadly, we received little response to the youth groups, which with dropping numbers of teenagers and young people attending church is something many parishioners have raised as a concern.

If you have not yet returned your questionnaire, it is not too late. They can be returned to the Presbytery at any time. Spare questionnaires are still available at the back of church after Mass, so if you have not yet had one, please feel free to take one.

As already stated, those who have shown interest will be contacted in due course and for now, we thank those who already volunteer and those who have shown interest.

**Hope in the Future Steering Group**

# Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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## 2nd December 2018 - 1st Sunday of Advent

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

#### Sunday

Mass at 9.30am followed by Coffee

#### Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service 9am

#### Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

#### Saturday (8th December)

Eucharistic Service 10.45am

Reconciliation 11am—11.45am

Exposition 11am—11.55am

First Mass of Sunday 5pm



### 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

#### MASSES

Ashfield Batts, Rebe Hayton, Winifred Davies, Kevin Marshall x 2, Special Intention, Michelle Hayhurst, Special Intention, Private Intention, John McDonald, Ronald Calvert, Deceased Calvert and Rukin families, Cliff Astin x 2,

#### LATELY DEAD

Rebe Hayton, Winifred Davies, Kevin Marshall, Michelle Hayhurst, Ronald Calvert, Cliff Astin

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Julia Tresnan, John McDonald, Ashfield Batts

**There will be a retiring collection at all masses this weekend for the Catholic Youth Service**

## PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP AND SABDEN

**OFFERTORY** Clitheroe £820.19 Sabden £204.94 Dunsop £155.60

Clitheroe/Sabden Standing Orders £272

**S.V.P.** Clitheroe £785.43 Sabden £80.15 Dunsop £101 plus some cheques made out directly to S.V.P.

**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

**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.

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

**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

**DIARIES** 2019 Diaries are now available at all three churches—50p each for SVP

**S.V.P. COLLECTION** A big thankyou to all who contributed to the weekends collection. Over £1200 pounds were raised, a truly wonderful amount. We will be distributing this to needy people and families in the lead up to Christmas. Thankyou again

**SALFORD DIOCESE VACANCIES** Director of Music (20 hrs a week) for the Cathedral and a Diocesan Music Advisor (15 hrs a week) across the Diocese. Informal enquiries from Fr Michael Jones (Dean) Michael.jones@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or Fr Paul Daly paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Closing date for applications Wed 12th Dec. Details <http://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE** Sunday 2 December 6.30pm at St Mary Magdalene's. A quiet and meditative reflection on Advent.

**MST MEETING** (Hope in the Future) This will be on Tuesday 4th December at 8pm

### **TO HELP YOU PRAY THIS ADVENT**

Jesuits and the Diocese of Westminster's Marriage and Family Life Team have joined forces to produce a series of imaginative contemplations to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent.

The series with an introduction, is available to listen to or download from the Jesuits' spirituality website **Pathways to God**  
Each contemplation focuses on a person or group from the Nativity story—Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi—who will all be very familiar to children. Each session will have its own suggested storyline and you are invited to imagine and reflect along with it.

## CLITHEROE

**ROTAS Sat Welcoming** A.Harkin **Reader** A.Southworth **Euch Min** A.Southworth & A.Harkin **Sunday—Welcoming** M.Rogers & C.Willman **Reader** C.James **Euch Min** H.Loffhouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnely **Tea & Coffee** M.Geddes & E.Curphey

**CAFOD** On Sunday 2nd December in the Parish Hall after 9.30am Mass there will be a fundraising sale of goods donated to CAFOD

**PARISH DRAW** The draw will commence in the new year. You can buy a ticket for £20 and your name will go into a monthly draw for then months. Want a ticket ? then please see either, Janet Clegg, Arnold Marsden, Peter Sutcliffe, Ann Harkin, or Bernard Mercer.

**THANKYOU** to the parishioners who look after the gardens both around the church and the presbytery. Your services are very much appreciated.

**SPRING HAPPENING 2019** Jane Brown will not be leading this event but is happy to advise. She is looking for a volunteer to take on this role. If you are interested please contact her on 01200 441949 or email jane\_ann\_brown@hotmail.com

**VASE** Thankyou to the person who left a vase of flowers at the Statue of St Teresa a few weeks ago—your vase can be collected from the Sacristy.

**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

**WANTED** Volunteer welcomers and stewards are required for the 4pm and 6pm Masses and for the 10am Mass on Christmas Day. Please give names to Janet please. (Times of all services in all churches will be published in the newsletter next week).

**BAPTISM** we welcome Jack Andrew Ashley who was baptised last Saturday.

**LADIES GROUP ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER** Friday 18th January at Whalley Golf Club cost £27 (3 courses). Menu's available from porch. Please pay either Janet or Daphne. Our new Programme for 2019 is now available from the porch.

***Congratulations to Mr Richard and Mrs Elizabeth Heseltine who celebrate their 70th Wedding Anniversary on 4th December 2018***

## DUNSOP

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

**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 32 Monica Clarkson. 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.

**SERVICE OF LIGHT** Don't forget this afternoon's Ecumenical Service of Light for families at 4pm at Sabden Baptist Church to mark the beginning of Advent—always beautiful and inspiring especially for children. Tea & Biscuits afterwards, followed by Carols and switching on of the Christmas Tree and Crib lights in the village centre at 6pm.

**CHRISTMAS QUIZ** Quiz sheets are on sale to raise money for church funds. They cost £1 and will be on sale at the back of church after Mass.

**ADVENT REFLECTIONS** Advent is short this year therefore there will only be two Advent reflections. These will be Tuesday 4th and 11th Dec at 7.30pm. These will be a lead up to the Carol Service on Wed 19th at 7.30pm that we are hosting.

**RED MISSION BOXES** Please bring your box to church to be emptied