

HOPE IN THE FUTURE



From 5th January next year we will be including the Hope in the Future Prayer at the end of each Mass. The prayer embodies our mission as a parish. In the Diocese of Salford the 'Hope in the Future' programme was launched by Bishop Arnold in October 2017 and in his forward he reminds us of its objectives

“Pope Francis urges us to be aware of the poverty, isolation, marginalisation and needs of people

around us and to bring the practical care of the Gospel to them. In order to do that effectively we must always be strengthening our own communities with a worthy celebration of the Sacraments, a life of prayer, an effective and engaging catechesis of the faith for the young and those who may feel drawn to our Church.”

For those who missed the launch of hope in the future there is an excellent video clip on the Salford website

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/launch-hope-future>

In the parish of Our Lady of the Valley we launched the first stage of Hope in the Future 'Celebrating our Parish' by exploring and recognising the strengths and the weaknesses of the parish in a series of meetings held in Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop Bridge. The second stage 'Harvesting our Talents' started in October 2018 and involved many parishioners volunteering to assist.

The next step on our journey is to 'Live the Eucharist' and will provide an emphasis on how we can build on the celebration of Eucharist to ensure that our parish is mission orientated through our welcome, our liturgy and our hospitality.

The Hope in the Future Prayer will be said at the end of the bidding prayers at each Mass and will remind us of how central the missionary parish is to Our Lady of the Valley parish

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve 4pm Clitheroe
6pm Clitheroe
8pm Sabden

Christmas Day 8am Dunsop Bridge
10am Clitheroe

Advent Reflections

Tuesday 7.30pm St Mary's, Sabden

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

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8th December 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

St Michael & St John's, Clitheroe

Sunday

Mass at 9.30am
followed by Coffee

Monday, Tuesday & Friday

Mass at 9am

Wednesday & Thursday

Eucharistic Service at 9am



Saturday (14th December)

Reconciliation—11am—11.45am Exposition 11—11.45am

First Mass of Sunday—5pm

St Hubert's, Dunsop Bridge

Thursday—Mass at 9.15am

St Mary's Church, Sabden

Sunday—Mass at 11am

Tuesday—Advent Reflection Service 7.30pm Wednesday—Mass at 9.15am

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK Julia Moore, Richard Embery, Michael Day, Special Intention, Janet & Kenneth Barlow, Bernadette Brown x 2, Mary Cushion, Alice & Patrick Emerson, Joan & Hugh Kelly

SICK Lucy Wright, Beth Heseltine, John Fielding, Julia Moore

LATELY DEAD Peter Rigby

ANNIVERSARIES Richard Embery, Janet & Kenneth Barlow, Mary Cushion,

Alice & Patrick Emerson, Joan & Hugh Kelly, Michael Day, Fr Francis Hannan SJ

Live Simply Thought of the Week: Wrapping presents: buy recyclable wrapping paper or wrapping made from recycled paper

PARISH—CLITHEROE, DUNSOP & SABDEN

OFFERTORY Clitheroe £778.89 Sabden £180.31 Dunsop £128.30

S.V.P. COLLECTION a huge thankyou for the magnificent collection of £1,226. This will help many families in our community this Christmas.

TRANSPORT A new disabled parishioner would like transport to the Saturday evening Mass. If you could help and would be willing to go on a rota please contact Peter Donnelly on 01200 441081 mobile 07967 103618 or donnelmarg@aol.com

LAUDATO SI Ribble Valley's very own plastic free shop 'REFILLUTION' here in Clitheroe is open at 16 Castlegate,. REFILLUTION is a community shop. It sells delicious and nutritious foods (with some treats) and household goods all free from plastic packaging, helping to protect our beautiful planet. Take your own containers to fill up. Maybe you could find some Christmas presents here!

WEBSITE CONTACT In order to keep information on the website up to date it would be helpful if all Parish Group identifies a person who will liaise with Andy Brown on a regular basis—andrewbrown595@btinternet.com. Please pop your completed questionnaire from last weeks back page of the newsletter in the box at the back of church.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS—WARDLEY HALL Each event will run from 10.30am —12.30pm. 13 December—The Voice of Matthew. To book or for further info please contact ☎ 0161 794 2825 Marie Sartini marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.ort.uk

FOODBANK CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Christmas food is now gratefully received to help many people enjoy Christmas. Please donate this up to **this weekend December 7th/8th** Other donations always accepted. Many thanks for your generosity.

DIVINE MERCY Due to very high demand across the country 'Love and Mercy', Divine Mercy movie will be showing on selected ODEON Cinemas for ONE additional date. For times and venues please see the poster in the porch.

ENGLAND'S NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY The annual pilgrimage by Branches of Walsingham Association in 2020. Blackburn, Tuesday 19 -Thursday 21 May Cost from approx £190 per person for Standard room. Non-returnable Dep £50. To book a place tel: Vincent 01254 209101. Mini-bus from Clitheroe to join main coach in Blackburn. tel: Maureen 443499. Chorley, Monday 22—Friday 26 June Cost from approx £330 per person for Standard room. Deposit £25. To book a place tel Jose 01257 265498. Main coach starts in Clitheroe.

CLITHEROE

LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER January 24th 2020 at the Newdrop Inn. Menu's now available from the porch. Names to Daphne or Janet.

SMSJ PRIMARY SCHOOL our Reception class Nativity is on Friday 13th December 10-10.30am in school. Entry £1 including tea/coffee and mince pies

SATURDAY

Welcoming—J.Bentley Reader—V.Murray Eucharistic Ministers—A.Harkin & N.Dixon

SUNDAY Welcoming—R & F Holgate Reader—J.Hennigan

Eucharistic Ministers—H.Lofthouse, B.Collinson, P.Donnely

Tea & Coffee—S.V.P. Little Church—C.Naylor-Preston

Rotas (Welcoming, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Tea & Coffee) for January—April 2020 will be compiled during December. Would anyone who would like to change from Saturday to Sunday or visa versa, or come off the rota please let Janet know as soon as possible

LITTLE CHURCH are looking for new leaders to help us run sessions. New Rota's are due out for Advent. Please join us—training will be provided. Contact Geraldine 01200 425504 or johnandgerry@talktalk.net

K.S.C QUIZ NIGHT Friday 27th December in The Assembly Hall. More details later

CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE Wednesday 11th December 2-5pm. Tickets £8. If you haven't got one contact Daphne 01200 427912 as soon as possible.

LADIES GROUP thank all parishioners for supporting their charity events this year. We are pleased to have donated £2,000 to Ribble Valley Heart Fund and also £600 to our own parish (profit of Last Night of the Proms)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED at all Christmas Masses—we need volunteers for welcoming, stewarding, reading and Eucharistic Ministers. A list is available at the back of church. Please fill in where you can volunteer.

Christmas Cards and Gifts now on sale in the side church porch

ECCUMENICAL SERVICES IN CLITHEROE

ADVENT REFLECTIONS Tuesday's 10th & 17th December at 12.45pm at The United Reformed Church, Castlegate. Short service followed by light lunch.

JOY TO THE WORLD Christmas Concert this year at St James—Tonight Sunday 8th December at 6.30pm

DUNSOP BRIDGE

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE Thankyou to all those who attended this annual event. A total of £204 was raised and will be donated to The East Lancs Hospice

ANNUAL BINGO & SOCIAL NIGHT held last Monday made £896 profit.

Thankyou to all those who supported us including Slaiddburn YFC members, local community, parishioners and the team who helped with refreshments. Three raffle prizes still to be claimed Grey 641, Pink 751 and Green 891. Call Julie Bennett 01200 448630 to arrange collection.

SABDEN

BONUS BALL Winning no 51

KNIT, STITCH & NATTER Monday's at 10.15—noon in the Hall. All welcome for a chat, tea and biscuits and knit or stitch if you want.

CHRISTMAS BINGO Friday 13th December 7pm. Tickets Adults £5, Children £2 including Bingo ticket, mince pie and mulled wine. Tickets available from Margaret Parsons, Margaret Waling, Pat Whitwell, Carol Hartley, Olive Doyle. We would appreciate any donations of Raffle or Bingo prizes.

ADVENT REFLECTION SERVICES on Tuesdays throughout Advent at 7.30pm. First one next Tuesday 3rd December. Come and join in the journey to Christmas.