

DUNSOP BRIDGE—EVENTS AT DUNSOP VILLAGE HALL

PLAYGROUP Term time only 9.30-11am. Contact Laura 07790 516260

PILATE SESSIONS Mon eveg 6-7pm. More Info Christine Billington992@gmail.com

SEWING GROUP on Fridays 1.30-3.30pm. Details Janet 01200 448201

KEEPING FIT WITH MATT Thur & Fri more info mdfitnesscoach@outlook.com

SABDEN

FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA being held by Knit and Natter in aid of church funds on Saturday December 3rd at 2pm. Tickets are £10. See Margaret Parsons or Olive Doyle.

CAFOD Fairtrade goods on sale after mass today. Come along and see what we have

KNIT STITCH & NATTER GROUP, each Mon 10.15am—12.15pm in the top room in St Mary's Hall. £1 admission with tea/coffee and biscuits. Everyone welcome to come along for a natter/knit/stitch if you wish or just come for a chat

BONUS BALL Last weeks winner 59 Kate Hargreaves

ONE VOICE Wednesday night musical theatre group for young people is back again. Classes for 6-11 years 4.30-5.30pm and 11-16 from 5.45-7pm. More info from Annie 07710 248458 email onevoicesabden@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS SHOW The One Voice musical theatre group which meets in St Mary's Hall (see above) is holding a family Christmas show, "Now! That's What I Call Christmas" on Saturday December 10th—Two performances 2.30pm and 5.30pm Tickets £7 tel 07710 248458 or emailing: onevoicesabden@gmail.com

SCRABBLE CLUB St Mary's is holding Scrabble Nights in the top room (coffee lounge) on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, from 7pm to around 9.15pm. Everyone welcome £1 adm includes tea/coffee and biscuits..

VILLAGE CAROL SERVICE Churches Together in Sabden is holding a Village Carol Service on Sun Dec 18th at 4pm in the Baptist Church Hall. It is a free event and should be a lovely festive hour, to be followed by tea/coffee and mince pies.

ST MICHAEL & ST JOHN'S SCHOOL—UKRAINE SHOEBOX APPEAL



We are promoting the Ukraine Shoebox appeal along with the Clitheroe Rotary Club. They would be most grateful if you could fill a shoebox with any of the following items that would brighten up a child's life. Colouring books—Pens—Small toys—Crayons—Building blocks—Pencil case—Skipping rope—writing pads—Cards etc—Hats—Gloves—Scarves—Toothbrush & toothpaste.

BUT NO FOOD e.g. Sweets, chocolate, aerosols, drinks etc.

Please add a small note on the outside of the box whether it is for a boy/girl and intended age. The shoebox is to be sealed with an elastic band so that the box can be opened and checked before being transported.

All Shoeboxes to be dropped off at St Michael & St John's school office by Tuesday 6th December.

This appeal is open to all three churches, Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop

Parish of Our Lady of the Valley

Catholic Communities of Clitheroe, Sabden & Dunsop Bridge

Tel 01200 423307 website: olov.org.uk

Parish Priest: Canon Paul Brindle, Presbytery, Lowergate, Clitheroe BB7 1AG

Parish Priest email: paul.brindle@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Parish Secretary email: janet.clegg@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or smsj@btinternet.com

St Michael & St John's Primary School Tel: 01200 422560 **Head:** Mrs Zoe Mabbott

St Mary's Primary School, Sabden: Tel: 01282 771009 **Head:** Ms Claire Halstead

Thorneyholme Catholic Primary, Dunsop Bridge Tel: 01200 448276 **Head:** Mrs Olga Jackson

First Sunday of Advent—27 November 2022



Masses this weekend

12noon Saturday—Dunsop Bridge

5pm Saturday—Clitheroe

9.30am Sunday—Clitheroe

11am Sunday—Sabden

*Baptisms by appointment
with Fr Paul*

Masses during the week

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass at 10am Clitheroe

Saturday (4th December)

Confessions in Clitheroe 10.15am-10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

CONFIRMATION

will take place at Stonyhurst on Wednesday 7th December. As there are 103 to be Confirmed, each family have been allocated a place in the church, which means that others cannot be accommodated in the church. Bishop John will be Confirming the candidates. Let us keep these young people in our prayers.

MASSES RECEIVED THIS WEEK

Special intention x 2, Rita Donbavand, Nora Hart, Margaret McArtney, Florence Buggie, Cliff Astin, Laudi Madi

LATELY DEAD Sir Simon Towneley, Philomena Nelson, Martin Byrne

ANNIVERSARIES

Rita Donbavand, Nora Hart, Margaret McArtney, Florence Buggie, Cliff Astin

COLLECTION Thank you for your generosity in last weeks Offertory Collection £1134.53 (this figure does not include standing orders).

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK. Think about having a reverse advent calendar: Get a box and each day during Advent, add an item of food. Then donate it to Ribble Valley Foodbank or fill the box with items of good quality clothing and toys and take it to the Salvation Army or your favourite charity shop. It would be a good idea to deliver it a week or so before Christmas so that the goods can be used for Christmas.

CAFOD Fairtrade goods will be on sale during our coffee morning after mass TO-DAY 27th November. Please come along and see what we have.

RIBBLE VALLEY FOOD BANK We are short of: long-life fruit juice, long-life milk, instant mash potato, sponge puddings. All donations gratefully received

ALPHA talks Sunday 27th November at 6 Warwick Drive, Clitheroe BB7 2BG. Please phone Grace 01200 425928 or Mary 01200 428653 if you would like more information about the Alpha Course.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Wednesday 30th November and the remaining two weeks of Advent there's an opportunity to read and reflect on the Sunday Gospels. Each Wednesday at 1.30pm come along to the presbytery. All welcome (no need to book). Refreshments provided. Any queries contact Liz on 07814 460574

S.V.P. PARISH COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND 26th & 27th November. There will be a collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society after each Mass. Gift Aid envelopes are still available at the back of church if you didn't take one last weekend. Parishioners can make their contribution via a direct payment to the following bank account: St Vincent de Paul Society, sort code: 60-60-04 account number 46085858. Thankyou

MESSIAH—Blackburn Music Society Saturday 3rd December 7pm St Silas' Church, Blackburn. £14—see poster in porch.

PARISH FORUM The next Forum planned for December 7th has been cancelled as it clashed with the Confirmation Service. See future newsletters for next Forum date in 2023

CLITHEROE

We now have a good selection of Christmas cards on sale on the Repository stall (side porch). Have a browse and do consider sending cards with a religious meaning, portraying the wonderful message of Christmas.

There are also some Confirmation cards on the rack at the back of church. The side porch will be open before and after Mass on weekends and weekdays.

CCP WARM SPACE INITIATIVE A joint Christian response from Clitheroe Churches in Partnership. A different church in Clitheroe, each day, will be offering to open up a warm space area within their church Monday to Friday starting in December and running through to March 2023, Not all churches lend themselves to offer such spaces and so: If you would like to get involved, we are looking for volunteers, on a rota basis, to be available to welcome visitors and to offer them a hot drink. Please feel free to offer your support directly to the church on the day that suits you or contact Mary on 07947 078776. Please see poster in porch to see the venues and times.

ADVENT CAROL SERVICE—Clitheroe Christians in Partnership Today Sunday 27th November 6.30pm in St Mary Magdalene's. We hope that you will join us.

Salford Almanacs 2023 are now for sale at the back of all three churches £3.50

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING at St Michael & St John's School. Come and enjoy making your own wreath on Tues 29th and Wed 30th November 7pm-9pm. Mulled wine, Fizz and tea/coffee with mince pies will be provided. Tickets £40, or for more information contact Keeley (from the Parent Teachers Assoc on 07904 058409

CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE Wednesday 14th December 2—4.30pm in the Assembly Hall. Admission £5. Come and join in, catch up with the Christmas spirit, you're all very welcome

LADIES GROUP Trip to Harrogate Thursday Dec 1st. The coach will leave Clitheroe Interchange at 9.15am prompt

BANJO AND BEYOND Wednesday 30th November 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall. A seasonal musical evening, with Yvonne Pinder. The Ladies Group invite you to join us for what promises to be a good night—only £3 including tea, mince pie, biscuits. You are most welcome. **ALSO** Janet will be taking names and money for our Christmas meal to be held at the Calf's Head, lunchtime Fri 20th January. Menu's will be available.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY QUIZ NIGHT Thursday 29th Dec in the Assembly Hall **SOCIAL CENTRE CHRISTMAS CONCERT** with the Music Group and Slaidburn Band on Thursday 15th December. Details later.

CCP—HOLIDAY FUN There was a recent meeting to review 'Holiday Fun' a series of church events providing support for parents and child carers during half term. We have received extremely positive feedback about the events and the view from the meeting was that we should run 'Holiday Fun' again in the February 2023 Half Term (Monday 13—Friday 17 February. To that end, there will be a planning meeting at Clitheroe Community Church on Wednesday 7th December at 1.30pm.

Come along, you will be made very welcome, to the Assembly Hall (our Parish Hall) after Mass on Sunday morning and join other parishioners for a cup of Coffee or Tea and biscuits. You will be most welcome

JOY TO THE WORLD Sunday 4th December at Trinity Methodist Church at 3pm this year ***Please note the early start time this year.*** Featuring Ribble Valley Choir and Orchestra with music, poems, dance and drama, including items for the audience. The concert will end approx. 4.15pm when mince pies and hot drinks will be served. Joy to the World is free to attend and there will be a retiring collection for the Christian Aid Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal.

CLITHEROE CIVIC SOCIETY Monday Dec 5th in The Assembly Hall. 'Stonyhurst College: The story of the oldest museum in the English-speaking world' presented by Dr Jan Graffius. Admission £3 inc Tea/Coffee and Mince pie. See poster in porch

ROTA'S NEXT WEEKEND

Readers—Saturday— Claire McGuire **Sunday—** Ann Harkin

Eucharistic Ministers — Saturday— Frances Ellis

Sunday— Janet Hall **Tea & Coffee —** Carol Riley

Please note: The Parish Office will be closed next Thursday December 1st