

DUNSOP BRIDGE—EVENTS AT DUNSOP VILLAGE HALL

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

PILATE SESSIONS Mon evening 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

"TREE OF TREES" Plantation of Queen Elizabeth II Tree at Thorneyholme School. Our Dunsop Bridge primary school was honoured to be chosen as one of the recipients of the Tree of Trees; the Living Sculpture centrepiece of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee weekend celebrations. The Tree of Trees stood tall outside Buckingham Palace as a message of hope, regeneration and optimism to our nation and the world. Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenants were asked to nominate organisations and groups they believe make a positive and measurable impact on their communities and the Thorneyholme tree and pot from the "Tree of Trees" are symbols of gratitude for the school's tireless efforts. Thorneyholme is only one of 8 groups selected across Lancashire to receive this honour. The Plantation event took place on 14 November. See the [Laudato si' Group webpage](#) for full details and pictures.

SABDEN

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 number 23 Jane Davies

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

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 Saturday Dec 17th 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. *Please note the change of date*

MOVEMENT IS THE BEST MEDICINE Come and join our guest Jared, NHS Advanced Nurse Practitioner in a relaxed and informative local gathering. Free tea or coffee on arrival. Free soup and roll for lunch. Guaranteed a warm welcome! St Mary's Parish Hall, BB7 9DZ Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 11.30am.

CHRISTMAS MASSES 2022

Christmas Eve 4pm and 6pm in Clitheroe	7pm in Sabden (Fr Kelly)
Christmas Morning 8am in Dunsop Bridge	10am in Clitheroe

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

Third Sunday of Advent—11 December 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 (18th December)

Confessions in Clitheroe

10.15am-10.45am & 4.15pm—4.45pm

Advent Do try and join us for weekday Mass in Advent

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MASSES THIS WEEK Janet & Kenneth Barlow, Special intention

LATELY DEAD Eileen O'Neill

ANNIVERSARIES Janet & Kenneth Barlow

COLLECTION Thank **you** for your generosity in last weeks Offertory Collection £1227.44 (this figure does not include standing orders). S.V.P. Another £75

LIVE SIMPLY THOUGHT OF THE WEEK. LET'S KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

Amidst the frenzy of consumerism, let's take time to reflect on the meaning of Christmas: the birth of Jesus. How can we be more like him? Do we love our neighbour? Have we fed the poor? Do we bring love and peace among our family and friends, workplace? Let's take time to reflect on the birth of Jesus.

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

CAFOD Millions of people across East Africa are facing the threat of starvation following four failed rainy seasons in a row. A famine has not yet been declared, but by the time this happens, the opportunity to save thousands of lives and millions of livelihoods could have been missed. **YOU CAN HELP:** Please consider donating this advent. <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> Or buy gifts from World Gift Catalogue. Each church has some to take away or go online. World gifts are a range of virtual gifts that will delight those you give them to and transform the lives of families living in poverty.

ALPHA talks paused until January 8th 2023. Please phone Mary 01200 428653 or Grace 01200 425928 if you would like more information about the Alpha Course.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Wednesday 14th December 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

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.

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.

CCP LOVE CLITHEROE Prayer theme for December can be found in the porch. Please also pray for the Warm Spaces initiative which started a few weeks ago

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

CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE Wednesday 14th December in the Old School Hall (Parish Hall) Lowergate, Clitheroe 2pm—4.30pm. Tea/cakes and scones will be served. Only £5. You are all welcome to join us. If you only want to sit and enjoy the company, and music that's OK, come along. Get in the mood for Christmas. Hosted by Ladies Group.

LADIES GROUP CHRISTMAS LUNCH Friday 20th January at the Calf's Head Hotel, Worston. Two course meal £25. Menus are available in the church porch. Money and menus can be given to Janet or Daphne BEFORE—Christmas please. Our programme of talks for 2023 is now available from the church porch.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ takes place at 7.30pm on Thursday 29th December in our Parish Hall. People requiring supper (a sausage sandwich) must purchase a ticket £4 before 26th December. Tickets are available from the Social Centre, Carol 01200 426769, Betty 01200 427029 or Arnold 01200 427096. Those not requiring supper may pay £2 entrance on the door. Donation and donations of Raffle prizes gratefully accepted. All proceeds from this event will go to Mary's Meals. An anonymous donor has promised to double the amount raised on the night.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT Thursday 15th December at The Assembly Room, Lowergate, Clitheroe with the amazing Slaidburn Silver Band and supported by St Michael & St John's Music Group, come and listen to a selection of Christmas Carols and songs to get you in the festive spirit. Entry by ticket is £2 and includes a mince pie and mug of mulled wine on arrival. Monies raised for St Michael & St John's Music Group is being donated to our church and your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets will be on sale after masses at Clitheroe or please speak to members of the music group or ring/message Geralyn 07483 8141358. Alternatively please call in or contact the Old School Rooms on 01200 423073. Doors will be open at 7pm for 7.45pm start.

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

ROTAS NEXT WEEKEND

Readers—Saturday— Roisin Bowes **Sunday—** Kevin Downes

Eucharistic Ministers — Saturday— Michael Fox

Sunday— Helen Lofthouse **Tea & Coffee —** Anne Geldard