

GOOD NEWS

FOR SABDEN



Summer 2023



What are rainbows for?



God invented rainbows. Before Noah built his ark it hadn't rained on earth. Sure there was plenty of water knocking about but there was no rain. Instead we read in the Bible that there were mists across the surface of the earth. However, once the flood had come and wiped out every living thing apart from those safe in the ark, God decided to make a covenant or a promise with Noah that He wouldn't ever flood the earth again and wipe out every living creature.

As a sign of this covenant God said He would place His bow in the clouds. A sign, God said, of the covenant that I have established between me and every living creature on earth. The bow, or rainbow as we call it, is a spectacular semi-circular shaped array of colours caused by sunlight shining through the raindrops in a cloud. Usually seen late in the day or early morning when the sun is low enough. Of course before it rained on earth there wouldn't have been a rainbow. Hence the name.

God poured out His wrath and anger on the earth because it says in the Bible the LORD saw that human wickedness was widespread on the earth and that every inclination of the human mind was nothing but evil all the time. Noah was the only person who found favour with God. The ark is a picture of our safety in Jesus. Those of us who believe in Jesus are kept safe and will one day be carried through to eternal life. The Old Testament and its stories point to the salvation and rescue that we have in Jesus. The rainbow is a symbol of the hope we have in Him.

By Richard Stancliffe of Sabden Baptist Church.

Front Cover

Welcome to the summer edition of Good News for Sabden.

Our front cover picture shows Ava Windsor and Imogen Shipston helping out at Sabden Cricket and Bowling Clubs' charity day which raised £1,300 for Milly's Smiles.

Well done girls for all your hard work.

The future is in good hands

I have had the privilege of talking to the pupils of our village primary schools, St Mary's RC and Sabden Primary, about the Best Kept Village Competition.

I received a warm and friendly welcome and found the children attentive and engaged. They agreed that Sabden is a lovely place to live and their main concern is the dog poo around which they say is disgusting! The children designed posters to remind us all about putting our rubbish in bins and to recycle whenever we can. There were some great messages on many of the posters and some of the winning ones can be found around the village, so do look for them.

Thank you to the young generation who pick up litter and help to keep our village looking so good. Thanks too to our Brownies who cleaned the playground equipment. As the children say, 'the planet belongs to everyone' and it's good to know they are playing their part. **Di Grimshaw**

A warm welcome for new church Rose Queen Mia



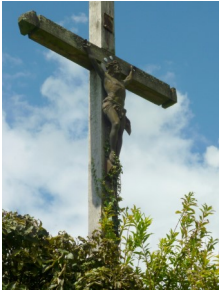
The new Rose Queen at St Nicholas's Church is 13-year-old Mia Edwardson. Mia was crowned in the beautiful sunshine by retiring queen Mia Davies, before opening the annual church Garden Party which raised a magnificent £1,775. It was a wonderful sunshine afternoon, with lots of visitors and fun for everyone. Good luck in your special year Mia, and thank you retiring Rose Queen Mia Davies for a splendid year.



TEAM SABDEN TRIUMPH OVER THE THREE PEAKS

'Team Sabden' - a group of residents who successfully took on the challenge of climbing the Yorkshire Three Peaks in a day, raised a whopping £9,534.75p for the North West Air Ambulance. Some of the team are pictured here with organiser Jill Wright holding the cheque. Well done everyone for a wonderful effort.





SABDEN VILLAGE CHURCHES

St Nicholas's CE Parish Church, Wesley Street

Sundays: 10am Holy Communion and Sunday School. Family Service first Sunday in the month.

Contact: The Rev. J. Carmyllie 01254 823249. Churchwardens Eileen Dyson 01282 771488 and Anita Gould 073781 06584.

St Mary's RC Church, Whalley Road

Sundays: 11am Mass with Canon Paul Brindle and Deacon Damian Buggie. Coffee & biscuits in the hall after most Masses.

Contact: Canon Brindle, 01200 423307. Community Hall bookings: M. Parsons 01282 778652 / 07715 666866.

Sabden Baptist Church, Clitheroe Road

Sunday 10-30am with Communion every 1st Sunday; Guest preacher 2nd Sunday Graham Kissack; Scripture service 3rd Sunday.

Tuesday: 10-30am to noon Care & Share with a cuppa and a chat.

Wednesday: 7-30—8-30pm Bible Study.

Thursdays: 7-9pm Music & Singing Group. Contact: sabdenbaptist@outlook.org or 07894 982310.

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Skydive Charity Challenge

Congratulations to Louise Cunningham who faced her fears and did a charity skydive at the Black Knights Parachute Centre. Thanks to support from family, friends and villagers, Louise raised £1,300, plus £183.75 in Gift Aid, for Parkinson's UK. Well done Louise.

If you have a fund-raising story to tell, or you want to publicise your charity or sponsored event, please email details to me at: margmaryparsons@gmail.com



*The graves of those we loved
How beautiful they lie
From every care and strife removed
Beneath Heavens canopy...*

A few lines from a poem by John Clare. The graveyard of Sabden Baptist Church (SBC) is located just below Top Row. Since the Covid pandemic the place has been transformed into a beautiful spot thanks to the invaluable help of some volunteers from Sabden and surrounding villages. Visitors now can enjoy the beautiful flowers, especially in springtime, and a stunning view from the picnic table over Pendle Hill.

There are three Commonwealth War Graves looked after by the Commonwealth War Graves' Commission and some of the other graves are still attended by local people. It is always a pleasure to see fresh flowers and plants brought in memory of loved ones.

SBC is responsible for the maintenance of the graveyard area in between the graves. With an elderly congregation, this has become a challenge. Sadly the black bin inside the gate was mistaken for a dog-poo-dropping-point. Without having facilities to empty the bin on a regular basis, it was decided to bin the bin. Visitors are expected to take unwanted left overs from the graves home. Please do not use the green water butt or watering cans as a bin.

In order to keep the area nice and welcoming, I wonder if there are any volunteers willing to give us a helping hand with the weeding and grass cutting from time to time?

With many thanks.

Dr Marjoleine Onrust,
on behalf of Sabden Baptist Church.





SABDEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Committee is busily preparing for this year's Annual Show on Saturday August 19th and, despite the recent spell of gloriously hot weather, hopefully there has been a lot of sowing and growing in our gardens and allotments as we hope to exceed last year's entry.

You should have received the Show schedule booklet and you can see that there have been several changes to Class entries and the awarding of trophies for several category winners has been reintroduced, so it is worth taking a close look. For the first time we have a main sponsor this year, who along with local businesses, has meant we have benefited from very generous financial donations and gifting prizes for the raffle. That said it is still not too late to make a financial donation or offer a raffle prize if you wish.

Finally, the Society is always looking for new committee/regular members. If you think Sabden Horticultural Society could be for you or you wish to donate, please don't hesitate to contact Dave on 01282 778458 or email me on dandabell@hotmail.com for a chat and more details.

Thank you, Dave Bell

Modern Slavery Victim

Marek, a young victim of modern slavery, is the guest speaker at the July meeting of Sabden Women's Group—which is open to all, not just ladies.

Marek was brought to England and held captive for a long time in a caravan in Baxenden, being abused and forced to work long hours. He is coming to Sabden to tell his story, so please go along to the Pendle Room at St Nicholas's Church on Wednesday, July 19th, at 7-15pm.

Admission is £3 for non-members.



Pictured are pupils from St Mary's RC School in church after the Sacrament of First Holy Communion, a special day in their church life. With them are Parish Priest Fr Paul Brindle (left) with headteacher Claire Halstead, Deacon Damian Buggie and altar server Matthew Doyle.

Christian Aid

Churches Together in Sabden would like to thank all who supported their coffee morning or donated in the collection envelopes, and helped raise the fantastic total of £731 which has gone to support the work of Christian Aid.



Festival Programme

Spire Stage

13:15 – 14:00	Xanthe, Zimmer & the Gimmers
14:05 – 14:20	7B Performing Arts Academy
14:25 – 14:55	Taz Entertainment
15:00 – 15:30	Sally Basnett
15:40 – 16:10	Sandy's Band
16:20 – 16:35	One Voice Children
16:45 – 17:00	One Voice Adult Choir
17:10 – 17:40	Acoustic Rising
17:50 – 18:20	The Digs
18:30 – 19:00	Kevan Lingard
19:15 – 19:45	Shakey's Brother
19:55 – 20:40	Francoise
20:55 – 21:40	The Kicks
21:45 – 22:30	Edwards & Edwards
22:30	CLOSE

Outside

Aisle Stage

Inside

13:30 – 13:50	Hannah & Mia's
	One Voice Workshop
15:00 – 16:00	Taz Entertainment
16:30 – 17:00	Ruby Toor
17:30 – 18:15	Jennie from the Block
18:30 – 19:15	Hunkerdown
19:15	CLOSE

Scan here
for tickets



www.eventbrite.co.uk
or Katie 07889 266473

Here's the programme for the Raise the Roof family friendly music festival on Saturday, July 29th, in the grounds and community hall at St Mary's Church, from 1pm to 10-30pm.

It is set to be a fabulous day of music, entertainment for the children, a bouncy castle and food stalls including a barbecue and pizza van. There are indoor and outside stages, an indoor bar and marquee bar so you are not allowed to bring your own alcohol. The event is fully supervised and secure and you will be given a wristband on entry so you can come and go as you wish. All proceeds to St Nicholas's repair fund. Tickets are £10 for adults, with concessions for children, and available from the village shops or see above.

The tough world of nature ...

Small birdsong at the more tree-laden, south-western end of Sabden Valley; ground nesting birds and more hawks – including the hobby - around the Dean Farm and Sabden Fold to the north-east. And the interesting comment that field and woodland patterns will have changed little for hundreds of years at the Whalley side of Sabden. Surprising – and a delight - what you learn when you meet by chance a friend, someone who knows and loves the valley from one end to the other! He's one of the dedicated observers who study or photograph bird and animal life that lots of us don't notice much.

The conversation had started randomly when I mentioned a letter in the Farmers Guardian noting that corvidae – particularly magpies, but also crows and jackdaws - are a big cause of small bird population decline. Not something that's highlighted in the media. My friend agreed. Nature is a tough world to live in. Survival of the fittest and luckiest, for sure.

In another observation, swallow numbers are quite a bit lower than usual in Sabden Valley – hopefully not because they're being shot at or netted for sport in some European countries. Meantime, our hens are enjoying the freedom of pecking around the pond...and chasing the pair of ducks that The Farmer was given as a birthday present by a daughter. The gentle??! hens suddenly switch on rabid pack mentality when the ducks come near and race after the poor (definitely) gentle quackers who flee for their lives. Oh yes, and the magpies enjoy sneaking into the hen cabin to steal hen food and peck into and eat a hens' egg or two!

And oh yes, (part two), the Chinese name for a magpie means happy. So the magpie happy bird is a symbol of happiness in China. That's me told off.

Back in the day, maybe 100 years or more or slightly less ago, farms were often called after the surname of the farmer owning or tenating the land and farmhouse. Ours was known as Parsons Farm until the mid 1800s, then there was Bulcocks, after that Whittaker Barn. Any Sabdeners remember others?

The Farmer's Wife

Death of former vicar of St Nicholas's

Villagers were saddened to hear of the death of a former vicar of St Nicholas's Church, the Rev. Roland Nicholson, after a long illness. Condolences to all his family and friends

The PCC has appointed a new architect to survey and inspect the Church and grounds for the overdue quinquennial report. This report has to be done every five years but due to the dry rot problems has been held back.

The church grounds and graveyard are looking splendid after a good clean-up and mowing, and many people have commented on how well they look. The costs of the upkeep are partially met by St Mary's RC Church and the Parish Council.

Best Kept Village

The first round of judging of the Best Kept Village competition ends on July 22nd, by which time we will have been judged four times. On their first visit the two sets of judges will have noted things which they consider need work/improvement and they will hope to see this done on their second visit.

A lot of good work has been done - so thank you. However, there are still a lot of kerbs needing clearing so hopefully we can all do our bit and if everyone can give half an hour here or there, we can keep the village looking good.

And - please pick up litter when you are out and about.

Time and chime is restored

I had a fascinating visit to the “clock room” up the narrow winding stairs in St Nicholas’s Church to see the workings behind the wonderful timepiece you can see on the church frontage and which was installed in 1900 by J. Smith and Sons from the Midland Steam Clock Works in Derby.

Expert Matthew Walmsley, of Lancashire Clockmakers in Padiham, had been called in to repair the clock which had stopped chiming on the hour, and it wasn’t long before he had the restored the chime.

Which was music to the ears of former churchwarden Colin Hartley (pictured) who invited me to see what happens behind the scenes. The clock works purely with weights and gravity—and is kindly hand wound twice weekly by neighbour Simon Fielding. Interestingly, clockmaker Matthew is a member of the Hampson family who lived in Padiham Road and has ancestors buried in the graveyard.

Margaret Parsons



Sabden FC has a new man at the helm

Sabden FC is delighted to appoint Garry Kay as the new first team manager for the coming season.

We are very excited about this appointment and what the future holds. Garry has a wealth of experience in coaching and management at various levels. He is also a former player at Rimington FC, Clitheroe FC, Grindleton FC plus many more in his long playing career. Garry is looking to drive the club forward both on and off the pitch.

Pre-season training begins on July 12th at the Nutter Barn pitch. Any new players are welcome and we ask that you contact the club beforehand. Over the summer we have been supporting Women's Fitball on Monday evenings at Nutter Barn, organised by Adam Korol. This has proven to be a very popular and successful venture by Adam, providing exercise and fun for all participants.

We would also like to thank previous sponsors for their continued support of the club into the 2023/2024 season. We welcome anyone, business or individual, to contact us if interested in becoming a Sabden FC sponsor. Whether that be Matchday or Duck Race, either would be very welcome.

A date for your diaries is the 27th of August when our annual Duck Race will take place from Bull Bridge at 2:30 pm. Hopefully, we'll have more rain in the previous week than last year, preferably during the night!

We look forward to your continued support and to seeing you on Sunday mornings at 10-30. **ERIC TOMLINSON**

SABDEN

BADMINTON CLUB

The Club is taking a break for the summer and will reopen in September.

It meets on Mondays from 7pm in St Nicholas's Hall for over 16s and all are welcome.



Sabden Bowling Club

The Peter Wright doubles competition raised a tremendous £1,200 for Marie Curie – thank you everyone who supported the raffle and the event in any way. Since that fund-raiser in mid May, the club has been a hive of activity and bowling. More new members have joined, playing either socially or in teams. It's great to see and is great for the future of the club.

June was equally busy: there was a first-ever mixed doubles competition (won by a couple from Wigan) that was a success. The following weekend, cricketers and bowlers had an entertaining “Bowling Day” - another first at the club. It is hoped this will continue as an annual event. Winners were Dave Wright and Craig Egan, runners-up Nick Burton and Peter Shipston. The losers' title went to Kevin Lyons and Dave Capstick; runners-up were Paul Heathcote and Simon Capstick.

Local charities benefited from both events: The Philip Maher Foundation which is giving a defibrillator to the bowling club (mixed doubles) and Milly's Smiles (Bowling Day) which supports families and children newly diagnosed with cancer at Manchester, Alder Hey and Leeds children's hospitals.

The Marjorie Atkinson open doubles is on August 5th, attracting bowlers from across Lancashire.

For details, contact Maggie on 07989 401595 or message Sabden Bowling Club on Facebook.

SABDEN CRICKET CLUB

2023 League Fixtures (all 6 -15pm starts)

July 13th: Sabden vs Bolton-By-Bowland at home at Read CC

July 20th: Sabden vs Waddington at home at Read CC

July 27th: Chipping Ramblers vs Sabden at New Chipping Ground

August 3rd: Sabden vs Clitheroe St James at home at Read CC

August 10th: Pendle Forest vs Sabden at Pendle Forest

New players, or anyone wanting to get involved in the club in any way can call John Hargreaves on 07921 740255.



Pictured during the Cricket/Bowling Charity Fund-raiser are Wayne Farnhill, Paul McKenna, Nick Burton and Peter Shipston

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DRAW WINNERS

£125 (No. 74) F. Haworth.

£75 (73) T. Haworth.

£50 (50) J. Pilkington.

£30 (54) P. Sefton.

£20 (16) D. Slipper.

£15 (50) T. Eaves

£15 (61) J. Boocock.

£10 (63) L. Pickard.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



SATURDAY JULY 8th: 2-30pm and 5-30pm “That’s Entertainment”, One Voice Music & Drama Group Summer Show, St Mary’s Hall. Tickets at Ella Mia, from Annie on 07595 742604, or pay on the door.

WEDNESDAY JULY 19th: 7-15pm Sabden Ladies’ Group talk by a survivor of human slavery. Men welcome. £3 for non-members. Pendle Room, St Nicholas’s Church.

SATURDAY JULY 29th: 1pm—10-30pm Raise The Roof Family Festival—Music, Food, Drink and Family Fun, St Mary’s Community Hall and grounds. Tickets in village shops.

SATURDAY AUGUST 5th: All day, Sabden Bowling Club, Marjorie Atkinson Open Doubles Competition for Macmillan Cancer Care. Barbecue & refreshments, raffle, family day.

SATURDAY AUGUST 19th: 2– 4pm Sabden Horticultural Society Annual Show, St Mary’s Community Hall.

SUNDAY AUGUST 27th: 2-30pm from Bull Bridge down Sabden Brook, Sabden Football Club Duck Race.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 5th: 6-30pm. Opening night of Sabden Floodlit Singles, then every Tuesday and Thursday in September, at Sabden Bowling Club. Finals night Sunday, October 1st.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24th: St Nicholas Church Harvest Lunch.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 7th: St Nicholas Church Bumper Jumble Sale.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 27th: Concert by Samantha Oxborough, St Nicholas’s Church Hall.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 25th: St Nicholas’s Church Christmas Fair.

WEEKLY EVENTS DURING THE SUMMER

MONDAYS : 10-15am to 12-15pm Knit & Natter, St Mary’s Hall. £1.

TUESDAYS : 10 to 11am Exercise for the Over 50s. St Mary’s Hall.

£3.50 a session. No sessions in August.

6 to 7pm One Voice Adult Choir, Singing for all, St Mary’s Hall. £4 a session.

7 to 9-15pm on 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, Scrabble Evenings, St Mary’s Hall (top room) £1.

10 to 11am Tai Chi, St Nicholas’s Village Hall. Call Bill Wilkinson on 07720 375820.

