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Church Diary		
December		
Sun	1st	Wholeness & Healing Service 11.45am Advent Carol Service 6.30pm
<b>Fri/Sat</b>	<b>6th/7th</b>	<b>St Aidan's Banquets</b>
Sat	7th	Contemplative Prayer 11.15am
Weds	11th	Churches Together Carol Service St Luke's Heywood 7pm
Sun	15th	Masonic Carol Service 3pm
Sun	22nd	St Aidan's Carol Service 6.30pm
Tues	24th	Family Crib Service 2pm Christmas Eve Service 11.30pm
<b>Regular Events</b>		
Contemplative Prayer – 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat every month (not Aug) 11.15am–12 noon		
Open Church & Coffee Morning – Wed 10am-12pm		
Choir Practice – Thursdays 7pm / 7.45pm		
St Aidan's Men's Group – 1st Weds of the month		
St Aidan's Ladies Guild – Monthly meetings		
St Aidan's Flower Group – Fridays 7.30pm		
Knitwits – Fridays 2pm		
Councillor's Surgery – 1st Saturday 10.15am		
Please email <a href="mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk">newsletter@staidan.org.uk</a> with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.		
<b>St Aidan's C of E Parish Church</b> Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3EL Vehicular Access OL11 3NH		



St Aidan's  
Church  
Rochdale

a church  
NEAR YOU

THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD



**1st December  
2019**

Advent Sunday

**Reading**

Matt 24:36 - 44

**Anthems**

Sleepers Wake  
*Bach*  
People Look East  
*Traditional*

*Weekly Services*

**Sunday 10am**  
Family Communion  
**Tuesday 9.45am**  
Morning Prayer

**Wednesday 9.30am**  
Holy Communion

*Weddings and  
Baptisms  
by appointment*



Refreshments are served in  
the Hall after the Sunday  
morning service and in church  
on Wednesday mornings.  
**All are welcome**

# St. Aidan's Church

in the Parish of St Aidan, Sudden,  
Rochdale and All Souls, Heywood

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December

All Age Family Communion for Advent Sunday  
Wholeness & Healing Service 11.45am

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Contemplative Prayer 11.15am

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 9am

St Aidan's Dustbusters: church cleaning before  
the Carol Services. Help much appreciated

**See dates of all the Advent and  
Christmas Services in the Church  
Diary overleaf and online on the  
church website and on the *A Church  
Near You* website.**

It's only one month until our #FollowTheStar Christmas reflections begin

Starting on Christmas Day and finishing on Sunday 5 January, our reflections invite you to go on a journey of wonder and discovery, just like the wise men (or Magi) as they followed the star to discover Jesus.



see Ann Montgomery or Ina Penneyston.

# Welcome to St Aidan's Church

*Our Mission is to be a strong church family, promoting and maintaining the Good News about Jesus to the Parish and the wider community.*

If we can help you in any way, please speak to the Vicar, Sidespersons or any of the Church Officers.

*We aim to be a friendly caring church.*



## Pilgrim Group

An opportunity to explore and discuss our journey of faith.

All are welcome. See Events Diary for dates of meetings.

## Intercession Prayers

Please write names for the Intercessions on the list at the back of Church. Names are renewed at the beginning of each month whilst our prayers are still needed for those who are sick. Prayers of thanksgiving for recovery can also be requested. There are Prayer Cards at the back of Church for giving to friends and relatives to let them know that the St Aidan's Church family is praying for them.

## Church Flowers

Please fill in the Flower List and speak to Elizabeth Milne if you wish to donate or arrange flowers on a specific date. Donations to the Flower Fund are always welcome. *Please inform Elizabeth or email [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk)*

## Children's Groups

The Children's Groups meet in the Hall during the Sunday Morning Service (after the second hymn): Kindergarten (ages 3-6) and Adventurers (ages 7-14). All children stay with the Congregation on the first Sunday in the month when our Young Stewards (over 7) help with church duties. *For further information about our work with Children & Young People, please speak to the Vicar or Curate or email [children@staidan.org.uk](mailto:children@staidan.org.uk)*

## Dedications to a Loved One

Dedications can be placed in hymn books; the St Aidan Church Memorial Book or the Parish Book of Remembrance.  
*Please ask any PCC Member for further details.*



Flowers: In memory of Barry John Molloy's birthday. A loving son sadly missed, but not forgotten.

All our Love John and Janet Molloy

**Parish Weekend Away, March 20 - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020.**

**Foxhill House, Cheshire**

Here is a date for your new diaries. Why not come away for a relaxing weekend in the Cheshire countryside in the company of friends. We are organising a parish weekend at Foxhill House, which belongs to the Diocese of Chester and is near Frodsham in Cheshire. The lovely old house is set in extensive grounds which will be full of daffodils when we go there in March. We are using this venue instead of Scargill House because all rooms have en-suite facilities. Everyone who went to Scargill in 2017 had a great time so why not join us next year when we will enjoy country walks, socialising with old friends and hopefully making new ones, as well as considering our theme of "Everyday Faith - Finding and following God in everyday life". The weekend is open to everyone and we particularly hope that new members of the congregation will be able to join us.

**Sheila Tolley**

## STAMPS

Please save any used stamps you receive and give them to Elizabeth They go to a worthy cause The Donkey Sanctuary

## Church Trip

The trip to Gorton Monastery will be on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec cost £10  
Further information speak to Harry

**We are sad to announce that Lilian Billington died ( R I P ) last weekend, a former resident of Ashley Close, Sudden  
The funeral will be on Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1.40pm at Rochdale Crem  
Our thoughts and Prayers are for the Family Susan, David Stephen and their families at this time**

**Duties for next week: 8th December 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
Sidespersons: EF VH BW IB Hall: A&JC Coffee: JM IL PD  
Children's Groups: EF KL RJ EN Counting: EF TS**