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Church Diary		
December		
Fri/Sat	6th/7th	St Aidan's Banquets
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
Wed	25th	Family Eucharist 10 am

### **Regular Events**

**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 <u>newsletter@staidan.org.uk</u> with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.

# St Aidan's C of E Parish Church

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St Aidan's Church Rochdale





FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD



15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Advent 3

Reading

Matt 11;2 - 11

Anthems
Rejoice In The
Lord
Redford

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

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3pm – Rochdale Masonic Carol Service

Sunday 22nd December 6.30pm – St Aidan's Church Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December 2pm – Children's Crib & Christingle Service

Tuesday 24th December 11.30pm – Christmas Eve Eucharist

Wedneday 25th December 10am – Christmas Day Family Communion

It's only 10 days 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.



# 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.



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

# 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

### **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.

# 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

### **FOODBANK**

Please remember the Foodbank at Christmas Foodbank Notice on Noticeboard at back of Church

### **STAMPS**

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

## **CHURCH TRIP**

The trip to Gorton Monastery will be on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Dec cost £10 Refreshments included Meet 11am Church car park Further information speak to Harry

### SUNDAY 15thDec

TODAY IS The Masonic Carol Service at 3pm All are welcome

### **THANK YOU**

A big Thank you to all who helped or attended the banquets this year, the amount raised will be announced in the future

### **THANK YOU**

A big thank you to all St Aidan's dustbusters for giving our Church and extra special clean ready for all the Christmas services

Duties for next week: 22<sup>nd</sup> December 4th Sunday in Advent Sidespersons: CR;JL;NW;BRHall: AJ;AH Coffee: AP;BW;JL;JD Children's Groups: As RotaCounting: As Rota