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Church Diary		
December 2019		
Sun	22nd	St Aidan's Carol Service 6.30pm
Tues	24th	Family Crib Service 2pm Christmas Eve Eucharist 11.30pm
Wed	25th	Christmas Day Family Eucharist 10 am
January 2020		
Sat	4th	Contemplative Prayer 11.15am
Sun	5th	All Age Service
Tues	28th	PCC Meeting 7.30pm
Regular Events		
<p><b>Contemplative Prayer</b> – 1st Sat every month (not Aug) 11.15am–12 noon</p> <p><b>Open Church &amp; Coffee Morning</b> – Wed 10am-12pm</p> <p><b>Choir Practice</b> – Thursdays 7pm / 7.45pm</p> <p><b>St Aidan's Men's Group</b> – 1st Weds of the month</p> <p><b>St Aidan's Ladies Guild</b> – Monthly meetings</p> <p><b>St Aidan's Flower Group</b> – Fridays 7.30pm</p> <p><b>Knitwits</b> – Fridays 2pm</p> <p><b>Councillor's Surgery</b> – 1st Saturday 10.15am</p> <p>Please email <a href="mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk">newsletter@staidan.org.uk</a> with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.</p>		
<p><b>St Aidan's C of E Parish Church</b> Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3EL Vehicular Access OL11 3NH</p>		



St Aidan's  
Church  
Rochdale

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THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH  
FOR A  
DIFFERENT  
WORLD



## St. Aidan's Church

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

22nd December	24th December	25th December	29th December
Advent 4	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day	Christmas 1
Matthew 1. 18-end			Matthew 2.13-end
From Jesse's Stock Praetorius Hail Blessed Virgin Mary Trad.	Once As I Remember Ding Dong Merrily	Carol Sheet 2	Carol Sheet 17 & 12

### 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**

### Christmas Services



**Today at 6.30pm**  
**St Aidan's Carol Service**

A traditional Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.  
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in the Hall.



**24th December Christmas Eve**  
**2pm**  
**Family Crib Service**

Take an hour out from a busy afternoon and bring the  
whole family along to build the crib scene and sing some  
traditional Carols. All are welcome.

**24<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve Eucharist 11.30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Day Family Communion**

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020:** there will be no morning  
service on New Year's Day

# 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.*

## 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.*

CHURCH DUTIES	Sidespersons	Hall	Coffee	Junior Church	Counting
29.12.19	J&JM HH VK	JM HH	JE PM JH	In Church	JH KL
5.1.20	Young Stewards	A & JC	MS BW DB-L	In Church	AH AM

The **flowers** for 22<sup>nd</sup> December have been donated by Alan Johnston in Loving Memory of Marina Johnston, a loving wife.



*Greetings all.*

*As we celebrate this Christmas season, I urge you to look at the dedication of Joseph who was about to run away and leave this poor girl Mary but the call from God's Angel was to keep going, to honour your commitments. We as a church are always reminded of our commitments to love one another and to offer love to our neighbours and of our duty to help the poor, to care for our community and to share that wonderful love that we receive from Christ with others. We have a Gospel to proclaim and it is our commitment, like Joseph, to take up the mantle and spread the word. Your vicar and friend **Revd Michael***

**Banquets:** A huge thank you to all who supported the Banquets in any way, either as 'customers' or as workers. Church funds benefited by £8,580 – an amazing achievement. **Keith Lloyd**

## Regular Giving to support St Aidan's Church

Weekly envelopes for 2020 are available at the back of church. Many people now give via standing order. This is much more cost effective and less of an administrative burden on volunteers involved with finances. We can provide slips to pop in the plate during the offertory hymn if you like to put something in instead of just passing it on. If you wish to give in this way please see **Debra Buckley** or **Joanne Elcock** for details.

## Parish Weekend Away, March 20 - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2020 at Foxhill House

Full details in the New Year.

The weekend is open to everyone and we particularly hope that new members of the congregation will be able to join us. **Sheila Tolley**



**Used Postage Stamps** are being collected by Elizabeth Milne for Bransby Horses.

Please remember to keep donating to the Rochdale Foodbank over Christmas. Your help is always much appreciated.

