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Church Diary		
March 2020		
Tues	10th	PCC Meeting 7.30pm
Fri-Sun	20th-22nd	Parish Weekend Away
Sat	28th	Spring Fair 11 – 1pm
April 2020		
Sat	4th	St Aidan's Dustbusters 9 – 11am Contemplative Prayer 11.15am
Sun	5th	Palm Sunday Annual Church Meetings 11.45am
Sun	12th	Easter Sunday
May 2020		
	10 <sup>th</sup> -16th	Christian Aid Week
<b>Regular Events</b>		
<b>Contemplative Prayer</b> – 1st Sat every month (not Aug) 11.15am–12 noon		
<b>Open Church &amp; Coffee Morning</b> – Wed 10am-12pm		
<b>Choir Practice</b> – Thursdays 7-30pm		
<b>St Aidan's Men's Group</b> – 1st Weds of the month		
<b>St Aidan's Ladies Guild</b> – Monthly meetings		
<b>St Aidan's Flower Group</b> – Fridays 7.30pm		
<b>Knitwits</b> – Fridays 2pm		
<b>Councillor's Surgery</b> – 1st Saturday 10.15am		
<b>Sunday Lunch</b> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun every mth 12 30( Except Jun, Jul Aug) for anyone Living on their own		
Please email <a href="mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk">newsletter@staidan.org.uk</a> with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website		
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St Aidan's  
Church  
Rochdale



8th March 2020

### Lent 2

### Reading

John

3; 1- 17

### Anthems

*Adoramus Te*

Dubois

*God So Loved The*

*World* Stainer

### 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

## Communion & Colds

(and any other kinds of sniffles)

We welcome everyone to communion and see the common sharing of bread and wine as a profound symbol of our unity as the Body of Christ.

However we recognise that we bring the whole of ourselves, sneezes and wheezes, to the communion rail and in a spirit of Christian Charity we will not want to spread our germs to others.

Please;

- If you have cold or flu or any kind of snuffle only take the communion wafer and not the wine.
- Regardless of your own health, refrain from dipping (intincting) your wafer into the wine. This is a health risk to others.
- If you are concerned about receiving an infection from the chalice please simply refrain from drinking the wine.
- If you require a Gluten free wafer let the person leading the service know, and if necessary quietly ask for one at the rail.
- If you are assisting at communion please try to keep your hands clean and make use of antiseptic hand gel before picking up any of the sacred vessels.

Please remember that in receiving only the wafer or only the wine we receive the whole of Communion. Throughout the journey of our faith there will be occasions when that is all that any of us will be able to do. When it comes to reception of communion God honours our intentions as much as our actions.



For Further Advice

See <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches#na>

# 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](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk)*

The Flower List can be found on the main noticeboard.

## Regular Giving to support St Aidan's Church

Giving by the envelope scheme and standing order are vital ways of supporting our church. If you wish to join the scheme, to submit or amend a Gift Aid Declaration or change your method of giving, please see Debra Buckley (Treasurer) or Joanne Elcock (Gift Aid Secretary).

## 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.*

## Can you help?

There are always plenty of tasks to help with around church and the hall. If you think you can help in any way, please speak to the Vicar, Churchwardens or any PCC Member.



The Flowers by the organ are donated by Ina In Loving Memory of Hilary McGregor, on the occasion of their birthday on 5<sup>th</sup> March



Sign Up for the Church of England's #LiveLent; Care for God's Creation daily reflections at <https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

## Ladies Guild

The Next meeting is a Lunch at The Royal Toby on WED 11<sup>TH</sup> March 12 for 12 30

Thank you to Rochdale Heartbeat for the donation of a defibrillator. This will be installed in the hall and training will be organised as soon as possible. We are now also collecting used Ink Cartridges for this charity – the box can be found in the Tower next to Foodbank collection point. [www.rochdaleheartbeat.co.uk](http://www.rochdaleheartbeat.co.uk)



## MANY CONGRATULATIONS

Vivienne and Malcolm Hardy Celebrated their Diamond (60 Yrs) wedding Anniversary on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March Best wishes to them both

## CHURCH DUTIES NEXT WEEK 15th March

Sidespersons	Hall	Coffee	Junior Church	Counting
AJ;AH	AP;BW;JL;JD	LH;G	DB;CR	



**St Aidan's Spring Fair 28th March 2020** Under 2 weeks to go!

We need everyone's support for this – to run or help out with stalls and refreshments, to donate goods and to come along on the day if you can. Please speak to the Vicar or a member of the PCC if you can help. A list of stalls is on the noticeboard in the Hall.