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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 <b>Cancelled</b>
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> -16 <sup>th</sup>	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		
St Aidan's C of E Parish Church Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3EL Vehicular Access OL11 3NH		



St Aidan's  
Church  
Rochdale



15th March 2020

### Lent 3

#### Reading

John 4:5-42

#### Anthems

Draw Nigh and Take  
the Body of the Lord  
*Robert Jones*  
Call to Remembrance  
*Farrant*

#### Weekly Services

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

**Wednesday 9.30am**  
Holy Communion

**Weddings and  
Baptisms**  
by appointment



Unfortunately, we are  
unable to serve  
refreshments during the  
current Coronavirus crisis.

# St. Aidan's Church

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

## COVID-19 Latest Advice from the Church of England

12/3/2020

In light of the continued increase of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the United Kingdom, our guidance is to suspend the administration of the chalice as well as physical contact during the sharing of the Peace, blessing or "laying on of hands". We advise that all priests should:

- Offer Communion in one kind only to all communicants i.e. the consecrated bread/wafer/host, with the priest alone taking the wine;
- Suspend handshaking or other direct physical contact during the sharing of the Peace;
- Suspend direct physical contact as part of a blessing or "laying on of hands".

### What should churches do now?

- Promote good hygiene practices, washing of hands
- Common Chalice/Cup be suspended until further notice
- Suspend catering, teas, coffees etc. where multiple people touch mugs, utensils and foodstuffs.
- No pastoral visits should be undertaken to people who are self-isolating until isolation ends. However, you should offer phone support.
- When visiting parishioners at home, wash hands before and after giving the sacraments
- Refrain from passing collection plates
- Ensure good regular cleaning of surfaces people touch regularly, including such things as door handles, light switches etc.

The list is not exhaustive and more details can be found on the Church of England website.

## 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 Bernard In Loving Memory of Thelma for her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.



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

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)

### CHURCH DUTIES NEXT WEEK 22nd March

Sidespersons CR JL NW BR  
Hall -  
Coffee -  
Junior Church JE JC VE  
Counting JH KL