



St Aidan's Church

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

22nd March 2020 Lent 4 Mothering Sunday

Readings: 2 Corinthians 1, 3-7 Luke 2. 33-35



Collect for Mothering Sunday

God of love,
passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us
all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In light of the Government guidance around non-essential contact, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued advice that public worship is suspended until further notice.

Manchester Diocese have created a new webpage containing the latest information, support, resources and guidance for churches concerning the Coronavirus at www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus



A message from the Vicar

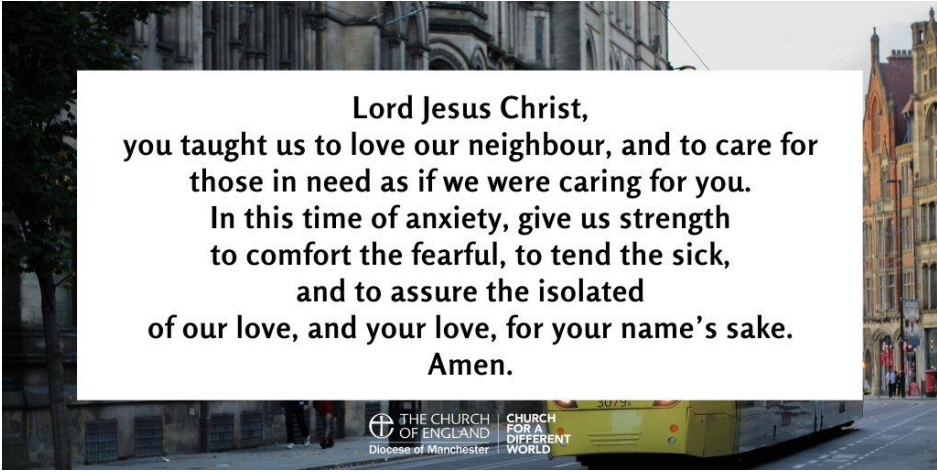
With much personal regret and the insistence of my family and my GP, I am currently self-isolating for 14 days. I want you to know that I am fine but there is a cold in the house, so it is wise to follow Government instructions. I am available by phone and electronically, provided I remain well, but will not be able to fulfil any commitments outside the house. We should all bear in mind the advice that we should not meet unless it is essential. Please look after yourselves and your loved ones.

On Sunday at 10am and on Wednesday at 9.30am I shall be praying the Office of Morning Prayer in the Vicarage, and if people would like to join me in spirit then we can unite our prayers as we always do in concern for our people and parish .

Please find service sheets attached that you can use at home whilst we are all unable to attend church. Please contact the clergy or Sheila Tolley if you need any guidance in using these.

The Archbishop of York has suggested that we all pray together at home this Sunday 22nd at 7pm to light a candle and spend 10 mins remembering our fellowship and the people of our parish of St Aidan and All Souls and our country. Please therefore join me in solidarity.

Revd Michael, Your Vicar and friend.



Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for
those in need as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love, for your name's sake.
Amen.

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CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

Church Refurbishment: a message from the Churchwardens

As explained in church last Sunday, a major refurbishment project has now commenced and the contractors are able to take advantage of the enforced closure of the church to get on with the plastering, painting and re-polishing of the floor over the next 10 weeks. We will keep you informed on progress over the coming weeks. **Malcolm & Alan.**

Annual Church Meetings have been postponed by the Diocese.
Christine Richardson, PCC Secretary



Year's Mind: David Benjamin, a beautiful man, always in our hearts and sadly missed by his wife Margaret and family.

Church Flowers for Easter: donations already received will be used for flowers when church is re-opened. **Elizabeth Milne**

Rochdale Foodbank News <https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>

Rochdale Foodbank, like everyone else, is affected by the current Corona virus situation. We introduced stringent hygiene procedures early but with new instructions on social isolation we have had to take more drastic action, especially as all of our volunteers are past retirement age. We will continue to distribute food but with minimal contact thus restricting the social interaction, care, signposting and prayer that we have been providing. Rochdale council staff are helping us in dealing with our clients.

We can accept donations, but these must be taken to the staff entrance of the council offices at No 1 Riverside and not directly to the Foodbank. Alternatively, please keep any donations at home as we will need to urgently restock when circumstances permit. You can also donate money if you wish via our website. Thank you all for your support in the past and my best wishes for the coming weeks which will be difficult for us all. Sheila

St Aidan's Ladies Guild

Sadly there will be no more Ladies Guild meetings until further notice. If things change for the better then I will contact members about arranging a meeting sometime in the near future. **Elizabeth Williamson**

A message from Dorothy Taylor of St Leonard's Middleton: the event with Jonathan Scott on May 9th and VE Day service on 10th May have both been cancelled because of the uncertainty as to when they can use their church buildings again, and in view of people's reluctance to go in to crowded places.

Notice-sheet: please send items to newsletter@staidan.org.uk and contact us with any more email addresses to add to the mailing list..

Can we help?

We have tried to contact members of the congregation who may need a friendly telephone call. Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help in any way.

Please keep in touch with other church members, friends, family and neighbours in any way you can.

Hello Neighbour! If you are self-isolating, I can help.

My name is _____

My address is _____

My phone number is _____

If you are self-isolating, alone or have coronavirus, I can help with :

- Order/Pick up shopping
- Pick up Prescriptions
- Being someone to talk to
- Items you have run out of

Just phone or text me and I'll do my best to help - no charge!!

Guidelines, wash your hands regularly, don't touch face, avoid physical contact. Anything you need that I drop off will be placed outside your front door, I'll ring you as I leave to let you know they are there.

Card by www.neighbourhoodprayer.net

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



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