



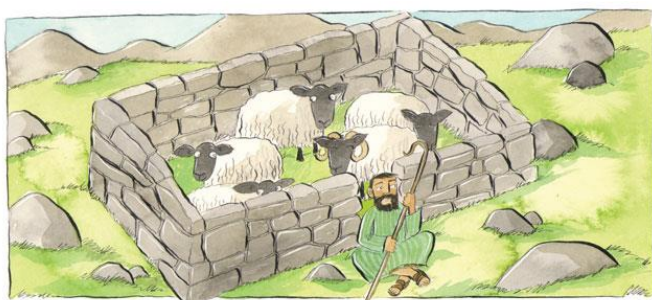
St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk

3rd May 2020 4th Sunday of Easter Vocations Sunday

Readings: Acts 2. 41- end John 10. 1-10



Collect

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Reflection on the Gospel Reading

The readings for this Sunday, in Acts and John, focus on living in God and with Christ as our guide and shepherd through all times. Good and bad, hard or easy. The Acts reading reminds us of the early church and how they shared resources. Is it better to be rich or poor? Jesus told a rich man to give away all his wealth. Does that apply to everyone? I hope not! I don't want to give all my possessions away, any more than you do. Jesus is challenging this man and us to what we own and where our loyalties are, if we make our possessions an idol and therefore treating them as what we trust in rather than our loyalty belonging to God alone. But if we treat our possessions as lent to us by our Heavenly Father, they can be a means of bringing others and us closer to God. What then do you own? If everything is lent to us from God then we should treat it with gratitude and respect. It then becomes a relief to remember that God wants us to enjoy it all for a while, and in so doing we can be hospitable to those who are less well off. You don't have to give all your earnings to the poor or the church, but because we are grateful for what God has lent to us we want to give away a proportion each week to the church in thanksgiving and love for all that God has given us, both material and spiritual. In the Gospel reading Jesus refers to himself as the door of the sheepfold, the protector of his sheep, keeping the sheep safe in the fold and keeping the wild beasts out. By acting as the gatekeeper Jesus both encourages his sheep into the fold, the church, but also leads them out to roam and live freely in the world. So if the church is the fold, then perhaps we need to remember that its purpose is as a shelter to which we return to rest and recover. As we embark on our restoration work in church, we are reminded of our forebears who build the church, the thanksgiving and resource they offered, and those who followed who have maintained it. They were like the first disciples in the book of Acts and on whose legacy and hard work we enjoy this our faith. The first Christians, who by their commitment to spread the gospel message to every corner of the globe, brought to us the Christian faith we receive today reminding us that we follow a faith that could quite easily have stayed in the Middle East. So continue to give thanks to God for the gift of our faith and our building as we, our generation now leave a legacy for those who will come after us. As we continue to go in and out of the sheepfold the church, we have Jesus to guide us out to the places where we need to be and will gather us back in the church keeping us safe. If we hear his voice and go out and come back in through him, we will find our nourishment in the most unexpected places. Even now when all seems upside down and we can't see the future before us, we live in Hope, and know that when God is at work within and without us we begin to experience life as God intended. Amen.

Your Vicar and Friend Revd Michael †



Revd Michael and Revd Ian are saying prayers for the Parish and our Congregation at 9am daily and hope that you may be able to join them at this time in your own homes.

A prayer by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury at the inaugural assembly of the [Oak National Academy](#) a new home schooling initiative:

Lord, Our God. Come and be with all of us together in these difficult times, give us patience, enable us to stay positive, and give us courage to keep going under pressure. And may the choices we make today reflect our hopes, not our fears, Amen

Worship Resources

Live streamed church services can be found at https://www.achurchnearyou.com/live-stream/?tags=Live_stream

Audio prayer resources can be found at <https://soundcloud.com/the-church-of-england/>



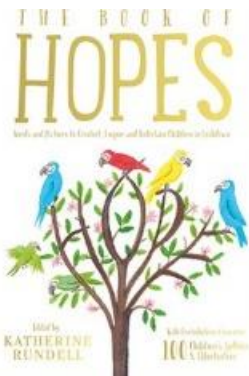
A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

The Church Of England has just launched this new initiative.
Call to hear a message from the Archbishop of Canterbury, daily prayers and hymns.

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For adults... and families... ...at home

Four small, rounded glass jars in pink, green, blue, and grey, each containing a white letter to spell out the word "HOME". They are sitting on a wooden surface against an orange background.

New resources, every week
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The Book of Hopes: Words and Pictures to Comfort, Inspire and Entertain Children in Lockdown

Edited by Katherine Rundell, with contributions from more than 100 children's writers and illustrators and available free to read online from the Literacy

Trust https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/9-12/book-hopes/?mc_cid=ef035c5137&mc_eid=616b431f08



75th Anniversary of VE Day Bank Holiday Friday 8th May 2020

Scroll to the end of this issue for the St Aidan's Archives Group's Supplement for VE Day 2020.

We think it is important to remember members of our Parish and connect with some of the names we hear in church every Remembrance Day.



Church Refurbishment: *a message from the Churchwardens*

Photographs of the work done so far are available on the church website. Work will commence as soon as the contractors are able to obtain materials and work again. **Malcolm & Alan**



Please contact us if you would like to mark an anniversary in this newsletter.
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**Giving to St Aidan's
Church**

Your financial support is crucial to the upkeep of St Aidan's Church – now more than ever.

Please carry on with your regular giving and contact the Vicar or any church officer if you would like to drop off your weekly envelopes or to set up a standing order.

*"all things come from you, O Lord,
... and of your own do
we give you"*



**Christian Aid Week
10 – 16 May 2020**



Please continue to support Rochdale Foodbank.
<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>

Christian Aid Week will take place this month, but instead of house to house collections and the Big Breakfast, Christian Aid Week is moving online.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

All church buildings are closed for public worship, private prayer and all other meetings and activities except for vital community services until further notice from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York.

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

Can we help?

Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you.

Please keep in touch with other church members, friends, family and neighbours in any way you can. Past newsletters and notices are available on the [website](#) and at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

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

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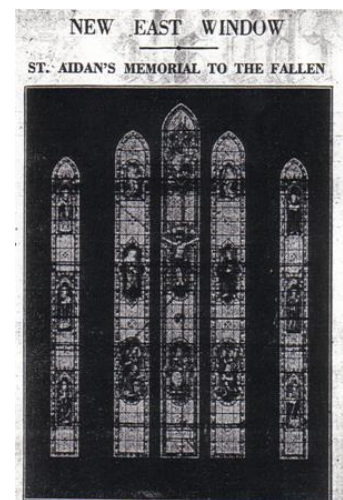
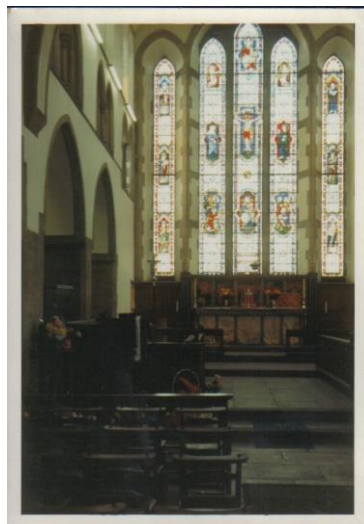
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St Aidan's Church War Memorial 1946

***Commemorating the fallen of WWII
with connections to the Parish.***

Sydney Airey	Frederick Edge
Ernest Barker	John Garside
Albert Bates	Philip Mort
Jack Bell	John R North
Alfred Booth	Ernest E Reade
Edward Bramwell	Elizabeth A Rossitter
Frank Challoner	Alan Stevens
Joseph H Clarke	Jack Sutherst
John S Copley	George Thomson
Charles Crossley	Cyril W Truman
Ernest Dracup	
Click on a name to find out more from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission website (where traced).	



Genealogical Research on Elizabeth Ann Rossiter – by Ina Penneyston

Elizabeth Ann Rossiter died on 10th January 1941 aged 74 Yrs at 11 Holborn St, Sudden, Rochdale Widow of William Rossiter during a bomb attack in WW2

Her death was registered March Quarter 1941 Reference Vol 8e Page 45

She had been born in 1866 registered March Quarter 1866 Rochdale to James Heywood and Mary Ann Heywood MS Richardson

Her parents had been Married in 1863 at St Clements, Rochdale

On 1871 Census Elizabeth Ann Heywood was living with her Mother Mary Ann Heywood who was head of Household with Edith Heywood aged 1 Yr , Jane Richardson (sister to Mary Ann Heywood),and William Wild (Lodger)

Her Father James Heywood aged 45 Yrs had Died in 1870 Registered Rochdale 8e page 48

In Dec Quarter 1871 Mary Ann Heywood married William Wild at St Clements Rochdale

By 1881 they were living in Castleton and Elizabeth Ann Heywood was aged 13Yrs a Cotton Operative - Halftime Elizabeth Ann Heywood married William Rossiter in 1888 at Rochdale Register Office or Registrar attended

She had 2 sons

James William Rossiter Born 1890 District Of Litherland Mother MS – Heywood

Joseph Walter Rossiter born 1898 Registered Rochdale Sept Quarter 8e 54

James William Rossiter Married Edith Mary Roberts in 1910 at St Albans by Hartley Harrison Curate of St Aidan's They had a son Joseph William Rossiter born 1910 Registered Sept Quarter Rochdale Vol 82 Page 31 mothers MS Roberts

On 1911 Census They are living at 1 Sydney St Sudden, Rochdale

On 1939 Register they are living at Fern Bank 8 Barclay St, Rochdale

Joseph Walter Rossiter married Zaidee McCracken 1933 at St Aidan's

Elizabeth Ann Rossiter(a Civilian) Aged 74 Yrs died 10th January 1941 during ww2

She was buried 13th January 1941 in Grave Z3 No 37469 Heywood Cemetery where her Husband had been buried in 1936 William had been aged 72yrs at Death

Unfortunately there is no Gravestone but a marker with the Grave no on 37469

She is commemorated at Westminster Abbey on Plaque of Civilians died in the war

She is also Commemorated on War Memorial at St Aidan's Church Sudden Rochdale

Written By Ina Penneyston

29 04 2020

"Let us remember those who will not come back: their constancy and courage in battle, their sacrifice and endurance in the face of a merciless enemy; let us remember the men in all the services, and the women in all the services, who have laid down their lives.

We have come to the end of our tribulation and they are not with us at the moment of ur rejoicing.

Then let us salute in proud gratitude the great host of the living who have brought us to victory."

An extract of King George VI's speech broadcast on May 8th 194, Victory in Europe (VE) Day.



VE Day in Rochdale

One minute after midnight on Tuesday May 8, 1945 and as Victory in Europe is officially confirmed, thousands were packed into Rochdale Town Hall Square. Read the full article [here](#)

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With members of the public unable to attend VE Day 75 events, The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activity, including:

- A **live VE Day 75 livestream** at 11.15am on 8th May
- **National moments of Remembrance and Thanksgiving**, including a Two Minute Silence

At 11am, people across all generations and communities are encouraged to take part in a national moment of Remembrance and pause for a Two Minute Silence to honour the service and sacrifice of the Second World War generation and reflect on the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on so many lives across the world. There is no right or wrong way to take part in the Silence, some may wish to stand at their windows, step outside their homes while remaining distanced from others, watch the broadcast on television, or simply sit in a quiet moment of reflection.

- A **UK-wide singalong** to Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9pm
- A **VE Day learning pack** for children aged 7-14 years – useful for school project work
- An **evening of memories and music** in partnership with the BBC from 8pm on BBC One