



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk

Sunday 7th June 2020 Trinity Sunday

Readings

[2 Corinthians 13.11-end](#); [Matthew 28.16-20](#)

Collect

Holy God,
faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen

Hymns

Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty
Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire
Gracious Spirit Holy Ghost
Be Thou my Guardian and my Guide
Go forth and tell

From the Vicarage: a reflection for Trinity Sunday.

Our knowledge of God, our understanding of who God is, comes out of our own personal experience of God and who he is for us. It is not what we read about God that helps us to believe, it is about how we experience what we read and what we experience in prayer that helps us to understand God. And today in whom we experience and understand the Trinity.

As Christians we can begin with the creator, the creative Father, the God who does his work in building our world, who continuously, ceaselessly, builds our ever-changing ever-growing world, our ever-growing ever-changing universe.

We can begin with Christ. God in human form in Jesus. A human being we can understand. In Jesus we experience the loving saviour, who reveals to us all we need to know about God, as compassion, as a companion, as a personal presence with us. As our personal companion on the journey of life, our journey of faith.

We can begin with the Holy Spirit the life giver, who builds and shapes our lives and our hearts. Who indeed through us builds every community for the welfare and redemption of the world. As I said last week, the coming of the Holy Spirit enables us to perform the works of God in this world. We are called to spread the good news of the gospel, and the Holy spirit enables us to use our skills and our gifts to bring others to faith, bring others to liberty, bring others to love, God's love.

The doctrine of the Holy Trinity has come out of the experience of ordinary Christians. From the deep experience of the church, from the leap of faith of the saints of God. It's not something made up by theologians to be imposed by the church, but it comes out of ordinary human experience, ordinary daily living with all its claims and choices through which we have to work our way, seeing new truths, finding new aspects, new ways of understanding and loving God and our .

It's a recipe for living, living a new freedom, new knowledge: the formula for the Christian life is seeking, is finding and doing the Father's will in the Father's world. With the loving companionship of the Son and by the guidance and strength of the Spirit.

So I leave you with this from Thomas Ken:

"To God the Father who first loved us, and made us accepted in the beloved Son, who loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood; to God the Holy Spirit, who sheds abroad the love God in our hearts; to the one true God be all love and all glory, for time and for eternity"

Amen

My thoughts and daily prayers for you all, as you continue to live and work each day during these difficult and confusing times. Please will you pray for the vicarage household and myself also. Thank you.

Your friend and Vicar

Revd. Michael

Bernard Hassall 1.11.1929-24.5.2020
Rest in Peace



Bernard & Thelma celebrating

their 60th Wedding Anniversary June 2013



Flowers in church
in loving memory of Thelma

From Bernard's Family:

Bernard's funeral is to take place at 11.10 on Tuesday 9th June at the Crematorium. The hearse will leave 20 Birchfield Dr at 10.50 should anyone wish to pay their respects.

The details for the live streaming are as follows

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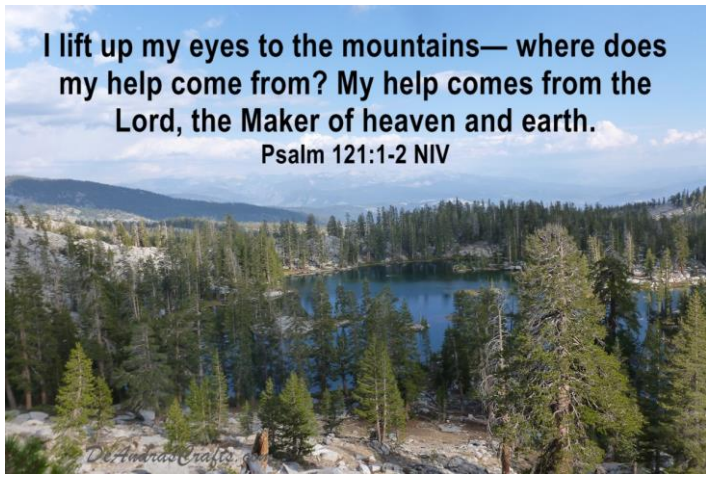
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Donations can be made in Bernard's memory to the Church Organ Fund.

. We are hoping to arrange a memorial service at a later date when all can attend.

Some information from Revd Ian Taylor:

Although we will not be able to attend in person apart from immediate family because of the restrictions I thought members of the congregation might like to know that I will be conducting Bernard's funeral at Rochdale Crematorium on Tuesday 9th June at 11:10 am. Perhaps if they are able they might like to pause for a couple of minutes at that point to remember Bernard and his family as he is commended to God and may be quietly recite [Psalm 121](#) and the [Nunc Dimittis](#) so that we can at least be together in prayer.



I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2 NIV

FUNERALS

A simple reflection at home on the day of a funeral you can't attend

It's so difficult when you can't go to a funeral, whether for family, friend or neighbour. Many are facing this in the current crisis, so this short reflection has been specially written by a vicar for you to do at home, alone or with those who share your home. You might ask others to take part at the same time from their home.

When this time of social distancing is over, there may well be an opportunity to meet together at a special time of remembering and thankfulness. Your memories now can be part of that experience when the time comes.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 8:38-39

Before you find a place to sit quietly, you might like to find a photograph of the person who has died, write down some special memories, or play a special piece of music that connects you with the person you are remembering today. Think about those who are at the funeral and pray for them.
[When it says 'N' in a prayer, just say the name of your person].
You might like to light a candle. Then pray:

Be with us, loving God.
Hear our prayers and comfort us in our loss, and help us to trust in your Son Jesus, whom you raised from the dead.
Strengthen our faith and renew our hope that N and all those we love will share in his resurrection.
Amen.

Read Psalm 23

- The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.
- He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have made my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Reflect on your memories.
What stands out in your memory about N?
What will you always remember about them?
What things did you learn through their life and death, including about God?

Please find *Funerals: A simple reflection at home on the day of a Funeral you can't attend* on the church website at <https://www.staidan.org.uk/funerals-liturgy-at-home/>

More support is available [here](#)

Just a glance at the Church Archives shows how important Bernard & Thelma have been to the life of St Aidan's Church and most especially the Choir. Come and have a look through our growing collection when we are back in church together – just ask the Vicar or a member of the PCC.





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.

Virtual 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/>

Follow the Church of England on the [CofE website](#), [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube](#) for national prayers and services. This Sunday's service available from 9am features the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu's last sermon before his retirement.

 <p>0800 804 8044 DailyHOPE</p> <p>A free phone line of hymns, reflections and prayers</p>	<p>Manchester Cathedral Eucharist for Trinity Sunday 10.30am</p> 
 <p>one SONGS OF PRAISE</p> <p>Sunday 13:15</p>	 <p>Bells on Sunday Sunday 05:43</p>  <p>Sunday Worship Sunday 08:10</p>
 <p>Worship and learning for the whole Church For adults... and families... ...at home</p> <p>New resources, every week www.rootsontheweb.com #ROOTSathome</p>	



Giving to St Aidan's Church

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

From the PCC:

*Your financial support is crucial to the upkeep of St Aidan's Church – now more than ever.
If you are able to do so, please carry on with your regular giving and contact the Vicar, Treasurer or any church officer if you would like to drop off your weekly envelopes or to set up a standing order.*



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

[Advice from Bishop David on a phased approach to revising access to church buildings](#)

[Click here to read about a questionnaire on Coronavirus, Church and You](#)

Can we help?

Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you and keep in touch with other church members, friends, family and neighbours in any way you can. Letters or copies of this newsletter are being sent to as many members of the congregation as we have details for who we think do not have internet access. Please contact us if you know anyone who is not receiving any communication from church.

Past newsletters and notices are available on the [website](#) and at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

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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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