



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk

Sunday 14th June 2020 Trinity 1

Readings

[Romans 5.1-8](#); [Matthew 9.35-10.8](#)

Collect

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Hymns

All my hope on God is founded
O God our help in ages past
All people that on earth do dwell
I am a new creation

From the Vicarage: a reflection for the First Sunday after Trinity

From this morning's readings I see the theme of hope and calling in mission.

In the gospel we have the call from God that the harvest is plentiful but the labourers are few. Our community and our people need to hear the good news of the Gospel at a time when life is hard, life is confusing and many are forgotten and left behind. God calls us as Christians to proclaim the Gospel in good season and in bad. Jesus, in today's reading, names the 12 disciples and gives them instruction to go out into the surrounding country: the command is to go to the house of Israel, to the Jews. His command to go into all the world is only after the resurrection. This reminds us of our calling, each and every one of us. Not just clergy or ALM etc., but every Christian has a duty to go out and proclaim the good news. In this time of lockdown and with buildings closed it's a true reminder that the Christian faith is not about hiding away in our lovely buildings, but about the mission of God. Our buildings are the place where we worship God. The community, our parish, is the place where we proclaim the good news of Jesus and bring others to the faith. The mission of God in our community continues to go on despite our buildings being closed.

A gentle reminder comes from the Churchwardens this week of the costs of ongoing mission to our parish during these times of lockdown, yes the electricity board still want their money, yes we still need to pay our costs. Why?

Because we want others to enjoy the great experience we receive in knowing and loving God. Romans 5, reminds us that during these times "endurance produces character, and character produces hope" For Hope is always good. 'Hope never disappoints' because we know and experience that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" and that love is what we are called to, and overwhelmingly want to share with others.

Amen

Your friend and Vicar Revd. Michael

Bernard Hassall

Bernard's family wish to express their heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all his friends who made his last journey so special. He would have been both humbled and amazed by the turnout both at his home and the crematorium in such difficult times. Thankyou also for the generous donations to the organ fund which I'm sure will be very much appreciated.



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.

Please pray for the [new deacons-to-be](#) who will be serving in parishes across the Diocese from 28 June. Unfortunately, as a result of coronavirus, there will be no ordination service as usual this month, but we are planning ordinations for later in the year. Please pray for our candidates as they settle into their new parishes. Please pray also for their families, friends, for all those who have supported and encouraged them on their journey and for those with whom they will serve.

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 will mark the Feast of Corpus Christi.



A Poem by Ivan

*I hope that every nation
Will not be over impatient
This disease is not through
There's still a lot to do
People crowding is still a threat
And will cause problems yet
Please don't make mistakes
By overdoing the breaks
Discipline is needed
With disaster if not heeded
I hope Parliament arrive
At the right way before more die
Public support the hard way out
This is what it's all about.
PS Please support the NHS & all involved.*



Thanks to Helene for this week's photos

See more of Ivan's poems on the [church website](#)



Giving to St Aidan's Church

A letter from the Treasurer

I hope you are all keeping safe and well. This is a difficult time for all of us and I know that for some there may be a lot of financial uncertainty and worry. Unfortunately, this is also true for church. We have lost a significant amount of our income from: collections, gift aid donations, weddings, baptisms, fundraising events and hall rents. However, we still have ongoing monthly bills to pay including our Parish Share. I know that some people pay their giving by standing order and these have continued. Without these we really would have struggled. Please consider paying your giving by standing order if you do not already do so, it really does help, especially under the current circumstances.

If you have managed to save up your weekly envelopes so far, I would be grateful if you could please contact either myself or any other church officer and we can arrange for them either to be collected from you or you could post them through my letterbox. Alternatively, the equivalent amount could be transferred directly via online banking (please include your name as a reference) into the church bank account or you could send me a cheque. Please contact me for details.

Your ongoing support is very much appreciated at this difficult time.

Also,

St Aidan, Sudden, Rochdale is now registered with [easyfundraising](http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk) which means you can help raise funds for church at no extra cost to yourself. When you shop online, with over 4,100 retailers, including John Lewis, M&S, Argos, eBay and many more, you will raise FREE donations for church. All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the [easyfundraising website](http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk) or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase - at no extra cost to you.

It only takes a few minutes to sign up. Sign up for free at <http://www.easypfundraising.org.uk> and select your cause as 'St Aidan, Sudden, Rochdale'.

If you would like to make a direct donation to church online you can do this from the [church website](#) or on [A Church Near You](#) via our easyfundraising page.

Thank you.

Keep safe and well,

*Debra
Treasurer*

From the Vicar and Churchwardens

Dear all

You may have heard that it could be possible to open churches for private prayer from the 15th June. The Churchwardens and I have agreed that, due to the continuing building work and health and safety considerations, we will not be able to open church or the hall until work has finished and a proper coronavirus risk assessment has taken place to confirm it is safe to do so. So no date will be given until we have everything in place. *Revd Michael Read Vicar*

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



An update from the Churchwardens on the refurbishment work so far

Church has been painted from ceiling to floor except for the Manchester Rd wall, under the tower arches and the arch near the organ console. Vicar's vestry redecorated. Choir vestry redecorated except for the end wall that needs re-plastering. The exterior of the church and hall have been painted with just the church gates left to do.

Lighting: Harry has almost finished the lighting, including two on the outside wall above doors which will greatly improve the outside lighting on the SW corner.

Windows: 16 windows at the very highest points above the choir area have been re-glazed.

Work to be done before church can re-open

Week 1 Dead plaster already removed, and special plaster required has arrived at the contractors, who intend to re-plaster starting Friday 12th and will take approximately a week. To follow safety guidelines they cannot work at the same time as the scaffolders.

Week 2 Scaffold to be removed.

Week 3 Floor contractors and painters to finish plastered areas.

That takes us to week beginning Monday 6 July, all being well.

We have clear guidelines issued by the Diocese to follow. We have bought appropriate sanitising equipment etc ready for opening in due course and are working on the practicalities of opening up Church so that we are able to open as soon as the building work is complete and the contractors are no longer on site.

Taking all the issues into account, we think it safer to wait till the Church refurbishment is completely finished and any new guidelines can be put in place.

As you will realise, going forward Church will be different to what we are used to with many restrictions but we will soon be ready to give everyone the best possible experience of worship available.

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 members of the congregation without internet access. Please contact us if you know anyone who is not receiving any communication from church.

Past newsletters and notices are available on our [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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