



St Aidan's Church

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

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Sunday 28th June 2020 Trinity 3 (Proper 8)



Readings

[Romans 6.12-23](#); [Matthew 10.40-42](#)

Collect

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

Hymns

Amazing Grace .

O Lord my God [How great thou Art]

The God of Abraham praise

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

I hope you are all enjoying some of the nice weather and some time with your closer family and bubbles [now that won't make sense if someone reads this in 20 years time]

Jesus taught that the whole of Christian morality can be summed up in this: you must love God and love your neighbour as yourself. Full stop. Nice and easy???

World changing? No more rules or regulations, simple love, no more slavery to rules, just liberation. We're free.

Free to live happy and joyfully, guided only by the desire to do what's best for the people around us, and in thankfulness to God... And yet, and yet.....!!!!!!

It's not easy. It's not easy living like this or living up to this? We read the Bible, knowing that it won't prescribe precisely what we should do in our present situation, but hoping we can find God's wisdom in scripture. We pray and ask friends for advice but then take what they say and turn it into a law for all time and we are back at the start again! It's so difficult to apply the law of love, that many don't try, and fall back on the legalism of 'thou shall not'. But as we hear from Saint Paul, he tells us that to live lovingly it can be more demanding than obeying the law. And none of us can earn our salvation, we are saved and we are free because of the gracious gift of God's love and God's forgiveness. In a word: Grace.

For sin will never have domination over us ever again, since we are under Grace and not law. So what does that mean for us today, this moment? First, it means don't condemn other people because they don't live up to our standards. You have no idea how difficult their lives may be, and they may be doing their level best to behave lovingly, and they might be doing even better than us - how do we know? Only God is the judge of that. Secondly, don't throw away your freedom and revert to a morality of inflexible rules and regulations that bind you to this world and not God's kingdom. Thirdly, set yourself the highest possible standard in applying the law of love, in every circumstance. That's the least we can do to show our gratitude to God for the free gift of his forgiveness and love, that love and forgiveness that to us is repeated and repeated and repeated, but to God is just standard and forever.

Believe and know that you are under the grace of love.

May God bless you and keep you and may God make his face shine upon you this day and every day, live in his love. Amen.

Your friend and Vicar 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.

MANCHESTER DIOCESE DAY OF PRAYER: 28/29 JUNE

We are invited to join the Diocese in prayer as we prepare for the further easing of the lockdown and return to public worship. The 24/7 event is being led by curates and members of the Bishop's Leadership Team, each being responsible for an hour of prayer. The Day of Prayer will begin on Sunday 28 June at noon with Bishop David. It will end with Bishop Mark Davies offering a Eucharist for St Peter and St Paul Day at noon on Monday 29 June. Join us as we pray for our nation, our church, our communities, the sick, those affected in any way by Covid19 and those who have been responding to it. We pray too for those who will be ordained this year and are beginning their ministry. Join us on [Diocese of Manchester Thy Kingdom Come Facebook Page](#). Watch the introduction by Bishop David [here](#).

Please pray for the [new deacons-to-be](#) who will be serving in parishes across the Diocese from today. The ordinations are planned for later in the year. Please pray for the 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.

Light an online candle to make space to pray:

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Resources for adults and children based on the lectionary can be found [here](#)

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Activity time

Draw How we welcome someone is very important. Can you make this front door look really welcoming?

Puzzle Can you find the 'welcoming' words in the word search?

Family time

Write If Jesus came to your house today, how would you make him feel welcome? Write what you could do or say.

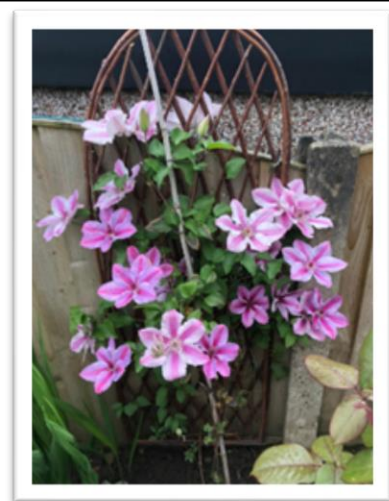
what I could do ... what I could say ...

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Join us for our weekly service from 9am on Sunday on Facebook and YouTube

[Prayers for the anniversary of the NHS on 5th July from the Church of England](#)



Hoping your garden has been looking as good as Christine's in the sunshine this week.

Your photos are always welcome

TEMPLE MOORE

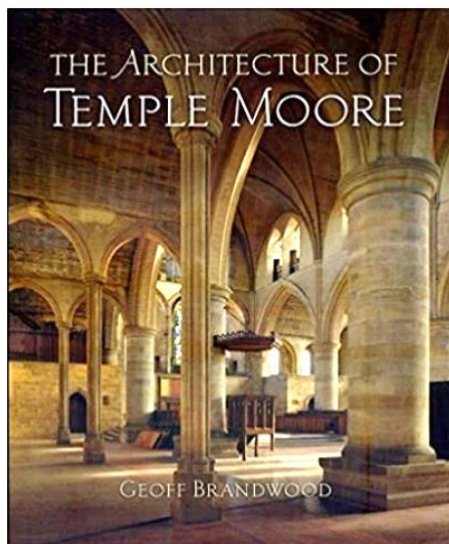
**Temple Moore (1856-1920), architect of St Aidan's:
an article by Geoff Brandwood**

30 June marks the centenary of the death of Temple Moore, one of the very greatest of all Victorian and Edwardian church architects. His output of some forty churches is greatly admired by architectural historians and those who love fine church buildings. His particular genius lay in interpreting the Gothic style for modern times and which depended, not on the lavish treatment and colour as with much mid-Victorian architecture, but on what one contemporary writer called 'good proportion and sweetness of line'. For a masterclass in this approach one has only to spend a few quiet moments within St Aidan's.



Moore was educated in East Yorkshire and, after moving to London in 1875 to serve his articles under George Gilbert Scott junior, maintained close connections with the area, hence a large proportion of his work is found east of the Pennines. His largest and greatest church is St Wilfrid's in Harrogate begun in 1904 and finally completed under his son-in-law and successor in the 1930s. His Lancastrian work also includes St Anne's in Royton, a more complex building than St Aidan's and one that drew particular praise from Sir Nikolaus Pevsner. Writing of Moore's reinterpretation of Gothic there he said: here 'is an architectural polyphony which transforms historic precedents into something unprecedented.'

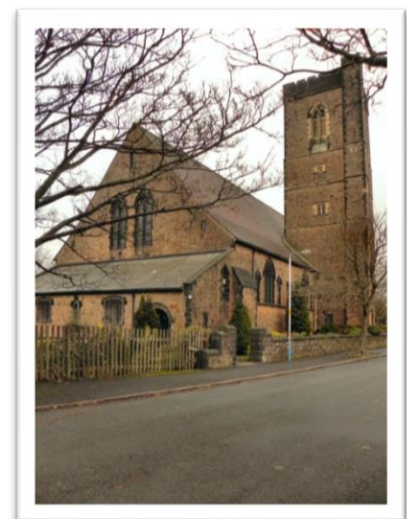
Moore is buried in London, not far from his home in Hampstead.



Moore's life and work are celebrated in a recently published and beautifully illustrated 288-page book by Geoff Brandwood, *The Architecture of Temple Moore*. RRP £45 but on offer to readers of this newsletter for £35 (inc. p&p). For a signed copy send a cheque to 'G.K. Brandwood', 2 Rothesay Avenue, Richmond-on-Thames TW10 5EA. Or you can ring the publisher, Shaun Tyas, 01775 821542 and pay by credit card for an unsigned copy. Cheaper than Amazon!



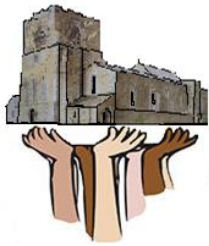
Temple Moore with Revd Hartley Harrison and Lady Rochdale
at the Laying of the Foundation Stone of St Aidan's Church in 1913



St Anne's Royton
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Your ongoing financial support is crucial to the upkeep of St Aidan's Church – now more than ever- and is very much appreciated at this difficult time. 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, make a transfer by online banking or to set up a standing order.

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From the Vicar

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. **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

Following the Government announcement that church buildings will be able to reopen for public worship from 4th July, providing physical distancing remains in place, the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally, who leads the **Church of England's Recovery Group**, said: "I welcome the Prime Minister's announcement today that we will soon be able to begin to meet and worship together in our church buildings again.

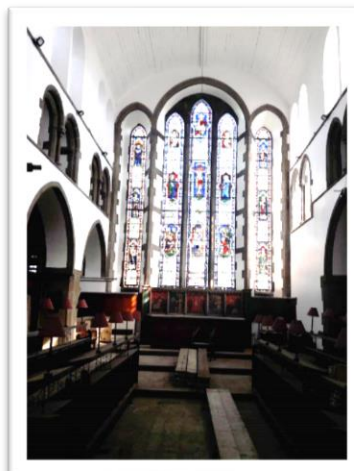
"The last three months have been an extraordinary time - the first period without public worship and the sacraments in England in more than 800 years. There will be real joy as we begin to come together again – if even at a physical distance – but I also know that many will be understandably cautious at this news.

"We will not be returning to normality overnight - this is the next step on a journey. We've been planning carefully, making detailed advice available for parishes to enable them to prepare to hold services when it is safe and practical to do so. It is important to say that the change in Government guidance is permissive, not prescriptive."

For the full statement see <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/reopening-church-buildings-public-worship>

An update on the church refurbishment: the scaffolding has now been removed and the painting is almost complete. The flooring contractors have commenced work. The process of cleaning and polishing of the chairs has begun and these will be stored in the Hall before some are replaced in church according to the social distancing guidelines. There will be a deep clean of the church before we can open the doors again - after the completion of a risk assessment with all the necessary signage and hygiene arrangements. **Malcolm & Alan**

Thanks to Malcolm, Alan, Harry, Barbara & Barry and other church members who have been working hard to get the work on the church completed – safely socially distanced of course.



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.

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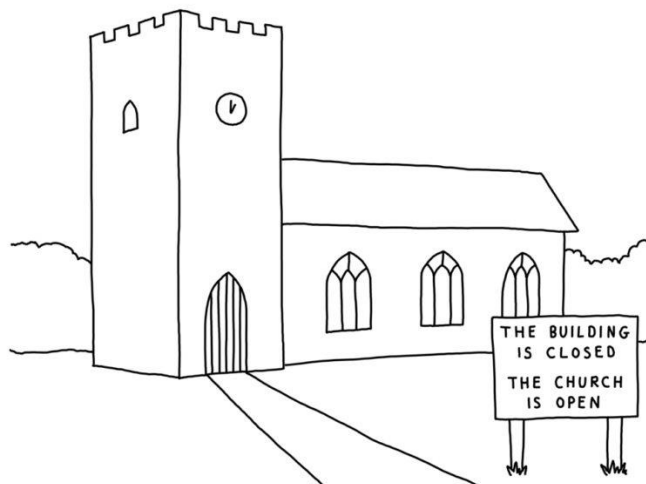
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