



St Aidan's Church

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

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Sunday 5th July 2020 Trinity 4 (Proper 9)

Readings

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-end

Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hymns

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Just as I am without one plea

What a friend we have in Jesus

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

Today we focus on God's protection from ourselves and God's protection from the evil one. The collect for today reminds us that God is the protector of all who put their trust in him. Trusting God when we know we have failed, even as Saint Paul said, we knew that we wanted to succeed but our body, our human nature, failed us. And so without God nothing is strong, nothing is Holy; we are on our way through this world, yes things "temporal" to another world, of things that will be eternal, so we continue hour by hour for help in this world and on this journey of faith.

Paul reminds us in his letter of how we are stuck in the ways of the world, we have to live with them, as we are human. How we have, as a human example, corrupted our town and cities and countryside with pollution and environmental needs. We have tried and continue to try to be good even when we know we will fail, and this distresses us. But the redemption, which Christ has brought, is for our bodies as well as our souls. We have now the first fruits of the gift of the Holy Spirit and we should labour even to make ourselves and this world a better and beautiful place. The Gospel reminds us that there are two ways to judge others: worldly and heavenly. But God alone is judge of all.

*So judge not. Well it's hard not to judge others, almost impossible day by day, but we mustn't. So we must therefore leave the judgement to God, rather look towards ourselves, and be of charity. As we could end up like the man who spends all his time offering to pull the speck out of his friend's eye and found he had no close friends because he had a log hanging out of his own eye and all walked away. Therefore be of charity to others, for we have great need that others will be kind and loving and charitable to us.
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.

Light an online candle to make space to pray:



[Click here to light a candle](#)

A prayer for the NHS Anniversary on 5th July

God of healing and compassion,
 we thank you for the establishment of the National Health Service,
 and for the dedication of all who work in it:
 give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who care for the sick,
 and your wisdom to those engaged in medical research.
 Strengthen all in their vocation through your Spirit,
 that through their work many will be restored to health and strength;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 Amen

Virtual Worship Resources

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

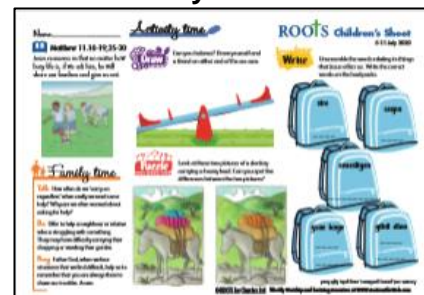
Audio prayer resources can be found at <https://soundcloud.com/the-church-of-england/>

Follow the Church of England on the [CofE website](#), [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube](#) for national prayers and services. This week, the online service at 9am on Sunday will be the first-ever online prison church service broadcast by the Church of England. See the trailer [here](#).



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

Click below for this week's activity sheet





Scenes from the Whitehead garden last week (before the storms!)



[Rain Before Rainbows](#)
– a book to inspire hope from Walker Books & Save the Children

Walker Books has released Rain Before Rainbows by Smriti Halls and illustrated by David Litchfield as a free eBook to raise awareness for Save the Children's Save with Stories campaign which is helping children most affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The rainbow has become an incredible symbol of hope and optimism during this time and we hope that this uplifting story can be a source of comfort and light to children and families, and that it inspires anyone who is able to do so, to donate to the [Save with Stories](#) campaign. Click the image above to read the book.

St Aidan's Church Card Group

A big **thank you** to the members of the group for continuing to produce their beautiful customised cards even during lockdown. If you would like to request a card to mark a special occasion, please speak to a member of the group or email cards@staidan.org.uk with your contact details.





Giving to St Aidan's Church

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.

You can help to raise funds for church at no extra cost to yourself when you shop online.

Sign up for free at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> and select your cause as 'St Aidan, Sudden, Rochdale'.

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



Please continue to support Rochdale Foodbank

<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>

You can donate [here](#)

Rochdale Foodbank is still being run by council staff but the Trustees are beginning to plan how we will take it back when the Council asks us. Unmanned collection days are planned for

ASDA July 6th

Tesco August 20-22

If you can donate items then it is an easy way of getting it to the Foodbank. Thanks for all your support. **Sheila Tolley**



Springhill Hospice's 2020 Sunflower Appeal is in full bloom but have you made your tribute yet? This Summer, remember your loved ones and dedicate a sunflower in memory of those special people who are missed every day.

Complete the online form at www.springhill.org.uk/sunflower-appeal and you will receive a beautiful sunflower pack for your home, including; a thank you letter and seed guide, your handwritten plaques with dedication name, sunflower seeds for you to plant and an option to purchase our 2020 exclusive Sunflower appeal pin badges.

We would love to see your sunflowers in your homes, so don't forget to send us your pictures to fundraising@springhill.org.uk or mention us on Facebook. Thank you to all our supporters who have taken part so far! If you would like any further information, please contact Fundraising on 01706 641790. Thank you. **Rebekah Cheshire**





The Old Carnegie Library - Castleton

The Friends of Carnegie are opening their room in Castleton Carnegie building on Wednesday 8th July from 10 30 to 2 30pm and for time being will just be open on Wednesdays. Please call in to see us and view are various collections.

Many thanks

Sheila Whitworth

News from the Diocese: Archdeacon / Assistant Archdeacon Appointments

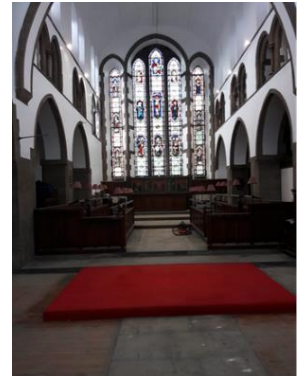
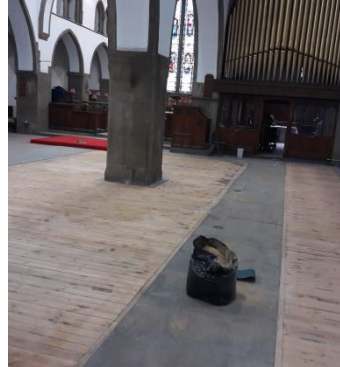
Following the appointment of the former Archdeacon of Rochdale, the Ven Cherry Vann, as Bishop of Monmouth in November 2019, the new Archdeaconry arrangements will formally come into effect from 1 July 2020. The Ven David Sharples has been appointed Archdeacon of Rochdale. 2020-2021 will be a year of transition and change for the diocese as we deal with the issues presented by the pandemic and our underlying financial challenges. In order to provide additional capacity during this period, the Revd Canon Karen Smeeton will continue as Assistant Archdeacon of Rochdale until 31 May 2021.

News from the Vicar & Churchwardens on the church reopening

The refurbishment project is due for completion this week and all arrangements should be in place to allow the church to be open on **Sunday 12th July at 10am**. It is intended to hold a weekly service on Sundays with no Wednesday service for the time being. Contact details will need to be recorded and a one-way system will be in operation. A restricted amount of people will be allowed in church and 2m distancing will be observed inside and queuing outside. The service will last about 30 minutes with no singing and unfortunately there will be no children's area or resources available. Please note that exit will be by the West Door and there will be no access to the Hall, including the toilet facilities.

Full details will be available in the next newsletter.

The Church of England has published very detailed information and advice to support parishes as public worship recommences. To view the key points click [here](#). The most current and detailed information from the Diocese is on the website: <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus/>



Photographs taken after the first sanding of the floor.



Church chair cleaning in progress - by the St Aidan's Church Dustbusters!

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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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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