



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk

Sunday 12th July 2020 Trinity 5 (Proper 10)

Readings

Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Hymns

And can it be

I am a new creation

The spirit lives to set us free



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

In the gospel reading this week we discover that God is planting people. Although in one way the seed is the word of the kingdom, in this passage the seeds are mainly seen as people. The seed is the 'person' who is sown. Seed sown on rocky ground is the person who hears but what does he or she do about it? Likewise, for seed sown among thorns; this is the person who only hears the word. But as for the one sown in good soil, this is the person who hears the word, and does.

But again, the promise is not of surroundings that are all sweetness and light, of prosperity, of peaceful worship of God. Here the only favourable conditions may be internal not external.

All that Jesus saw around him was a land full of corruption, overwork for the poor and the rich getting richer, violence and pain, but in the midst, in secret places, there was hope, there was fruit. But fruit that may not have been expected, fruit of justice, fruit of mercy and these were appearing in unlikely places. Fruit that was coming from hearing and welcoming the word of God. This in a time of great stress, a land in great need, a land in a time of foreign domination.

We all at this time long for those favourable surroundings, but the hint is that we will not have them, at least not yet. And when, at a time when we do appear to have them, we should not be lulled into thinking we have them forever, but that they may be only for the purposes of God at that moment. Yes, the old world still remains. We still live in troubled times, the kingdom of God hasn't been fulfilled yet and we haven't yet arrived at home in the eternal freedom, the eternal peace, the eternal security.

But for now, let us listen to his word, and let that seed grow within us, let it grow within us, let it take root, deep and secure. For we know that our surroundings are hard, so we need deep roots of faith to contend with the pressures of our world. So may God grow deeply within us this day and every day. Amen

Your friend and Vicar Revd. Michael



St Aidan's Church is to reopen for the first opportunity to worship together in church since mid-March **on Sunday 12th July.**

In line with government guidance, anyone with symptoms of Covid-19 or from a household where there is someone self-isolating or have been requested by NHS Test and Trace to self-isolate, should not enter the building. The church has been thoroughly cleaned and will be cleaned between openings.

Here is a summary of the measures in place to ensure that the church is a Covid-safe venue so that you know what to expect when you come to church:

At the Manchester Road/South Door	Please wait at the door for a Sidesperson at a safe distance (2m) from each other. Please understand that it may be necessary to turn you away if we have reached the maximum capacity.
When you enter church	Please observe 2m social distancing. Please use the hand sanitation station. Please stand still to have your temperature checked.
Seating	You will be escorted to your seat following the one-way system. Household groups should sit together and there must be no moving around. Please remain seated throughout the service Please fill in your details on the track and trace card* on your seat with the pencil provided and leave both on your chair when you leave. Please complete one card per household group with all your names.
Service	The service will be a short, said Ante Holy Communion. The congregation will not be offered bread and wine. There will be no singing and no service sheet. Do not stand for the Gospel or Creed – remain seated at all times. We will not be able to share the Peace. The sermon will be printed in the newsletter and available online. If you do not have internet access, please speak to a Sidesperson.
When you leave church by the West Door	Please leave any offertory envelopes on the plate by the West door when you leave. Please do not congregate inside church – please speak to friends outside at a safe distance. Please note that there will be no access to the Hall so toilet facilities will not be available.

*In order to support the NHS Test and Trace programme, we are taking contact details for all visitors to St Aidan's Church. In line with government guidance, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in case it is needed to help stop the spread of Coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. Thank you for your understanding. If you agree to providing this information, please write the following on the card provided: names of persons attending from your household/social bubble; telephone number; signature & date.

A full risk assessment has been carried out by the Vicar and Churchwardens.

Thanks for your assistance with this. See you next week!

The Church of England has published very detailed information and advice to support parishes as public worship recommences. The most current and detailed information from the Diocese is on the website: <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus/>



Revd Michael and Revd Ian continue to say 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

Find live streamed church services [here](#) and audio prayer resources [here](#).
Find national prayers and services from the Church of England on the [CofE website](#), [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube](#).



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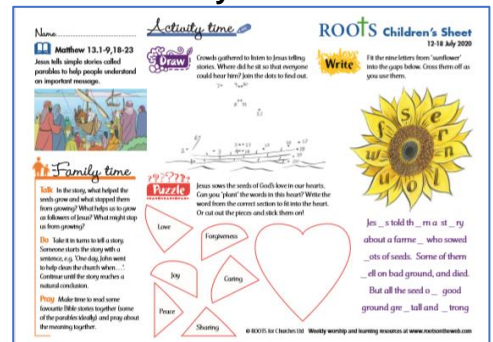
Welcome to the new Archbishop of York.

Click [here](#) for the introductory video from the Confirmation of Election on 9th July and the full service can be found on the [CofE website](#).

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



Click below for this week's activity sheet



Journey 2020 NEW from Roots Ideas and inspiration to mark the end of this school year - written by young people, for young people. www.rootsontheweb.com/journey2020

Wishing all the members of the St Aidan's Church Children's Groups and children in your families good wishes for the summer holiday and for the next step in your school/academic career.

*We thank you God for being with us through this school year
We thank you for being near us as we learnt at home.
Thank you for smiling with us when we learnt a new skill.
Thank you for showing us the importance of our family and the natural world.
Thank you for being with us at the end of this school year
and the beginning of the next.
Amen*



This week we are showcasing the Jasmine in Helene's Garden

Church Notices



*In Loving Memory of Jeffrey Leonard Rothwell
for his 7th Anniversary on 7.7.1920*

*The candle in front of the Choir Stalls
will be lit this morning for Jeffrey.*

*Love from Marie, Son Keith, Sisters Maureen & Beryl
and families.*

It is not possible to organise flower arrangements in church at present but if you would like a dedication in the newsletter please email newsletter@staidan.org.uk. If you would like a candle to be placed in church to mark an occasion or to organise flowers for a future date, please contact Elizabeth Milne on 01706 633179.-



*Special Birthday Wishes
to Elaine Ogden for 15th July
from all at St Aidan's*



A big **thank you** to the members of the Card Group for continuing to produce their beautiful customised cards even during lockdown. All profits go to church funds and the group has purchased the new lampshades for the choir stalls. 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.

A big thankyou also to everyone who has helped to get church ready for this week.

Work was carried out safely with due regard to social distancing.

A true team effort masterminded by Malcolm and a great opportunity to get every corner clean after the refurbishment and to ensure that the church is Covid-19-safe.



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.

Sign up at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> to raise funds for church when you shop online 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 your support of [Rochdale Foodbank](#)

A collection day is planned for Tesco August 20-22

Thanks for all your support. **Sheila Tolley**

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

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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