



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk

Sunday 19th July 2020 Trinity 6 (Proper 11)

Holy Communion Service
Sunday
10am

Readings
[Romans 8.12-25](#)

[Matthew 13. 24-30, 36-43](#)

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Hymns

Abba Father, let me be
Praise my soul the king of heaven
Nearer my God to thee
Blessed assurance

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

We are children of God, we are Sons and Daughters of God, we can Cry out Abba father, Dad be with us.

Whenever Jesus prayed he called out to God as Father. There was only one exception when Christ was on the cross and he cried out "My God my God, why have you forsaken me ", but that was a quote from the Book of Psalms. Otherwise I believe it is 18 times in all the gospels that he calls God Father. And in Mark's Gospel he calls God Abba father, an intimate way of speaking to God in the same way that a child would call out to their Dad. We are reminded that this would have been shocking to the Jews, as they would never, even today, talk to God in those intimate terms.

So the relationship of Jesus and God is as close as a parent to a child.

Jesus also said, no one knows the Father except the Son, and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

God loves you and me, said Jesus, as passionate as the father in the prodigal son story. Forever loving his child, forever forgiving us, for ever running up the street to meet us and great us and bring us safety home. God rejoices, God is excited, God is ecstatic, when we call out in prayer to him as our father.

We are reminded that in Matthews's gospel when two or more believers meet to pray they should say, "Our Father in Heaven"

And St Luke says simply that when we are alone, and call upon God, we simply say, "Our father, Hallowed, be your name".

So we are called, not to grand prayers, not to great acts to get God's attention when we need him, but to simply grow in that same intimacy that Jesus had with God, and simply say to God, My Dad.

May the blessing of God the + Father the Son and the Holy Spirit be upon you this day and forever more. Amen

Your friend and Vicar, Revd. Michael

St Aidan's Church is now open on Sundays at 10am for a short (said) service of Ante-Communion.

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.

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 is available on the [church website](#). A full risk assessment has been carried out by the Vicar and Churchwardens. 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.

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/>

Prayers for the Parish

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](#).

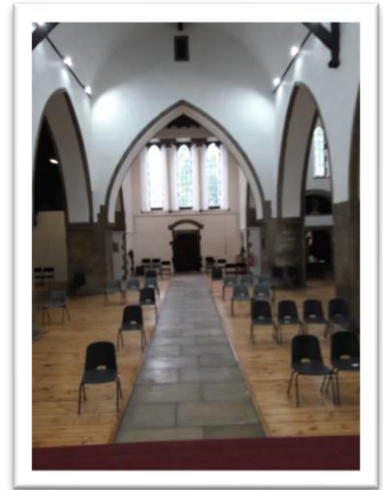
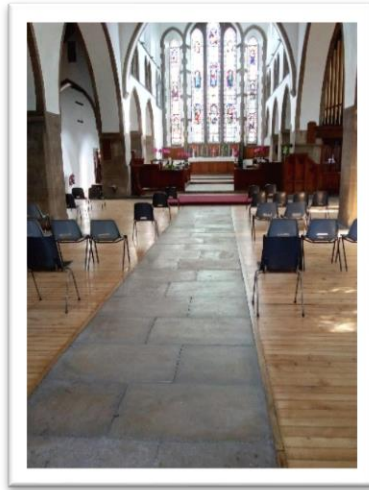
Find national prayers and services from the Church of England on the [CofE website](#), [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube](#).

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



Click on the image for this week's activity sheet →





These photographs do not do the newly refurbished church justice but the project has been recorded in photographs on the website and you can zoom in to take a better look. [Click here](#).

Below are photos of the decorations on the organ screen above the new glazed divide between the Choir Stalls and the Chapel. Most of us have never seen these up close! Thanks to Malcolm, Barbara & Barry for their hard work to restore this feature.



Church Notices



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



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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