



# St Aidan's Church

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

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## Newsletter January 2021



**Weekly Service**  
**Sunday 10am**  
Holy Communion

**Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals**  
*by arrangement with the Vicar*



### Readings & Music for this month



January 2021	3 <sup>rd</sup> Epiphany	10 <sup>th</sup> Baptism of Christ	17 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 2	24 <sup>th</sup> Epiphany 3	31 <sup>st</sup> Candlemas
Singers	Choir 1	Choir 4	Choir 2	Choir 3	Choir 1
Psalm or Gradual					
Offertory	41	193(1 – 3)	560 (Omit 3+4)	451 (Omit 3+4)	491
During Communion	71 What Shall We Give To The Son of The Virgin	454ms Holy Spirit Flowing Water	227 Lead Me Lord	108 Pt 1 From The Rising Of The Sun	118 When to The Temple went
Readings	Eph1,3 – 14 John 1 (1 – 9)10 - 18	Gen1.1 – 5 Acts19.1 – 7 Mark1. 4 - 11	1Sam3.1 – 10 (11 – 20 Rev5. 1 – 10 John1.43 - end	Gen14.17 – 20 Rev19.6 – 10 John 2 .1 - 11	Deut18 17 – 20 Rev12.1 – 5a Mark1 .21 - 29

To find the Collect for each week click [here](#)

## **From Reverend Michael**

Happy New Year. Or is it???? I find that the usual idea of new year's resolutions are and can be a waste of time this year. I would rather think of the future year as a year of hope, May we, rather than make resolutions, turn instead to reflection: reflecting on the past year and reflecting on what God may have in store for us in our futures.

The Book of Exodus is all about listening, stopping and listening reflecting on the voice of God hearing and being guided by God in times of good season and bad.

I came across this comment in another Christian publication from the Lee Abbey Movement: "The biblical narrative in Exodus has surprising resonances with our recent and current experiences." Following a series of plagues in Egypt the people of God set out into unknown territory. Their journey was long and hard. At times they looked back wistfully to a more stable and predictable existence. The road proved much longer and more perilous than they expected (or were led to believe) and they experienced deep loss and grief along the way. But it was also a time when people learned to live together well, helped by new guidelines. Throughout it all God's presence, provision and protection never failed them. God was with his people. He went before them – a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night (Exodus 13.21).

It is not surprising that another verse from the Old Testament echoes in my mind in times of uncertainty. The prophet Jeremiah lived at a time of imminent catastrophe; he had to prophesy exile for the people of the land. But he also said (Jeremiah 29.11) 'Surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future. A future with Hope a future for us to listen out for a future to take each step with God. Reminding ourselves of that Footprints poem. It is God who carries us through the steps of life, we can only take each step if we are in the hand of God.

Have a Happy New Year in relationship with Christ.

*Revd Michael*

## **Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer**

Saying for January:

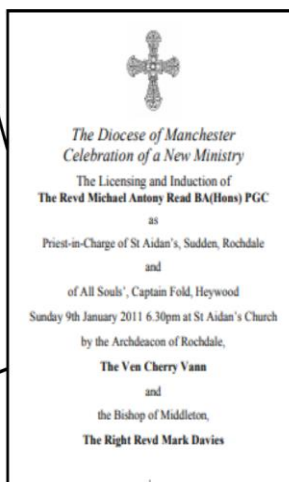
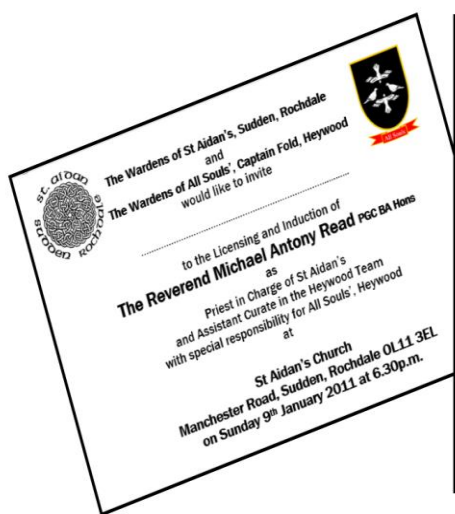
Our task as would-be contemplatives is to pay attention to Him and listen to what He says. This sometimes seems easier said than done. Listening requires patience. No wonder contemplative prayer is called work.

Jesus himself had to get away from the crowds, and even from his disciples, to commune with his Father in Heaven. Like Elijah he needed to listen to the 'still, small voice'. Our contribution to the life of the church may seem negligible. But if we can whole-heartedly embrace the Word of God, and offer ourselves up for service, who can say what outcome there may be?

This is a Watchword for contemplative time: "Pay attention .... Listen..."

*Revd Michael*

On 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021 we celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Licensing of  
Our Vicar Rev Michael Read  
We wish him all our best wishes and look forward to his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
when we will have a big celebration  
***Wardens and PCC Members***



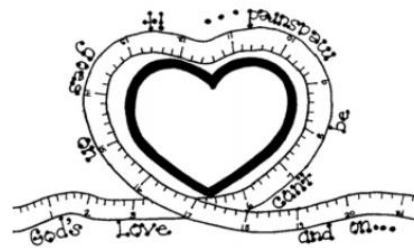
Taken 9<sup>th</sup> January 2011



# Junior Church at St Aidan's



In this coming year I pray that:  
God's love will surround me  
God's wisdom will guide me  
God's word will teach me  
And God's ear will hear me  
Amen



Have you made any resolutions??



The wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

## Christingle Photos



Thanks to Tara for these Christingle photos and for all the help to distribute the Christingle bags in the parish.

Unfortunately we are still unable to run sessions for our younger church members. We hope that you are managing to follow some of the Roots activities at home. Please keep in touch and send your articles and photographs for our next newsletter.

The Children's Groups (3-6 yrs and 7-14yrs) usually meet in the Hall during the Sunday Morning Service.

**We are renewing the registers for the Children's Groups – please let us know if you have not received a registration form to complete for any church members under the age of 14.**

*For further information about our work with Children & Young People, please speak to the Vicar or email [safeguarding@staidan.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@staidan.org.uk)*

# Church Notices

## Covid-19:

The latest advice from the Diocese on Coronavirus can be found at

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus/>

## In Memoriam



**Church Flowers:** Please speak to Elizabeth Milne if you wish to donate or arrange flowers on a specific date. Donations to the Flower Fund are always welcome. Please contact Elizabeth on 01706 633179 or email [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk)

**The Flowers** on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan are donated by Ina Penneyston In Loving Memory of her Parents Dr Alexander McGregor and Rose McGregor MS Brocklehurst , SadlyMissed

**Intercessions:** please speak to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson when you arrive on a Sunday morning if you would like a name to be added to the prayers.

**Dedications to a Loved One:** Dedications can be placed in hymn books; the St Aidan's Church Memorial Book or the Parish Book of Remembrance. Please contact Elaine Fowler if you would like to find out more.



## Giving to St Aidan's Church

Your ongoing financial support is crucial to the upkeep of St Aidan's Church. Giving by the envelope scheme and standing order are vital ways of supporting our church. If you wish to join the scheme, to submit or amend a Gift Aid Declaration or change your method of giving, please see Debra Buckley (Treasurer) or Joanne Elcock (Gift Aid Secretary).

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](#)



You can donate online to support Rochdale Foodbank [here](#) and donations of food are accepted at most local supermarkets. <https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>

## Church Diary

### January 2021

Sat	9th	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Licensing of our Vicar Rev Michael

## Contact Us

Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you in any way.

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**Newsletter:** please send items to [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk) and contact us if you would like to be added to the church mailing list.

Past newsletters and notices are available on the church [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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