



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk



Newsletter May 2023



Weekly Services

Sunday 10am Holy Communion & Junior Church
Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion

**Refreshments are served
after the services**

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

Readings



7th May
Easter 5

Acts 7.55-60;
Psalm 31.1-5,15-16;
1 Peter 2.2-10; **John 14.1-14**

14th May
Easter 6

Acts 17.22-31;
Psalm 66.8-20;
1 Peter 3.13-22; **John 14.15-21**

21st May
Easter 7

Acts 1.6-14;
Psalm 68.1-10,32-35;
1 Peter 4.12-14;
5.6-11; John 17.1-11

28th May
Pentecost

Acts 2.1-21;
Psalm 104.24-34,35b;
1 Corinthians 12.3b-13; John 7.37-39

Ans



O taste and see
Vaughan Williams

A Clare
Benadiction
Rutter

A new commandment
Anon

If ye love me
Tallis

One is the body
Bell

God is gone up
Hutchings

Spirit of the living
God
Iverson

O Holy Spirit
Tye



There will be special prayers in church on Sunday 7th May for the **King's Coronation**.

A series of prayers can be found at

<http://www.churchofengland.org/coronation>

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!
ASCENSION DAY SERVICE
THURSDAY 18TH MAY
AT 10AM

ST GEORGE'S CHURCH
OAKENROD OL11 4ED
FOLLOWED BY
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND FELLOWSHIP

WWW.ACHURCHNEARYOU.COM/CHURCH/15948/

Praying and
Living the Kingdom
Empowered by the
Holy Spirit

18th - 28th May 2023
thykingdomcome.global

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. More information can be found at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

Christian Aid Week 14 - 20th May 2023

In addition to responding to humanitarian emergencies and disasters, Christian Aid also finances long-term development projects and strives to eradicate poverty and injustice around the world. St Aidan's has supported Christian Aid for many years and we rely on donations in church rather than collecting door-to-door in the Parish. **Christian Aid envelopes will be placed in hymn books on Sundays during May. Please take envelopes for yourselves, for your friends and families and return them to church with your donations.** For more information, see Keith Lloyd or Elaine Fowler or take a look at the website where you can also donate online.

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

From the Vicar - Reverend Sydwel Isaac

As a newly appointed vicar to these three beautiful churches, I am humbled and honoured to serve these congregations as I also make myself known to the communities. My calling to ordained ministry has been a lifelong journey, and I am convinced that God Almighty has led me to this point to bring hope to the hopeless, healing of the sick in body, mind, or spirit, and also to love those who need it most.

Although it was only on the 14th of March, it seems such a long time since I was licensed as Vicar of St Martin's, Castleton, St George's, Oakenrod, and here at St Aidan's, Sudden.

I look forward to getting to know each and every member of these churches and sharing the joys and challenges of life with them all. My priority is to preach the gospel of God's love with authenticity, to build relationships based on mutual trust, respect, and love, and to be a visible presence of God's grace and mercy in the world.

I am excited about what lies ahead and eagerly await to see where God is leading us as a church family.

Finally, I invite everyone who needs a chat about any church-related issue, whether it is a question or spiritual direction. My door is always open, both physically and spiritually.



**Ladies Fashion Show
AND Pop-up Shop!**

Saturday 10th June 2023

St Aidan's Church

St Aidan's Church Hall, Manchester Road, Rochdale, OL11 3EP

Doors open 1.30pm, show starts 2pm

Tickets: £5 includes a glass of prosecco

Raffle: FABULOUS prizes

PAYMENT BY CARD

Tickets are available now for our next fundraising event from Elaine Fowler.

NEET BRANDS AT 50% OFF OR MORE!



Sheila Whitworth is still collecting donations for the Organ Fund. Please carry on filling up your jars with small change (any currency).



Intercessory Prayers during the morning service

Please speak to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson when you arrive on a Sunday morning if you would like a name to be included in the prayers for the week.

You can also make use of the Prayer Tree in the Chapel for those you know who are long-term sick and all are welcome to use the Chapel for private prayers and to light a candle.

In Memoriam

Please contact Elizabeth Milne to donate to the Flower Fund or to arrange for flowers on a specific date 01706 633179 or email newsletter@staidan.org.uk

Dedications to a Loved One can be placed in a hymn book or the Parish Book of Remembrance. Please contact Elaine Fowler for more details.



Children and Families at St Aidan's Church

The Children's Groups (3-14 yrs) meet on Sunday mornings during school term-time. The children go out to the Hall with the Children's Leaders during the second (Gradual) hymn and return for Communion. For further information, please speak to a Children's Leader or email safeguarding@staidan.org.uk



Giving to St Aidan's Church

Thank you for your continued financial support through the pledged giving envelope scheme, weekly or monthly standing orders, gift aid donations or cash donations. The upkeep and running of the church really is dependent on your continued support. You can now donate to church using your bank card on a portable card reader at all services. This is located on the table at the back of church.



Please speak to a Churchwarden if you can help in any way around the church and grounds. Thank you.



In our quest to make the area outside the Hall into the "All Souls Eco Garden" we have installed a Bird House – thank you to Dylan and a "Bug Hotel" – thanks to Christine.

The new planting is all insect-friendly and we have started to tidy the area of weeds, dead leaves and sycamore shoots. Donations of plants are very welcome!





Thank you to everyone who helped with or attended the Afternoon Tea. This event raised £562.50 for Church Funds.



Sending love and best wishes to Ivan who receives this newsletter in his seaside home and keeps in touch via his family who say he is settled and happy. For more news speak to Margaret or Ina.

Contacts	<i>Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you in any way.</i>	
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Church Diary	
May 2023	
	6 th - 8 th May Coronation Weekend
	14 th – 20 th May Christian Aid Week
Thursday 18 th	Ascension Day Service at St George's 10am
June 2023	
Saturday 10 th	Fashion Show 2 – 4 pm
Tuesday 27 th	PCC Meeting 7.30pm



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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