






St Aidan's Church

in the Parish of St Aidan Sudden Rochdale
and All Souls Heywood
www.staidan.org.uk



Newsletter April 2022

Weekly Services		Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar		
Sunday 10am Holy Communion & Junior Church Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion  <i>Refreshments are served after the services</i>				
	3rd April Lent 5 Passiontide	10th April Palm Sunday	17th April Easter Day	24th April Easter 2
Readings 	John 12.1-8 Philippians 3.4b-14	Luke 19.28-40 Philippians 2.5-11	Luke 24.1-12 I Corinthians 15.19-26	John 20.19-31 Acts 5.27-52
Anthems 	<i>Ave verum corpus</i> Plainsong <i>Adoremus te</i> Monteverdi	<i>Praise to thee Lord</i> Jesus Schutz <i>Hosanna to the son of</i> David Hutchings	Alleluia, give thanks Fishel <i>This joyful Eastertide</i> Traditional	At Eastertide Traditional <i>Christians shout for joy and gladness</i> Bach
<i>To find the Collect for each week click here</i>				



Easter Services

Thursday 14th April 7.30pm
Maundy Thursday Eucharist in Church

Friday 15th April 10am Good Friday Service

Sunday 17th April 10am Easter Day



The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

*Revd Michael is leading monthly prayer meetings in the Chapel 11-11.45am
Next date: Saturday 9th April*

An opportunity for quiet contemplation in the midst of our busy weekends

<http://www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk/>

From the Vicar

Easter is a time for us to celebrate, a time to leave behind the hard times of Lent and celebrate the wonder of the Resurrection. Jesus' transformation gives every one of us a fresh start: we all have access to the love of God through Jesus Christ, and this transforms us too. As we see the wonder of spring before us and the joy and hope of the Resurrection for us, may we live the light of hope and joy in the coming months of this Easter season, know that the past is put behind us and that we can move forward in FAITH AND HOPE AND LOVE.

Happy Easter. Revd Michael



The official #WePrayForUkraine Prayer

from

Churches Together in Britain & Ireland

Together as Christians in these islands and with our sisters and brothers in the churches of Ukraine, we pray for an end to the conflict and for peace in our world.

God of all peoples and nations,
Who created all things alive and breathing,
United and whole,
Show us the way of peace that is your overwhelming presence.
We hold before you the peoples of Ukraine and Russia,
Every child and every adult.
We long for the time
When weapons of war are beaten into ploughshares
When nations no longer lift up sword against nation.
We cry out to you for peace;
Protect those who only desire and deserve to live in security and safety
Comfort those who fear for their lives and the lives of their loved ones
Be with those who are bereaved.
Change the hearts of those set on violence and aggression
And fill leaders with the wisdom that leads to peace.
Kindle again in us a love of our neighbour,
And a passion for justice to prevail and a renewed recognition that we all play a part in peace.
Creator of all hear our prayer
And bring us peace. Make us whole. Amen.



The Church Annual Meetings will be held during the service on 10th April 2022

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners to appoint the Churchwardens for 2022/23
2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) to hear the annual reports and appoint the PCC Members and Sidespersons for 2022/23

The formal notice, copies of the reports and nomination forms have been available at the back of church from Sunday 27th March. Items for AOB should be sent to the Secretary by Sunday 3rd April – see contacts. If you would like to find out more about joining the PCC, please speak to the Vicar.



A big thank-you to everyone involved with the Church Fair and to everyone who came along to make it a success on Saturday 2nd April.
A huge thank you especially to our organiser extraordinaire Tracey who has been working hard behind the scenes for weeks to make this happen with a team of helpers.
There were 92 attendees on the day with many more helping out and supporting the event and church funds will have received a welcome boost through every one of your donations and purchases. See **Stop Press** at the end of this newsletter for photos.

Forthcoming Events in the Church Hall

The Marie Curie Rochdale Fundraising Group are holding a Fashion Show and Pop-Up Shop on Saturday 9th April in St Aidan's Church Hall from 1.30pm.

See the poster on the noticeboard for further details or check the Group's page on Facebook.





Please speak to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson when you arrive on a Sunday morning if you would like a name to be added to or retained for the Intercession Prayers.



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: 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. Please also contact Elaine if you are skilled in *calligraphy* and can help to update the Memorial Book.



The daffodils on the embankment at the front of church were planted after being donated by Gordon Wallace in memory of his wife in 2001. Gordon’s funeral was held last month and the Spring display is a lovely tribute to both of these good friends of St Aidan’s. Thanks to Elaine for this photo from 2021.



Saturdays at St Aidan’s



Our responsibility to care for St Aidan’s Church

On one Saturday in the month we meet from 9.30 -11am to tackle jobs that need doing around the church and grounds.

The next date for your diary is 23rd April – please join us if you can.

Please speak to the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens if you can offer to help with tasks at another time – there is always something that needs doing and we all have responsibility to care for our church.

St Aidan’s Church Children’s Groups



Kindergarten 3-7 years & Adventurers 7-14 years

We meet in church during school term-time at 10am for the beginning of the service – the children go out to the Hall with the Children’s Leaders during the second (Gradual) hymn and return for Communion. All Leaders have undertaken DBS checks and training. Parents/Carers may accompany children for a settling-in period but we expect them to apply to be Leaders and undergo the necessary checks if they wish to do this for an extended period. Having new leaders helps us to get to know the children better and introduce new ideas to our sessions as well as to work with smaller groups.

For further information about our work with Children & Young People, please speak to the Vicar or email safeguarding@staidan.org.uk

St Aidan’s Church Sunday Lunches

These lunches are specifically for people living on their own and we serve a 2-course meal, followed by tea or coffee, with a charge of £6. The dates for the rest of the year are April 24th; May 22nd, Sept 18th; Oct 23rd; Nov 20th; Dec 18th. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jane so that we know how many to cater for. *Jane Lloyd* (01706 648955)



Giving to St Aidan's Church

Your ongoing financial support is crucial to the upkeep of St Aidan's Church. Our recent calculations showed that £17 per person per week is the amount we need for the upkeep of the Church and the payment of our "share" to the Diocese, part of which ensures that we have a Vicar and contributes to the pensions of retired clergy. This amount is certainly not possible for all church members but we do need to be aware of the difficult financial situation of the church when considering our giving and supporting fundraising efforts. 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 to a direct transfer, please speak to Debra Buckley (Treasurer) – see contacts.

It really helps most if you are able to set up a standing order: the bank details are:
Parochial Church Council of St Aidan's Sudden
Sort Code: 05 07 22 Account number: 24965808

You can also 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](#)

Covid-19

The latest advice from the Diocese on Coronavirus can be found at <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus/>

Contact Us Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you in any way.	Vicar Revd Michael Read Tel: 01706 360693 vicar@staidan.org.uk	Churchwarden Malcolm Bywater Tel: 01706 623546 malcolm.bywater@sky.com	Churchwarden Alan Clarke Tel: 01706 361268 alanjuneclarke@gmail.com
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Please send items to 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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****Stop Press ****
**A feat of organisation providing
fundraising and fun at the Spring Fair 2022**

