



# St Aidan's Church

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

[www.staidan.org.uk](http://www.staidan.org.uk)

## NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2021



### Worship at St Aidan's

<p><b>Weekly Services</b>  <b>Sunday 10am</b> Holy Communion &amp; Junior Church  <b>Wednesday 9.30am</b> Holy Communion  <i>Refreshments are served after the services.</i></p>	<p><b>Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar</b></p>
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December	5 <sup>th</sup> Advent 2	12 <sup>th</sup> Gaudate Advent 3	19 <sup>th</sup> Advent 4	24th Christmas Eve	26 <sup>th</sup> Christmas 1
Introit	196	198	357	Carol Sheets 15	16
Gradual	401	219	403 V 1,2,+5	1	3
Offertory	489	283	377	5	10
During Communion	Wait For The Lord Taize Long ago The Prophets Knew	Rejoice In The Lord Redford Sussex Carol	From Jesse's Stock Praetorius Hail Blessed Virgin Mary	Silent Night I Saw a Maiden Ding dong Merrily	2
Post Communion	329	430	496	19	25

**Advent and Christmas Services  
at St Aidan's**

Advent Carol Service Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov at 6.30pm  
Masonic Carol Service. Sunday 12th Dec at 3pm  
St Aidan's Carol Service Sunday 19th Dec at 6 30pm  
St Aidan's Christmas Services 24th Dec 3pm (Family-  
friendly Crib Service with Carols) & 11:30pm  
There will be no service on the 25<sup>th</sup> as we will be  
together for the Sunday Service on the 26<sup>th</sup>

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



**"Cling to me for protection... make peace  
with me." Isaiah 27:5 NRSV**

<http://www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk/contemplative-exercises/archives/2021/208-November+2021/>

From The Vicarage

Well what a year again, Covid still with us , but a hope for a better new year , and a new way of living for the future .

as always Christmas seems to get earlier and earlier , as soon as the shops have finished the dreadful Halloween , then Christmas has arrived in the shops ,i personally joke that, my hope is that if Christmas starts even earlier in October we could forget all about Halloween All together .

we in church like also to prepare for Christmas but in a different way . we spend the weeks running up to Christmas as a time of reflection and stillness . Advent is for us a time to stop and reflect on the importance of Jesus and his coming into the world .

why is it so important that God needed to send his son into the world ????

and why is that event so long ago , still important to us today ?

answers given , well if you come to church during the next few weeks your find out .

Advent is a time for us to stop in the mist of our busy lives to reflect on why God came to earth for you ? and why God is important to us ?

i do Hope you will find time to stop and reflect and to come quietly before the lord .

in a ever changing world , a world where our future thoughts and reactions have been turned upside down by covid, and our future and lives will never be the same again , we can cling on to the Christmas message and celebrate the Christmas message that God came down from heaven to be with us . because God love's and cherishes you .

may you all have a peaceful; Advent and Christmas .

yours Revd Michael



At the Heart of Christmas is the Church of England's campaign for Advent and Christmas 2021.

Inspired by readings from the Gospels of Luke and John read at so many Christmas services, the campaign is an invitation to everyone to explore the good news of God's saving love as revealed in the birth of Jesus. It is also a challenge to each of us to ponder in our hearts, as Mary did, what the extraordinary events of the first Christmas might mean for us now and in the years ahead.

Starting on Christmas Eve and continuing daily until the Epiphany (6 January), twelve contributors share something that lies close to the heart of Christmas for them, bringing the theme to life through a mixture of personal story, Bible reading, reflection and questions to ponder. Buy print copies of the resources at <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/features/at-the-heart-of-christmas>

Or download the app or receive daily emails with Advent and Christmas reflections at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/heart-christmas-our-2021-advent-and-christmas>

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*Church Notices*

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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.

### 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](mailto: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* as our memorial book needs to be updated.



### St Aidan's Church Children's Groups

Kindergarten 3 -7 years Adventurers 7-14 years  
We meet in church at 10am for the beginning of the service – the children will go out to the Hall with the Children's Leaders during the second (Gradual) hymn and return for Communion.



#### Crib Service 2pm on Christmas Eve

Share the Christmas story with the Vicar and Children's Leaders  
**Wear your Christmas jumpers and bring your friends!**

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)



### Saturdays at St Aidan's

#### Caring 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 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022*

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

## VACANCY

**We need a Caretaker for the Hall – maximum 2 hours per week paid employment. Days can be worked to suit (except Thursdays or Sundays). Light duties.**  
**If you, or anyone you know, is interested please contact Malcolm Bywater.**



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



## 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 to a direct transfer, please speak to Debra Buckley (Treasurer)

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](#)

Please Wear a Face Mask



## Covid-19

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

Please follow current guidance and protect others by wearing a mask in Church.

<b>Contact Us</b>  Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you in any way.	<b>Vicar</b> <b>Revd Michael Read</b> Tel: 01706 360693 <a href="mailto:vicar@staidan.org.uk">vicar@staidan.org.uk</a>	<b>Churchwarden</b> <b>Malcolm Bywater</b> Tel: 01706 623546 <a href="mailto:malcolm.bywater@sky.com">malcolm.bywater@sky.com</a>	<b>Churchwarden</b> <b>Alan Clarke</b> Tel: 01706 361268 <a href="mailto:alanjuneclarke@gmail.com">alanjuneclarke@gmail.com</a>	
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*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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