





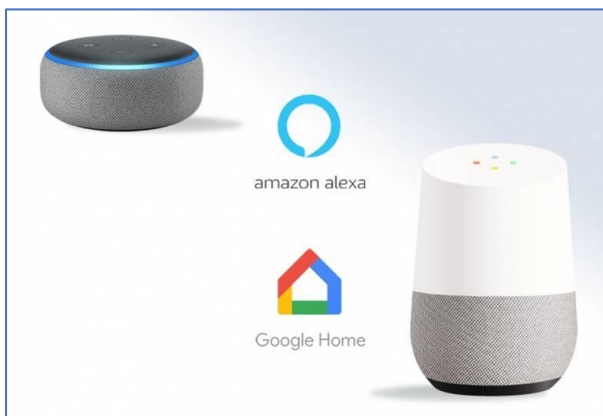
# St Aidan's Church

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

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

## Newsletter July 2021

<b>Weekly Service</b> Sunday 10am Holy Communion		<b>Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar</b>			
		<b>Readings &amp; Music for this month</b>			
	<b>4<sup>th</sup> July</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>11<sup>th</sup> July</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity	<b>25<sup>th</sup> July</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> after Trinity <b>James the Apostle</b>	
Readings	Ezekiel 2. 1-5 2 Corinthians 12. 2-10 Mark 6 1-13	Amos 7.7-15 Ephesians 3-14 Mark 6. 14-29	Jeremiah 23. 1-6 Ephesians 2. 11-end Mark 6. 30-34, 53-end	2 Kings 4. 42 to end Ephesians 3. 14-end John 6. 1-21	
Singers	Choir 3	Choir 4	Choir 2	Choir 1	
Hymns & Anthems	I, the Lord of sea and sky  Go forth and Tell!  There's a spirit in the air	Be Thou my vision  Loved with everlasting love  Lord of life we come to you	Great is Thy faithfulness  The Lord's my shepherd  Almighty Lord and God of love	Glory to thee. O God  From glory to glory advancing  O Quam Gloriosum	
<b>To find the Collect for each week click <a href="#">here</a></b>					



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Try the smart speaker skill that enables millions of users to ask the Church of England for prayers, explanations of the Christian faith, location-based information about local church events and services, and more.

To get started, just follow the instructions for your device below:

"Alexa, open the Church of England"

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## **From the Vicarage**

*Well, summer is here again! I am sitting in my study while the sun is glorious again . It has been very funny these last two weeks, while we sit in sunny Manchester[ the rain city] hearing all the complaints about the weather in London-centric life. It is said that the world is run by city dwellers, but when people want to escape from it, or look to something spiritual or meaningful. they look to the hills or the ocean.*

*So if say, welcome to Rochdale and experience the vista of the hills and rolling fields, they look at me , just as aghast as if i said come to Liverpool and watch the beautiful tide roll in on a beach.*

*Hills and mountains remind us of the beauty of creation and the wonder of God's blessings to us. Hymns and psalms talk about the beauty and rejoicing of hills and valleys. We are reminded that as we may still feel restricted by Covid and may feel that we can't jet off and explore the world. we are reminded again and again thatf the beauty of holiness is all around us. Explore God's creation all round you in everything.*

*This gives me the opportunity to thank the little team who have been keeping the grounds and flower beds tidy around the north and east end of church, it is so wonderful to have this oasis of space .*

*So, if you are travelling, whether far or near, or to your back garden or a Rochdale/Heywood Park, remember the beauty of creation, the gift from God that costs nothing - even if as a gardener it feels like an uphill struggle to keep the weeds at bay.*

**Your Vicar and friend**  
**Revd Michael**

### **Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer**

Saying and reflection for July  
**"my joy..... in you and your  
complete" John 15.11.[NRSV]**

**From Facebook:**



St Aidan's Church, Rochdale  
19 June at 21:54 · 🌐



*Henry Willis & Sons Ltd: In the factory we have the Swell Underaction of the 1884 Father Willis (1928 & 1952 Henry III) organ from St. Aidan's Church, Sudden, Rochdale. The leather on the motors had become very stiff causing the action to become non responsive. The internal motors are extremely large at 22" long as they pull the pallets on three soundboards.*

*St Aidan's Church, Rochdale: Help us to raise funds to complete this important and historical work that the sound of the beauty of holiness will continue into the future*

# CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Katie & David on their wedding last month – wishing them every happiness from all at St Aidan's.



## New Ordinands 2021



Please pray for all those to be ordained this year and especially those who will serve in the Diocese of Manchester. Manchester Cathedral is looking forward to huge celebrations in July when a total of 35 people will be ordained over two days. Twenty-four deacons will be ordained by the Bishop of Manchester on 4 July and 11 priests will be ordained on 3 July.

The Cathedral ordination services will be livestreamed and can be accessed through the [Cathedral Facebook page](#) (you don't need to have a Facebook account; just click the link)

## News from the Deanery

### St Aidan's Church is now a member of the newly created Rochdale Deanery

The new Rochdale Deanery held its first meeting last week under the leadership of the Area Dean, Revd Canon Karen Smeeton. Susan Howarth was confirmed as the new Lay Chair. Bishop Mark and Archdeacon David gave a presentation on the plans for the future.

#### OUR 10-YEAR VISION FOR THE DIOCESE

Over the last year we have been working on our 10-year vision, which is for there to be:

**'a worshipping, growing and transforming Christian presence at the heart of every community'.**

By 2030 we want to be a growing church, focused on discipleship and evangelism, serving individuals and communities across our diocese.



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### NEW CHURCH OPENS IN ROCHDALE TOWN CENTRE



A new church that aims to attract young people has been officially opened in Rochdale town centre in a building that has a long history as a Temperance Hall, a dance hall and an international restaurant.

The minister, Revd Janie Cronin, was licensed by the Bishop of Manchester to Nelson Street Church, in a service that celebrated the transformation of the building and the start of an ambitious network of interventions in Rochdale that will revitalise the Christian witness and wider life of the town.

For more details about Nelson Street Church and its current services, please visit [www.nelsonstreetchurch.org](http://www.nelsonstreetchurch.org)



## Junior Church at St Aidan's



Unfortunately, we are still unable to run sessions for our younger church members. The Children's Groups (3-6 yrs and 7-14yrs) usually meet in the Hall during the Sunday Morning Service.

We hope to be able to start up again in September and we will be in touch with all Leaders and Parent/Carers as soon as we are able to make definite plans.

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)



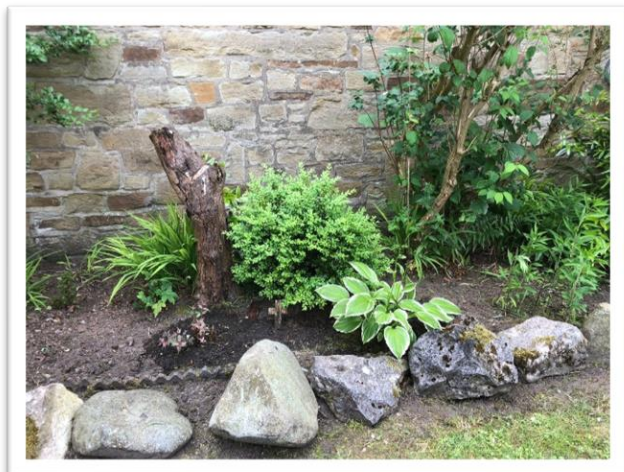
### **Church Gardening – can you help?**

*There is always plenty to do to keep the church grounds tidy at this time of year. Christine and Jo-Anna with a bit of help from Ann made a start as seen here. If you can offer to help, please speak to Christine or a Churchwardens or just come along on a Saturday morning (if the weather is fine) on 24<sup>th</sup> July or 21<sup>st</sup> August..*

#### **Before ....**



#### **... and after**



# Church Notices

## Covid-19:

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

## In Memoriam

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)



**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](#)

The envelopes for 2021 are available for collection in church. Please let a PCC Member know if you would like your envelopes to be delivered (see contacts at the end of this newsletter)

Please contact the Treasurer to arrange to donate to church by bank transfer.



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/>



## Recycling



Did you know that you can recycle the plastic/foil blister packaging from medication?

Ina will take these to a pharmacist for recycling if you bring any you can collect to church.

## Contact Us

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

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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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