



St Aidan's Church

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

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Newsletter June 2021



Gorton Monastery – photo taken May 2017 during a St Aidan's Day Trip

Weekly Service
Sunday 10am Holy Communion

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



Readings & Music for this month



	6th June Trinity 1 Proper5	13th June Trinity 2 Proper6	20th June Trinity 3 Proper7	27th June Trinity 4 Proper 8
Readings	Genesis 3; 8-15 2 Corinthians 4;13-5:1 Mark 3:20 to end	Ezekiel 17: 22 to end 2 Corinthians 5 6-10 Mark4:26-34	Job 38:1-11 2 Corinthians 6 1-13 Mark 4: 35-41	Wisdom1: 13-15; 2:23-24 2 Corinthians 8: 7 to end Mark 5:21 to end
Singers	Choir 3	Choir 4	Choir1	Choir2
Offertory	205	172(v1,3+5)	Fiece Raged The Tempest	362 (v1,2,5,+6)
During Communion	227 <i>Lead Me Lord</i>	48ms <i>Bring Forth The Kingdom</i>	54 <i>Donna Nobis Pacem</i>	243 Only Say The Word

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

From the Vicarage .

I been thinking about prayer and the comfort it has brought many over this pandemic. And it got me thinking.

One Bible teacher writes “ I read an Interesting book by an unbeliever who attempted to ‘do in’ the Christian Faith .

Despite his lack of belief, I found insightful something he said regarding prayer.

He called it ‘the most incredible conceit in the history of humankind’ arguing that if you worked for the Ford Motor Company as a lowly employee and wanted to see the boss you wouldn’t have the remotest chance”

Think about it. What would happen if a UK citizen tried to speak to the Prime Minister ? I’ve thought about putting in a person to person call just to see if it could be done. And what would happen? I would probably get to speak to an under under under secretary of an assistant somebody, but no way the Prime Minister.

“And so” says my sceptical friend, “ what an incredible conceit to suppose that at any moment we can talk to the boss of the whole shebang”

And indeed the concept of prayer would be incredible conceit if it weren’t true.

But it is,

And it is the most incredible condescension on the part of God.

You could probably never speak to a highly placed person in the world, yet the most placed person in the universe, the boss of the whole Shebang is waiting patiently to talk to you to listen to YOU .

This eternal boss wants to hear what you have to say

What does Ephesians 3.12 have to say ?

“ we can come before God with freedom and without fear through faith in Christ .

Don’t you find that amazing ???

This day and every day you have the great privilege of prayer. You can talk to the boss, tell him your worries and cares, share with him your hopes and dreams, joys and triumphs and he always has time to listen.

Prayer is simply amazing.

Love and prayers

Revd Michael .

Your Vicar and Friend

June 2021.

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

“I will give you a new Heart and a new Spirit I will put within you”



A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to this year's CHRISTIAN AID APPEAL.

A combination of the cash received, and the tax they will be able to claim from the Government in connection with Gift Aid, means that they will benefit by £425.

Whilst obviously not as much as when we are able to do house to house, it is a goodly sum, so thank you.

NOW – please send off the card to the Prime Minister about Climate Change.

There are still booklets and envelopes at the back of church if you missed out.

From Keith and Jane

Thank you to Keith and all those who organised this year's Christian Aid collection on behalf of the PCC . A great effort.

Thanks

Mike

Junior Church at St Aidan's



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

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



Meet our new St Aidan's Bear. Benji is a Prayer Bear (there is a prayer book in his backpack) and he will be looked after in church by our youngest church members each week, then join the Kindergarten Group when it can meet up again.

The other bears (remember them from 2019?) are safely stored in the Robinson Room.

THANK YOU

We should both like to say how much we have valued all your prayers and good wishes and all the support we have received after Ian's recent heart attack. It has been a difficult time as you can imagine but the love and friendship shown by so many people has helped us hugely.

Ian and Joy Butterworth

THANK YOU

Irene Low would like to thank all who helped her after she became ill after the service on Sunday 23rd May

Blessings to you all

Irene Low



*Christine's
Garden 2021*

Thank you to Christine for sending these photos,

Please send your photos to newsletter@staidan.org.uk for a summer garden virtual tour

in the next issue of the newsletter.

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



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.

Do you have a hidden talent?

We need someone who has skills in calligraphy (or just impressive handwriting) to create the new entries in the Parish Book of Remembrance. If you can help, please contact Elaine Fowler or the Vicar.



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](#) and donations of food are accepted at most local supermarkets. Recent donations at church were taken to Tesco (thanks Elaine)

<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

They are converted to a donation to the Marie Curie Charity.

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 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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