



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk



Newsletter March 2022



Weekly Services

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



Refreshments are served after the services

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

	6 th March Lent 1	13 th March Lent 2	20 th March Lent 3	27 th March Mothering Sunday
 Readings	Deuteronomy 26.1-11; Psalm 91.1-2,9-16; Romans 10.8b-13; Luke 4.1-13	Genesis 15.1-12,17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3.17-4.1; Luke 13.31-35	Isaiah 55.1-9; Psalm 63.1-8; 1 Corinthians 10.1-13; Luke 13.1-9	Joshua 5.9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5.16-21; Luke 15.1-3,11b-32
 Anthems	<i>Turn thy face from my sins</i> Attwood <i>Hear my prayer</i> Arcodelt	<i>Hide not thou thy face</i> Farrant <i>Do not be afraid</i> Stopford	<i>Call to remembrance</i> Farrant <i>Lord for they tender mercies' sake</i> Farrant	<i>Song of Mary</i> Duffy

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

Easter Services

Thursday 14th April 7.30pm Maundy
Thursday Eucharist
Friday 15th April 10am Good Friday Service
Sunday 17th April 10am Easter Day




The Fellowship of
Contemplative Prayer

Monthly prayer meetings will resume
on Saturday 12th March
in the Chapel 11-11.45am

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

LENTEN 
COFFEE MORNINGS

 Heywood Baptist Church
Wednesday 9th March
St Josephs Church
Wednesday 23rd March

10.30am Short Service
followed by tea/coffee and biscuits

Lent Course 2022: *The Manchesterbury Tales* Lent is a time when we are invited to gather with some other likeminded people and do a bit of thinking and talking about being a Christian. This year you are invited to join a group talking about some of the tensions which real life throws up when you are a Christian.

Four sessions will be led by Revd Ian Butterworth on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, starting on 14th March. Please sign up at the back of church.

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



World Day of Prayer 4th March 2022

Theme: I know the plans I have for you

The origins of World Day of Prayer date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots as these that WDP has taken its present shape – a worldwide ecumenical movement of *Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action*. Find more information at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk>

Bamford Chapel are holding a "Service for Everyone" on Sunday 6th March at 3pm.



Electoral Roll 2022

This year the Electoral Roll of the church is to be **updated** in preparation for the Annual Church Meetings on Sunday 10th April after the morning service.

If you are a **new member** of St. Aidan's Church please complete an application form - the forms will be at the back of Church from 27th February and must be completed by 13th March.

Criteria to be on the Electoral Roll: be baptized; be 16 or over or reach your 16th birthday in the next 12 months and have habitually attended worship in the Parish during the last 6 months.

For further information speak to the Churchwardens or Elaine Fowler.



The Church Annual Meetings will be held after 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 will be 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.

Spring Fair
2nd April
2022

Bring all your
family and
friends!

For further information, please speak
to Tracey or any member of the PCC



How you can help

- Fill a jar with wrapped sweets etc and bring to church during March
- Collect good as new gifts, books, bottles, toys and games and bring to the Hall 4.30 - 6pm on Friday 1st April
- Buy chocolates and Easter Eggs for the ever-popular Chocolate Tombola stall
- Plan to bring Home Bake on the day of the Fair
- Volunteer to help on a stall or with refreshments – sign up in the Hall



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

The Flowers on 6th March are in memory of Alan Rogerson on his first anniversary from his ever loving wife Maureen. The Flowers on the Altar on 6th March are in loving memory of Hilary McGregor from her sister Ina on the occasion of their birthday.

The flowers on 20th of March are in memory of David Benjamin, a beautiful man forever in the hearts of his wife Margaret and family.

The flowers on 27th March are for Mothering Sunday and are donated by Elaine, Tracey & Ann

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.

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.



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

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 19th March – 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.



Saturdays at St Aidan's



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 of non-perishable food have been taken to Tesco <https://rochdale.foodbank.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 March 20th; 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)

Envelopes for pledged giving during 2022 can be found on the table at the back of 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) – 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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