



St Aidan's Church

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

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Newsletter May 2021

Weekly Service
Sunday 10am Holy Communion

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



Readings & Music for this month



	2 nd May Easter 5	9 th May Easter 6	13 th May Ascension Day	16 th May Easter 7 Sun after Ascension	23 rd May Pentecost	30 th May Trinity Sunday
Readings	Acts 8.26-end 1 John 4.7-end John 15.1-8	Acts 10.44-end 1 John 5.1-6 John 15, 9-17	Acts 1. 1-11 Ephesians 1.15-end Luke 24.44-end	Acts 1.15-17, 21-end 1 John 5.9-13 John 17, 6-19	Acts 2.1-21 Romans 8.22-27 John 15.26-27; 16.4b-15	Isaiah 6.1-8 Romans 8.12-17 John 3.1-17
Singers	Choir 2	Choir 4		Choir 1	Choir 3	Choir 2
Offertory	531	60		191	97	212
During Communion	67 ms God be in my head	4 <i>Love one another</i>		26 <i>God is gone up</i>	454 ms <i>O Holy Spirit</i>	333 <i>Hymn to the Trinity</i>

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



Good news from Rochdale Online:

The Willows Dementia Hub held a grand opening of their new summer house on Thursday 22 April, with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Mayor Billy Sheerin.

The summer house was funded by generous donations made by family and friends, in memory of Angela Bywater.

Revd Michael blessed the summer house.

From the Vicarage

Dear All

From the Vicarage,

This month we continue in the presence of the Risen Christ of Easter until the day of Ascension on the 13th May.

The Ascension has been described as many things but it is the time when our Lord has finished all that he had to needed to do himself on Earth and could return to his Father in the knowledge that he could rely on his disciples to spread his message.

He also knew that they would build his church (in the sense of a Christian community rather than as buildings as we tend to think) to proclaim the gospel to all nations and not just his Jewish followers.

The Ascension of Christ is not about the end of our time with Christ for ever but about how Christ himself was liberated from all restrictions of time and space. It does not represent his removal from the earth, but his constant presence everywhere on earth. During his earthly ministry he could only be in one place at a time, but now He is united with God he is present wherever God is present and that is everywhere. Because Jesus is in heaven, He is everywhere on earth. Because He is ascended, he is here right now with us at this very moment in the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts and souls. So in the Holy Spirit Jesus dwells in his church. Since the Ascension the whole church has been longing and waiting for his return and we too at St Aidan's do this every time we celebrate Holy Communion: as we say in our liturgy, with hope and praise in our hearts.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Yours Vicar and friend,

Revd Michael

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

Saying and reflection for May

"I am going to send you what the father has promised".

Luke 24.49 (NIV)

Morning prayer with Revs Read

***Every Thursday 10am on zoom
led by Sharon & Michael Read***

Using Celtic Morning Prayer from
Northumbria Community.

Please bring a bible with you if you
would like to share one of the
readings.

Email: communities@manchestermethodists.org.uk for
joining details.



***A time to pause, pray and reflect
before we head into the day.***

Prayer

Where to start

& how to keep going



What is prayer and how do I start?

Where and when should I pray?

How do I build prayer into everyday life?

How do I pray with my family?

The Church of England is issuing these new email reflections with content written by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell.

You can sign up on the Church of England's website: <https://www.churchofengland.org/our-faith/what-we-believe/lent-holy-week-and-easter/prayer-where-start-and-how-keep-going-email>



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK this year is from 10th to 16th May, and is concentrating on Climate Change, particularly in Africa, where some people have to walk for up to 6 HOURS every day to collect water. Money raised will be used to create simple dams in the villages concerned.

Could you please –

Pray for the work being done, and give generously, using the special Christian Aid envelopes, and remembering to Gift Aid your donation if you are a taxpayer.

Take envelopes, not only for yourself, but for friends and neighbours. Bring envelopes to church on the 9th, 16th, 23rd or 30th May.

Take and read a copy of the seven-day devotional booklet.

Be sure to send off the card at the back of the booklet to the Prime Minister, urging him to lead the world with ambitious climate action at the COP26 talks in November.

For further information, do have a word with me. Keith Lloyd (648955)



Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. More information at thykingdomcome.global



*End of an era at St Aidan's
"Not goodbye – just au revoir"*

Revd Ian Taylor's last service as Assistant Priest was on April 25th. Thanks for your hard work, service and friendship.

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 are still renewing the registers for the Children's Groups – please let us know if you have not received a registration form to complete for any church members under the age of 14. 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 with Oliver and Lucy! Benji is a Prayer Bear from the Cheeky Pandas – the children's version of Thy Kingdom Come. Our bear will appear in church and will join the Kindergarten Group when it can meet up again. Here are some of the prayers in the bear's back-pack:



Click to watch the introduction by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Cheeky Pandas resources for children [here](#).

Church Notices

Covid-19:

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

In Memoriam Church Flowers: There will be flowers in church in memory of John Tolley on May 9th for his 4 year anniversary on the 13th. With love from Sheila.



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.

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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