





St Aidan's Church

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

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Newsletter March 2021

<p>Weekly Service Sunday 10am Holy Communion</p>	<p>Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Vicar</p>				
		<p>Readings & Music for this month</p>			
<p>MARCH 2021</p>	<p>7th March Lent 3</p>	<p>14th March Lent 4 Mothering Sunday</p>	<p>21st March Lent 5</p>	<p>28th March Palm Sunday</p>	
<p>Readings</p>	<p>Exod 20 1-17 1 Cor 1 18-25 John 2 13-22</p>	<p>Num 21 4-9 Eph 2 1-10 John 3 14 - 21</p>	<p>Jer 31 31-34 Heb 5 5-10 John 12 20 - 33</p>	<p>Mark 11, 1-11 Ps 118 1-2, 19-end</p>	
<p>Singers</p>	<p>Choir 1</p>	<p>Choir 2</p>	<p>Choir 3</p>	<p>Choir 4</p>	
<p>Hymns</p>	<p>15 (Omit 3)</p>	<p>137</p>	<p>335</p>	<p>11</p>	
<p>During Communion</p>	<p>48 ms <i>Teach Me O Lord</i></p>	<p>136 Song Of Mary</p>	<p>386 Ave Verum Corpus</p>	<p>159 Hosanna To The Son Of David</p>	
<p>To find the Collect for each week click here</p>					

Virtual Worship Resources

Find live streamed church services [here](#) and audio prayer resources [here](#).

Find national prayers and services from the Church of England on the [CofE website](#), [Facebook page](#) or [YouTube](#).



From Reverend Michael

Well March already . Only feels like five mins ago we were just moving into a new year . And Lent has arrived a time to reflection on our lives our attitudes and behaviour towards others .

This month on the 15th is the 15 birthday of the eldest son at the vicarage . Ian . It really only seems five mins that he was a little miracle of a baby . Those months and years of watching him grow those new experiences , new things each and every day .

Each and every day of all our lives we experience something different , whether good or bad . Who could of imagined a pandemic of the whole world 15 years ago . We all experience little events and miracles in our lives and in our world , even when we don't notice , or it passes us by . Times when God has been at work in our lives Times when God has worked with others to transform our world without us knowing. Times when God has worked in our life and answered our prayers at a later date and it's only after hindsight that we see that God was at work and has blessed us .

I thank God daily for bring IAN into Sharon and my life , and I am sure. You have many things to thank God for in your life . So may we always take stock of the good things that God has given us , and remember to thank him daily for those things we treasure and which bring joy to our lives

I know how much you all treasure our church building and as we finally finish our restoration with the delivery of our new chairs . This gives me the opportunity to thank the many people who have helped during the process . Our wardens Alan and Malcolm , and Barry for the hours preparing and clearing church and moving stuff into the hall and many other tasks . And to Harry for the many hours and hard work with electronic equipment fitting the organ blower and the whole replacement of the lighting in church . To Elizabeth for clearing out the whole of the choir vestry and organising the music in the Robinson room , so glad our Church Hall had space to put things while the church was covered in scaffolding. We now have a restored church that we can be proud to pass on to the future generations who will be grateful for all the hard work we have done over this last 12 months . Thanks again everyone who has taken part including those I've not mentioned that only God is aware of and he thanks you . So , enjoy your restored church .

*Yours
Revd Michael*

Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer

Saying and Reflection:

Reading for March 2021

" take your sandals off , you are standing on Holy ground "

Where ever you pray in church by your bed or in the countryside , the place becomes holy ground . The presence of God is there , here it is that the Holy Spirit speaks

Morning prayer with Revs Read

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

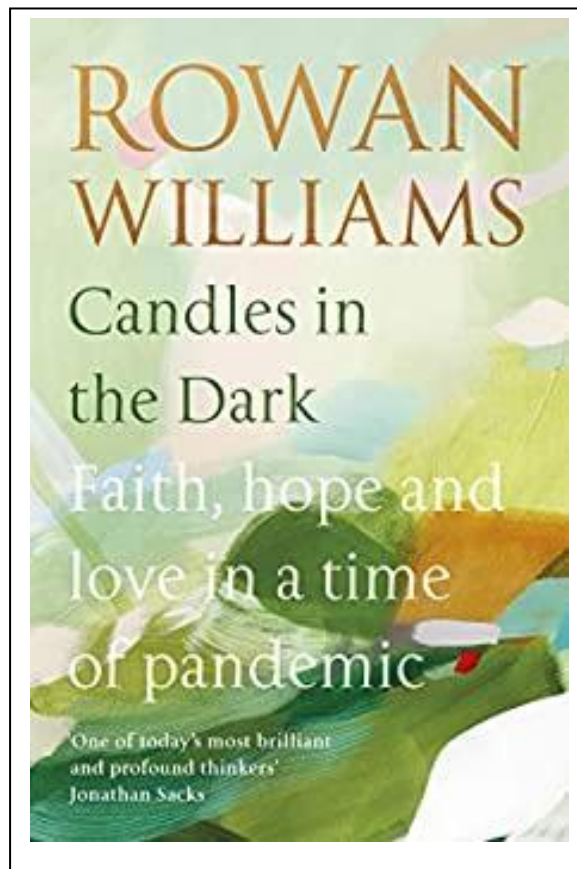
Using Celtic Morning Prayer from
Northumbria Community.

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.***



An interesting book to read



News about a (Virtual) Lent Course from Revs Mike and Ian B.

What would Jesus have done?

In everyday life we are all regularly faced with situations where we struggle to work out what to do as Christians. Life is not black and white and we are often faced with choices where there is no simple right and wrong but where we are pulled both ways. Euthanasia, mercy killing, is one of these moral dilemmas where there is no 'right' answer but there are many other questions we wrestle with every day to which neither the Bible nor the Church have simple clear answers.

If you would like to talk with some other Christians about struggles with these big questions, please think about joining a Lent Group we are sharing with St George's Oakenrod and St Clement's Spotland called 'What would Jesus have done?'. Each week in Lent we shall be looking at one of these moral dilemmas, not with a view to finding an answer, but simply to give us the opportunity to talk together about the different choices. We will not all agree but talking with others who may see things differently gives us food for thought. These will not be heavy Bible based sessions but simply conversations around the dilemma. Obviously we cannot meet face to face as we would normally do so the meetings will be on Zoom. If you are a bit uneasy about Zoom or really have no idea how to use it we can help – one of the congregation at Oakenrod has produced a very simple guide to Zoom which can be followed step by easy step and which is designed for anyone who wants to dip their toe in the water of Zoom but not drown.

The meetings will be on Wednesdays at 7p.m. and will last for about an hour.

Dates are

24th Feb

3rd March

10th March

24th March

To get into a Zoom meeting you need to be 'invited' by the host who sends an email with a link to the meeting so we need to have names and emails of anyone interested in advance. If you would like to talk about what Jesus would have done if he had had to make some of the choices which face us please sign up by sending an email to ianbutterworth70@gmail.com at the latest by February 17th, the week before the first meeting.

Do come and join us!

Revs Mike and Ian B.



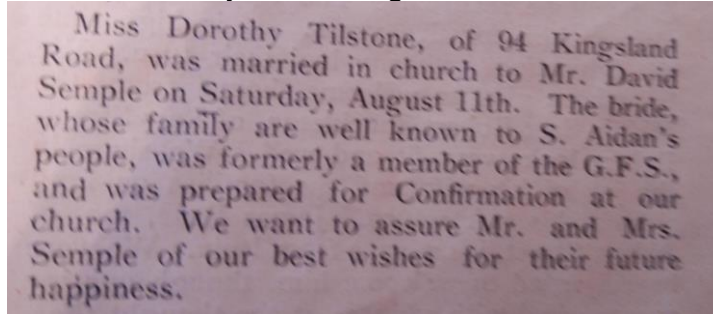
#LiveLent 2021 church resources: God's Story, Our Story

Find out more about the Church of England's Lent course, including daily reflections available as a free app and on the free phone line Daily Hope, at <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2021-church-resources-gods-story-our-story>

From the Church Archives

The Vicar recently received a phone-call and a letter from a lady living in South Wales.

The letter included a copy of the Parish Magazine from September 1945. The sender had found the letter amongst the belongings of a friend who lived in Bacup. This friend (who died in 2017) originally moved to Bacup to live with her widowed cousin, Dorothy Semple, who died in 2009. The connection becomes clear with the entry in this magazine:



Miss Dorothy Tilstone, of 94 Kingsland Road, was married in church to Mr. David Semple on Saturday, August 11th. The bride, whose family are well known to S. Aidan's people, was formerly a member of the G.F.S., and was prepared for Confirmation at our church. We want to assure Mr. and Mrs. Semple of our best wishes for their future happiness.

The Vicar Revd Benjamin Sockett in the Parish Notes in this issue of the magazine, mentions VJ Day and the atomic bomb and there are news items about parishioners including those serving in the forces. Miss Muriel Hitchen had excelled in the Higher Schools Certificate and obtained a scholarship to the University of Birmingham and a choirboy, Brian Bristol, had been awarded a scholarship to Heywood Grammar School – “a most promising boy, whom it is a pleasure to have with us in the Chancel. The men's Institute had just been founded and members were looking forward to a billiards match, The PCC was due to meet and discuss the new East Window:



Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council, to follow Evensong, on Sunday, September 9th, in the Choir Vestry. One of the subjects put down for discussion is the completion of the proposed War Memorial scheme. On a visit to London in the early summer we visited Mr. Grylls' studio and saw a section of the completed window. It was the part which depicts the Ascended Lord, and in our view it was a truly exquisite example of the artist's craft in glass. We trust that all Councillors will find it convenient to attend this meeting.

We are always grateful to receive any church memorabilia and add such items to our ever-growing Archives to preserve such interesting insights into the history of St Aidan's.

If you would like to know more about St Aidan's Church Archives, please contact Ina Penneyston or Ann Montgomery newsletter@staidan.org.uk

CHVRCH OF SAINT AIDAN
SVDDEN
ROCHDALE
VICARS

HARTLEY HARRISON	1914
J. D SMITH	1928
B. SOCKETT	1939
BL BARNBY	1950
G K st J POTTER	1956
P. A JOHANSEN	1962
REG WILLIAMS	1966
FJ GILBERT	1975
LS DRAKE	1981
G.C. DOBBS	1984
M.A READ	2011

IN AID OF THE REPAIRS OF
THE CHURCH OF SAINT AIDAN
ROCHDALE
1914-2011

International Women's World Day Of Prayer

5th March 2021

Women's World Day of Prayer is a worldwide movement of Christian women who come together to observe a common day of prayer held on the first Friday in March each year, and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. Through Women's World Day of Prayer women are encouraged to become aware of their talents and use them in the service of the wider community

The Day of Prayer begins as dawn breaks over the islands of Tonga in the Pacific and continues across each continent until the last Services of this special day are held back in the Pacific on the islands of Samoa, circling the world in prayer for about 36 hours.



Junior Church at St Aidan's



Unfortunately we are still unable to run sessions for our younger church members. We hope that families are managing to follow some of the Roots activities at home. Thanks as ever to Tara for continuing to send these out every week from the Roots website. Please keep in touch and send your articles and photographs for our next newsletter.

The Children's Groups (3-6 yrs and 7-14yrs) usually meet in the Hall during the Sunday Morning Service.

We are still in the process of 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

Covid-19:

The latest advice from the Diocese on Coronavirus can be found at

<https://www.manchester.anglican.org/coronavirus/>

Church Notices

In Memoriam



Church Flowers: 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

The Flowers

7th March are donated by Ina In Loving Memory of her twin sister on their Birthday on 5th March

On 14th March The flowers are donated by Joanna In Loving Memory of Rev George Dobbs

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).

If possible do a bank transfer which The Treasurer would prefer, please contact her for St Aidan's Bank details



You can donate online to support Rochdale Foodbank [here](#) and donations of food are accepted at most local supermarkets.

Please note:

Rochdale Foodbank have asked us to hold on to our donations at home at least for the next month. Anything already collected in church will be delivered to the Foodbank as soon as possible.

<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>

Notice of Annual Meetings

The Annual Parochial Meeting (APCM) will take place on Sunday 28th March 2021 following the morning service

If anyone is interested in joining the PCC please speak to The Vicar

Good Friday

There will be a Service on Good Friday at St Aidan's 10 am
All are welcome

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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