





# St Aidan's Church

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

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## Newsletter October 2021

<p><b>Weekly Service</b> Sunday 10am Holy Communion Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion</p>		<p><b>Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals</b> by arrangement with the Vicar</p>							
			<p><b>Music for this month</b></p>						
<b>October 2021</b>	<b>3rd Trinity 18</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> Trinity 19</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Trinity 20</b>	<b>24th Last Sunday after Trinity</b>	<b>31st All Saints</b>				
Introit	277	175	393	81	134 Omit 3,5,6+7				
Offertory	321	287	148	27	305 Omit 4+5				
During Communion	Love one Another Bell  Marching Trad African	Teach Me Lord Attwood Seek Ye The Lord Palestrina	Silent Surrendered Rizza  Laudate Nomen Domini Tye	Only Say The Word Polglaze O Lord Increase My Faith Loosemore	O Quam Gloriosum Victoria  Hail Glorious Spirits Tye				
Post Communion	60	560	300	571	O When The Saints Go Marching In				
<p><b>To find the Collect for each week click <a href="#">here</a></b></p>									

## Contemplative Prayer October 20221

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**"If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciple"**

*John 8.31 (RSV)*

Jesus is in Jerusalem for the Feast of Tabernacles. It was an exciting and impressive time for all the pilgrims in the city, with the eight-day rituals reminding them of the journey made through the desert to the Promised Land. But Jerusalem is the 'storm centre' of the ministry of Jesus. This 8th chapter of John is not easy and, interestingly, doesn't occur in the Communion lectionary at all in Common Worship (apart from vv 1-11 which tells the story of the woman taken in adultery).

The controversy through the chapter gets fiercer and the language becomes more and more hostile. The Pharisees and Jesus are locked in battle. The Pharisees become irrational because the 'light' of which Christ speaks is revealing everything that is inconsistent about them. Jesus argues passionately too and is revealing the truth about himself, that he is the 'I AM', the very name of God, who gives life, light, purpose and hope. Already in the Gospel Jesus has revealed himself as 'I AM' on more than one occasion – in this chapter he uses the phrase five times.

In the midst of all this, there emerges a small group of Jews whose belief in him would appear to be merely nominal, maybe intellectual and short-lived. They lacked any personal commitment. Perhaps they were prepared to agree with much of what Jesus said, but not accept the implication for themselves. We might call them 'nominal disciples'.

True discipleship, as Jesus makes clear, means abiding in his word, welcoming it, being at home with it and living with it in such a way that it, quite simply, becomes a part of the life of the believer.

We start with the words. Then, the words go deeper and we find that they have a profound meaning for our own lives, deep down within us. They 'begin to live'. We stick with it, we continue in the word, and it grows and develops and becomes one with us as we listen. The words drop away and it is then that it becomes 'contemplative'. Our mind wanders. Our concentration is incredibly short. But the time has not been wasted. The words stay with us and we take them out into our lives as true disciples of our Lord and Saviour.





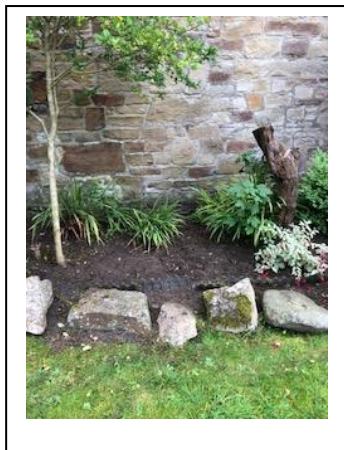
## Church Gardening –

A Big Thank You to Geoff , Karen , Ann, Elaine and Kath for their help( from Christine)

There is always plenty to do to keep the church grounds tidy at this time of year.

If you can offer to help, please speak to Christine or a Churchwardens or just come along on the Saturday morning

– next session on 23<sup>rd</sup> October at around 9 30 – 11 30am



## Duty Rota for October

Date	Assistant	Sidespersons	Coffee	Hall Prep
3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Eleanor	Ina Penneyston AMontgomery Young Stewards	J Elcock P Martin JHornby	A & J Clarke
10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Malcolm	C Richardson J Lloyd N Wilders B Rowbottom	M Swarbrick B Wareham D Brown larty	J Molloy H Hilton
17th Oct	Christine	J&J Molloy H Hilton V Kennedy	J Lloyd A Parry B Whitehead	M Jacques & Family
24 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Eleanor	A & J Clarke W &L Hutton	C Richardson E Marshall N Wilders	A Johnston A Huxley
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Malcolm	E Fowler V Hardy I Birchall	J Clarke M Benjamin V Kennedy	A & J Clarke

## *Junior Church at St Aidan's*

**Back to (Junior) Church!**

All Leaders, Parents/Carers and Children

Junior Church commencing again in the Church Hall

We will join the congregation to share the Eucharist at the end of the service.



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)

**Please Wear  
a Face Mask**



**Unless you are exempt**

# 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)



**The Flowers on 3<sup>rd</sup> October are In Memory of Colin Wilkinson on What would have been His 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Donated by His Loving Wife and Family**

**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](#) 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.

There is a box at the back of Church

## Contact Us

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

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*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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