



St Aidan's Church

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

www.staidan.org.uk

Newsletter June 2023

Weekly Services

Sunday **10.30am** Holy Communion & Junior Church

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion (said)



*Refreshments are served
after the services*



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

by arrangement
with the Vicar

4th June
Trinity Sunday

11th June
Barnabas the
Apostle

18th June
Trinity 2

25th June
Trinity 3

Readings



Isaiah 40.12-17,27-31
Psalm 8
2 Corinthians
13.1113
Matthew 28.16-20

Hosea 5.15-6.6
Psalm 50.7-15
Romans 4.13-25
Matthew 9.9-13,18-26

Exodus 19.2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5.1-8
Matthew 9.35-10.8(9-23)

Jeremiah 20.7-13
Psalm 69.7-10,11-15,16-18
Romans 6.1b-11
Matthew 10.24-39

Anthems



Hymn to the Trinity
Tchaikowsky
Laudate omnes gentes
Taizé

I come with joy
Hymn 227
Ubi Caritas
Gjeilo

How lovely are the messengers
Mendelssohn
Sent by the Lord
Bell

Soul of my Saviour
Hymn452
Adoramus Te
Dubois

From the Vicar: The message of the cross

Apostle Paul says, "The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing (1 Corinthians 1:18). But, what is this message? What does it entail?

We have just emerged from Easter, a time of penitence and faith, through to Ascension and the Pentecost: these are essential marks of our Christian faith, constituting great feasts to the believers.

The cross is not just a symbol of torturing and a substitutionary death for us. We see crosses inside and outside our church buildings, worn as jewellery by others. Why are we so proud of the cross – the instrument used to kill Christ? What is so central about the cross?

The cross is about Christ's obedience, proving that God's power is more significant than all the dark forces of evil. By allowing Satan to tempt Jesus, God gave us a revelation of His power and the depth of His love for us. It is not difficult to love those who love us, but it takes a higher quality of love to love those who misrepresent us, hurt us, and reject us. Out of love, Jesus cried on the cross, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing".

The cross brings us the revelation of Christ's love and obedience to the Father's will. Christ realised that overcoming death was necessary for God to make humankind a spiritual image of Himself, to bring a new creation in the image of Himself, and to reconcile the whole of God's creation to Himself.

The cross is not just a reminder of historical reality and a constant encouragement to let go of our self-will in joyful submission to God's love. Understanding that God's love plans our life, strengthens and upholds us, and energises us. The cross challenges us to walk triumphantly, knowing that life is stronger than death. The message of the cross is the power of God to "destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning which He will frustrate". May you be encouraged to walk in the obedience of faith so that the resurrection life of Christ will shine through You!

Revd Sydwel



Church Gardening Morning Saturday 3rd June 10am – 12 Noon

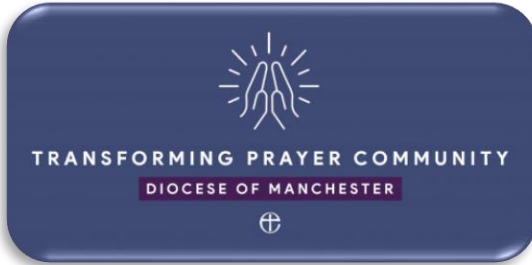
Can you help to tidy
the church grounds?

All ages and abilities welcome
or just come along to say hello!

Donations of plants are also very welcome



News from Manchester Diocese



The Transforming Prayer Community seeks to connect and reconnect us with a simple vocation to pray. For more information see: <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/faitlife/faithprayer/prayer-community/>

A promotional poster for a ladies fashion show. It features a top section with images of leopard print, purple, and floral high-heeled shoes. The text reads: "Ladies Fashion Show AND Pop-up Shop! SHOP YOUR FAVOURITE HIGH STREET BRANDS AT 50% OFF OR MORE!". Below this, it says "Tickets are available now from Elaine Fowler" with social media icons for Facebook and Instagram. The event is on "Saturday 10th June 2023" at "St Aidan's Church". It includes details about the location, doors opening at 1.30pm, show starting at 2pm, and ticket price of £5 which includes a glass of prosecco or soft drink and nibbles. It also mentions a raffle with fabulous prizes and contact information for Elaine Fowler: tel: 07816400037 - email: arfowler2004@yahoo.co.uk. The bottom of the poster is decorated with a colorful mosaic of small squares.

Songs for A Summer Evening

Friday 9th June

7.30pm

at St George

Oakenrod

with Rochdale

Retirement Choir.

Tickets

£8.00 includes

Prosecco & cake.

There will also be

a raffle.



PRAYER Requests

Intercessory Prayers during the morning service

Please speak to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson when you arrive on a Sunday morning if you would like a name to be included in the prayers for the week.

Please use of the Prayer Tree in the Chapel for those you know who are long-term sick and all are welcome to use the Chapel for private prayers and to light a candle.

In Memoriam

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 can be placed in a hymn book or the Parish Book of Remembrance. Please contact Elaine Fowler for more details.



Children and Families at St Aidan's Church

The Children's Groups (3-14 yrs) meet on Sunday mornings during school term-time. The children go out to the Hall with the Children's Leaders during the second (Gradual) hymn and return for Communion. For further information, please speak to a Children's Leader or email safeguarding@staidan.org.uk



Giving to St Aidan's Church

Thank you for your continued financial support: the upkeep and running of the church really is dependent on your continued generous giving. You can now donate to church using your bank card on a portable card reader at all services. This is located on the table at the back of church.



FOODS THAT WE ARE SHORT OF...

- TINNED FISH
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED MEAT
- JAM
- SHAMPOO

The nearest Collection Point is at Tesco Sudden.

For full details of how to support the Foodbank, see the website at <https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk>



St Aidan's Church Heritage Group

The church will be participating in the Heritage Open Days in September and we are hoping to display some of our archives. If you are interested in coming along to have a look through the items we have relating to the history of the church and/or can help on Saturday 16th September 10am - Noon, please speak to Ann Montgomery ann@staidan.org.uk

Contacts

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

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Please send items to newsletter@staidan.org.uk and contact us if you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list.
Past newsletters are available on the church [website](#) and [A Church Near You](#)

Church Diary

June 2023

Saturday 3 rd	Church Gardening from 10am
Friday 9 th	Rochdale Retirement Choir Concert at St George Oakenrod 7.30pm
Saturday 10 th	Fashion Show at St Aidan's 2 - 4 pm
Tuesday 27 th	PCC Meeting 7.30pm

July 2023

Saturday 1 st	Help out at church from 10am
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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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