



St Aidan's Church

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


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Newsletter August 2023

Weekly Services

Sunday 10am 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

6th August
Trinity 9

13th August
Trinity 10

20th August Trinity
11

27th August
Trinity 12

Readings



Isaiah 55.1-5;
Psalm 145.8-9,14-21; Romans 9.1-5; **Matthew 14.13-21**

1 Kings 19.9-18;
Psalm 85.8-13;
Romans 10.5-15; **Matthew 14.22-33**

Isaiah 56.1,6-8;
Psalm 67; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; **Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28**

Isaiah 51.1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12.1-8; **Matthew 16.13-20**

Anthems



Author of life
Hymn 48

Panis Angelicus
Franck

Loving shepherd of thy sheep
Hymn 325


O Lord increase my faith
Loosemore

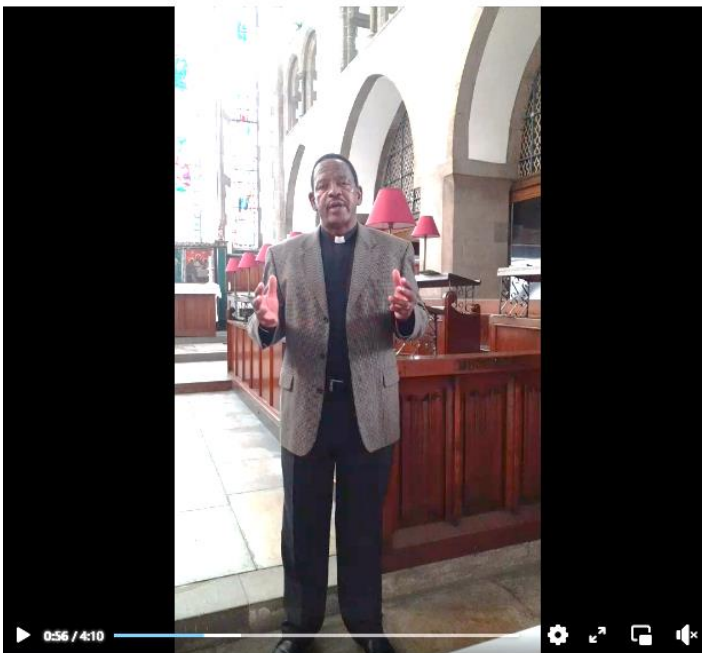
You are the centre
Rizza

From the rising of the sun
Ouseley

One is the body and one is the head
Bell

Take this moment
Bell

 St Martin's Castleton Moor was live.
20:14
Midweek reflection on the 26th of July 2023



Follow St Martin Castleton Moor on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmartincastletonmoor) to view the Midweek Reflections by Revd Sydwell. Last week's was recorded at St Aidan's based on Jeremiah 29. 1-14 and Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 12 and can be viewed online. We are encouraged to look at Jeremiah's letter to the exiles in Babylon, passing on the word of God, and Paul's message that we can find strength in weakness

You and 4 others

4 shares

From the Vicar

“How can I speak to God face to face?”

Before I came to Rochdale, I used to cover services at the Cathedral.

As I was coming out of the lobby one day, I was approached by a young man who was visibly distressed. He asked me how he could speak to God face to face; he wanted to apologise for all the wrong things he had done in the past. He asked if he had to go to church regularly in order to speak to God, and whether there is any set format for how to speak to God to be understood. He also asked whether he should sit or kneel when he is praying, and whether he should yell or shout in order to be heard.

I told him that God is everywhere and knows what is in our hearts, he could speak to God anywhere and in any position where he feels comfortable. Since God can see what is in our hearts, he should not be concerned about the past mistakes he had made.

Many of us ask ourselves these questions, often without answers. We sometimes have doubts whether God is able to hear the prayers of sinners, and that, for me, is the beginning of our faith. Believing in God and in his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the Holy Spirit who lives in us will guide us in all truth.

By and large, I think it is good to have these queries and concerns in our hearts and minds because they help to strengthen our faith in the living God who is faithful and just to hear us when we pray in penitence and faith.

On a different note, a lot of elderly people usually ask how they should address me because they are so used to addressing Vicars either as Father or Reverend. I always insist they should call me by my name and they find that disrespectful sometimes. While I do not mind being addressed either way, I feel more at ease when someone calls me by my name. I am saying this because this young man I am talking about insisted on calling me Father, saying that his parents never called a Vicar by name. For me, the title is not very important but responsibility is.

My encounter with this young man made me appreciate the level of ease by which we can speak to God, to marvel at his presence even in the comfort of our own homes. While the liturgy that we are using in worship is good, the words that express the love and respect we have for our God, just by speaking plainly to God our creator makes us feel content that we have been understood completely.

Revd Sydwel Isaac

Have your say about Rochdale Council's proposals for the extension of the cycle lane down Manchester Road past St Aidan's by attending the meetings on Thursday 3rd or 17th August 4-7pm at Number One Rochdale Riverside. There is also a virtual consultation room at <https://castleton.consultation.ai/phase2>.

The proposed development will remove the ability for visitors to church for services and events to park on Manchester Road and will seriously impact traffic around church – please take a moment to have a look at the plans. A copy of the information that has been posted to some homes in the Parish is available at the back of church.

Forthcoming events



St Aidan's Church Open Day

16th September 2023

10am – 4pm

Come and look around this Grade II* Temple Moore church as part of the national Heritage Open Days 2023

2pm – 4pm

St Aidan's Choir will be singing the congregation's Top 20 hymns accompanied by the Father Willis organ.

Come & go as you please and join in with the hymns.

Refreshments will be served all day.



VOTE FOR YOUR TOP TWENTY HYMNS - £1 EACH

List your favourite hymn/s on the form provided and put £1 in the box for each choice.



Countdown will be on
Saturday 16th September 2023 (2pm-4pm)

The choir will sing the twenty hymns with the most votes
Please come and join in or just listen (no charge)



Refreshments will be available



Can you help?

Volunteers are required to show visitors round on the Open Day and serve refreshments.

If you can help in any way around church, with the Children's Groups or at special events please speak to the Vicar, Churchwardens or any member of the PCC.
Thank you!

St. Aidan's Church PCC Invite You to

A Family HARVEST Barn Dance



Saturday 30th September
7pm to 10.30pm

Tickets £2.00 - Children FREE

CALLER AND MUSIC BY STEVEN GOODING

Bring your own drinks. Bring food for a shared meal, including food you know your children will enjoy. Plates, cutlery & glasses provided.
Tea & coffee available on food service.

Please add your name & party numbers to the list at the back of Church
Contact Malcolm Bywater on 07980 606175

St Aidan's Church Hall, Manchester Road,
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Church Diary	
September 2023	
Sunday 3rd	St Aidan Festival – Patronal Festival Children's Groups recommence Confirmation Service at St Luke Heywood time tbc
Saturday 16th	Heritage Open Day & Top 20 Favourite Hymns 10am – 4pm (Hymn Singing 2-4pm and tours all day)
Sunday 24th	Evensong at St Aidan's Church 6.30pm
Saturday 30th	Barn Dance & Shared Supper 7-10pm
October 2023	
Sunday 1st	Harvest Festival – gifts will be donated to Rochdale Foodbank
Sunday 22nd	Evensong 6.30pm
Saturday 28th	St Aidan's Church Autumn Fair 11am – 1pm
December 2023	
Sunday 2nd	Advent Sunday
Saturday 9th	Christmas Afternoon Tea 2 -4pm



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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