



St Aidan's Church

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




Newsletter December 2022

Weekly Services

Sunday 10am Holy Communion & Junior Church **Wednesday 9.30am** Holy Communion

Refreshments are served after the services

Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals by arrangement with the Churchwardens

	4 th Dec Advent 2	11 th Dec Advent 3:	18 th Dec Advent 4:	24 th Dec Christmas Eve	25 th Dec Christmas Day
Readings 	Isaiah 11.1-10; Psalm 72.1-7,18-19; Romans 15.4-13; Matthew 3.1-12	Isaiah 35.1-10; Psalm 146.5-10; James 5.7-10; Matthew 11.2-11	Isaiah 7.10-16; Psalm 80.1-7,17-19; Romans 1.1-7; Matthew 1.18-25	Isaiah 52:7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12] John 1:1-14	Isaiah 9:2-7 Luke 2:1 - 14
Anthems 	<i>Wait for the Lord</i> Taizé <i>Long ago prophets knew</i>	<i>Of the Father's love begotten</i> <i>Love came down at Christmas</i>	<i>From Jesse's Stock</i> Praetorius <i>Gabriel's message</i>	<i>Silent Night</i> <i>Ding dong merrily on high</i>	<i>Carols</i>



The Church of England has launched **The Great Invitation** – encouraging everyone to share the joy of gathering together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with our families, friends and neighbours.

There will also be 12 reflections available from cofe.io/FollowTheStar

Starting on Christmas Eve and continuing daily (Monday to Saturday) until the Epiphany (6 January), these reflections will help to make space this Christmas. On each of the 12 days, a different contributor will share something that speaks of a Christmas invitation for them, bringing the theme to life through a mixture of personal story, Bible reading, reflection and challenge.

Advent & Christmas Services at St Aidan's



Masonic Carol Service Sunday 11th Dec at 3pm
St Aidan's Carol Service Sunday 18th Dec at 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Midnight Service 11.30pm with carols from 11.15pm
Christmas Day 10am
New Year's Day 10am with Bishop Mark



*A MESSAGE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS
FROM OUR CHURCHWARDENS*

Dear Friends,

As we commence our period of Advent leading up to the celebration of the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ we hope that you are all able to join us at some point as we celebrate this great occasion in the church year.

We will light an Advent candle each week with the children: symbolising Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace and culminating with the Christ Candle on Christmas Day.

It is a time of preparation and of course all of us here at St Aidan's are preparing to welcome a new Vicar to lead us along with St Martin's and St George's on our journey of faith. We hope that it is not too long before our wait is over.

As Churchwardens we would like to thank you all for your continuing support over the last few months in maintaining the care of the church and gardens and holding fundraising events.

*Thank you in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit,
Amen.*

Malcolm and Christine



Advent Card Tree 2022

Each year this is placed in the Tower for you to attach a greeting to church members if you so wish. Saving the expense of cards, this provides an opportunity to make an extra donation to church or a charity of your choice. It also saves paper waste.

The Peace Lily in the Tower has been kindly donated by Christine – thank you!



Autumn Fair 2022



A big thank you to everyone who helped at or attended the Autumn Fair with a special thanks to Tracey for masterminding the event, We raised a much-needed £1000 for church funds and enjoyed ourselves too!

Don't forget ...
St Martin's Church Fair
is on Saturday 3rd December
10.30am - 1.30pm

Charity appeals



Winter Warmer collection of blankets, knitting wool & needles, hand made items or squares. Please see the poster in the Hall.



Details about donating can be found at <https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk>



Christmas Toy Appeal
New toys can be donated at collection points across the Borough. More details can be found at <https://www.rochdale.gov.uk/christmas/christmas-toy-appeal>



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.

You can also make 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) usually 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 **No meetings on 25.12.22 or 1.1..23**



Follow the Star: The Great Invitation

Advent calendar

Click [here](#) for the Church Of England's Advent Calendar with a family activity for each day from 1st December.

Giving to St Aidan's Church



Thank you for your continued financial support to church whether it be through the pledged giving envelope scheme, weekly or monthly standing orders, gift aid donations or cash donations. The upkeep and running of the church really is dependent on your continued support. Coming soon this month will be the facility for us to accept your donations digitally. With bank cards having overtaken cash as the preferred form of payment in society, you will soon be able to donate to church using your card on a portable card reader.

For those who give through the envelope scheme, please collect your 2023 envelopes from the table at the back of church.

Thank you.

Debra Buckley, Treasurer



BJT Enterprises in association with Gay Gordon's presents ...

A New Year's Eve Party

From 8.30pm in the Church Hall.

Ceilidh and Bring & Share Supper.

Tickets £5 from Christine (see contacts).

Contact Us

Vicar Our Parish is now in a Vacancy. Please contact a Churchwarden if you need any information.	Churchwarden Malcolm Bywater Tel 01706 623546 Mobile: 07980606175 Malcolm.bywater@sky.com	Churchwarden Christine Richardson Tel 01706 416997 Mobile: 07774970322 christineroserichardson@gmail.com
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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](#)



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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THE CHURCH
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Church Diary

- 11th Dec Masonic Carol Service 3pm
- 18th Dec St Aidan's Carol Service 6.30pm
- 24th Dec Midnight Service 11.30pm
- 25th Dec Family Communion 10am
- 31st Dec New Year's Eve Party from 8.30pm
- 1st Jan Family Communion with Bishop Mark
- 17th Jan PCC Meeting 7.30pm



eton Ward Councillor's Advice Surgery
is held in St Aidan's Church Hall 10.30-11.30am on the 1st Saturday in the month.