



St Aidan's Church

in the Parish of St Aidan Sudden Rochdale
and All Souls Heywood www.staidan.org.uk

Newsletter September 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

4th Sept
Trinity 12

11th Sept
Trinity 13

18th Sept
Trinity 14

25th Sept
Trinity 15

Readings



Deuteronomy 30.15-20
Psalm 1
Philemon 1-21
Luke 14.25-33

Exodus 32.7-14
Psalm 51.1-10
1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

Amos 8.4-7
Psalm 113
1 Timothy 2.1-7
Luke 16.1-13

Amos 6.1a, 4-7
Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6.6-19
Luke 16.19-31

Anthems



*As water to the
thirsty*

*I will sing the
wondrous story*

*Father who in Jesus
found us*

*Blessed are you poor
John Bell*

*We will lay our
burden down*

*The Lord is my
shepherd*

A Clare Benediction
Rutter

Jesus remember me
Taizé

John Bell

Goodall

Praying together at St Aidan's

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. We can only retain names for one week. Please 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.

We hope to continue the Prayer Meetings in the Chapel on the 1st Saturday in the month 11-11.45am Next date: Saturday 3rd September.

An opportunity for quiet contemplation in the midst of our busy weekends.

We usually follow The Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer.

<http://www.contemplative-prayer.org.uk/home/> If you are praying at home the verse for this month is Zechariah 4.6. 'Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit'



A message from Revd Michael

Dear All.

I can't believe that it's 12 years since I accepted the invitation from Bishop Nigel to leave Lowton and come to St Aidan's and All Souls'. Many memories: arriving with the banquet players performing as nuns; joyful weddings; baptisms of babies wh'ο are now at high school and, sadly, funerals of delightful members of both churches and communities. What will stay with me will be the kindness and love of many members of our congregation and the delight and musicality of our worship. It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve you as your parish priest and vicar. As the shape of ministry and priestly oversight changes in your locality I hope that God will continue to bless, guide and love you all in your journeys of faith.

Regards, love and prayers always,

Mike

Revd Michael Read



Photo taken at the Archdeacon's Visitation
in June by Eve Powers



Thanks to everyone who attended the lunch on 28th August and a big thank you to the organisers. If we receive any more photos we will post them on the Church website.

Thanks to everyone who donated towards Revd Michael's leaving gift and gave gifts and cards of their own. We gave him a watch and smart speaker together with a special card from all his friends at St Aidan's and All Souls.

Confirmation Classes

Ahead of the Confirmation service at **3pm on 6th November 2022** at St James, Heywood confirmation classes will be held as follows:



Wednesday 21st September 5pm-6pm at St Luke's, Heywood
Wednesday 5th October 5pm-6pm at St Luke's, Heywood
Wednesday 19th October 5pm-6pm at St Luke's, Heywood



Sunday 30th October 3pm-4.30pm at St James, Heywood

These sessions are designed primarily with young candidates in mind. A parent/ guardian/ responsible adult must be with the child for each of the sessions. Confirmation is usually offered to those in Year 6 or older. If your child is approaching this age and keen to be confirmed, please speak to your church/Sunday school leaders as we may be able to petition the Bishop on their behalf.

If you were not confirmed as a child and are exploring confirmation at an older age, please contact Revd Sally using the details above and she will be happy to talk with you about preparation to help you on your journey to confirmation. If you/your child would like to be confirmed, please ask a Churchwarden for the details of how to contact Revd Sally Robinson.



An opportunity to discuss dying, how to relate to those we love over the last part of their lives, and talk about the practicalities following a death.

**St.Aidan's
Church Hall
OL11 3EL**

**2-4PM Everyone
Welcome!**

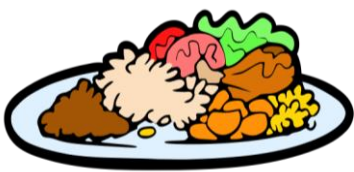
- 03 SEPT** **Let's Talk About 'Dying to Talk'**
Led by a doctor from Springhill Hospice
- 10 SEPT** **Registering and All That**
Led by Aileen Bolland, Rochdale Registration & Celebrant Services
- 17 SEPT** **Working with the Undertaker**
Led by Abigail Palmer, Dixons Funeral Service
- 24 SEPT** **Wills and Legacies Explained**
Led by Donna Myers, Solicitor and Diocesan Registrar
- 01 OCT** **Let's Talk About Finances**
Led by Judith Dunn, Assistant Solicitor at Molesworth's Bright Clegg
- 08 OCT** **The Grief and Bereavement Journey**
Led by Sally Ann Clouston from Springhill Hospice

**Each session begins
with light refreshments
before a talk from an
expert in their field.**

**Everyone is welcome to
attend all or some of
the stand-alone
sessions.**

The talks have been convened by The Revd Anne Gilbert, Manchester Diocese, and Rochdale Deanery Funeral champion. If you would like more information you can contact her via email:

revannegilbert@gmail.com
or by phone 01706 346774



St Aidan's Church Sunday Lunches: a message from Christine & Malcolm
The Sunday lunches for local people who live alone will restart on Sunday September 18th at a slightly earlier time of 12 15pm and the price will remain the same at £6 per person.

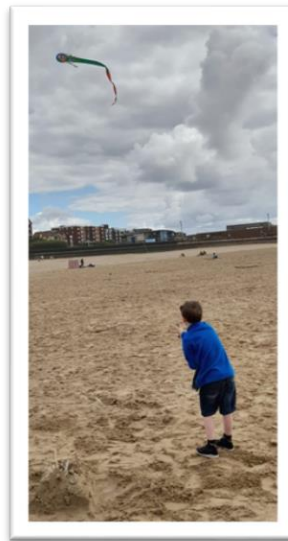
Subsequent dates are as follows:

September 18th October 23rd November 20th December 18th (2022)

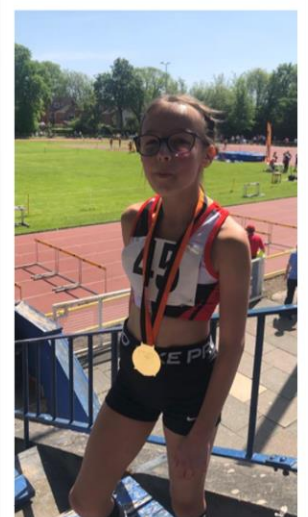
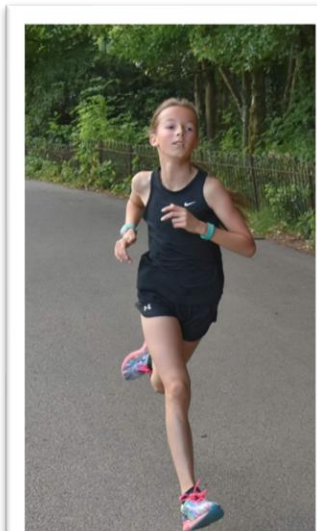
January 22nd February 19th March 19th April 16th May 21st (2023)

If you know of anyone new who would like to join us then please contact us before the actual lunch date so that we can then add them to our guest list.

Thanks to Ian & Joy for sending these photos of Noah – we hope you all had fun this summer too!



What Lucy did this summer – well done!



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.

Church Cleaning & Gardening

We always need help around the church and grounds – please join us if you can on the 3rd Saturday morning in the month. Next date: 15th October (no Saturday date in September due to weddings). Future plans include our annual bulb planting on October 1st - why not join us to plant some bulbs in memory of a loved one? All ages welcome.

Children and Families at St Aidan's Church



We are back after the summer break on 4th September.

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



Giving to St Aidan's Church

Your ongoing financial support is crucial to the upkeep and ministry of our church. We rely on the weekly collection to run the church and remain as a Christian presence in the community as we have been for over a century.

Please speak to the Treasurer (see Contacts) or any member of the PCC if you want to know more.

Church Diary



3rd September Prayer Meeting 11am

13th September PCC Meeting

1st October Bulb planting – weather permitting

2nd October Harvest Festival

29th October Fashion Show – details from Elaine

19th November Autumn Fair – see Tracey if you can help



Colours Pop-up Fashion Show

Sat 29th October 2 to 4pm
in the Hall



Autumn Fair



Sat 19th November

11am – 1pm

With Pie & Peas for lunch!

Contact Us

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

Vicar Our Parish is now in a Vacancy. Please contact a Churchwarden	Churchwarden Malcolm Bywater Tel 01706 623546 Mobile: 07980606175 Malcolm.bywater@sky.com	Churchwarden Christine Richardson Tel 01706 416997 Mobile: 07980606175 christineroserichardson @gmail.com
Treasurer Debra Buckley Tel. 01706 647703 debralbuckley @btinternet.com	PCC Secretary Ann Montgomery Tel. 01706 359869 ann@staidan.org.uk	Publicity Officer Ina Penneyston newsletter@staidan.org.uk

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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