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Events Diary			
January 2015			
Tues	20th	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course
Tues	27th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
February			
Tues	3rd	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course
Tues	17th	1.30pm & 7.30pm	Pilgrim Course

Regular Events

Open Church – 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays 10am-4pm.
Not open during January - volunteers and visitors are welcome from 4.2.15.

St Aidan's Art Group – Mondays 12.45pm

Choir Practice – Thursdays 7pm / 7.45pm

St. Aidan's Men's Group – 1st Weds of the month

St. Aidan's Ladies Guild – monthly meetings

St Aidan's Flower Group – Fridays 7.30pm

Knitwits – Fridays 3pm

Councillor's Surgery – 1st Saturday 10.15am

Coffee Morning at All Souls – 2nd Saturday 10.30am

St Aidan's Walking Group - usually 1st Sat of the month



St Aidan's C of E Parish Church
Manchester Road Rochdale OL11 3EL
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www.staidan.org.uk



Sunday
11th January 2015
The Baptism of Christ

Gospel Reading

Mark 1: 4 - 11

Anthems

Spirit of the Living Lord
Iverson
O Holy Spirit - *Tye*

Weekly Services

Sundays:

10am - Family Communion

Wednesdays:

9.30am - Holy Communion

Weddings and Baptisms
by appointment

St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

William Temple, the most well known of all Bishops of Manchester, famously claimed that the Christian Church is the only organisation created primarily for the benefit of those who are not its members. He called the Church of England to its core task of "saving souls" and affirmed that this goes hand in hand with responding to human need. We owe him a great debt.

To equip us for, and sustain us in this mission, we draw on three types of resources: people, buildings and local structure. Much of these are given to us as a very precious legacy from previous generations. In many of our poorer communities we may well be the only remaining organisation that is physically present with all three. We are greatly blessed in our diocese by our local clergy and laity, our church buildings and our locally based PCCs and committees.

As in every generation, we are called to consider how we best match these resources to the needs and opportunities of the present day, yet in such a way as to pass them on in good health to those who will follow us.

Many decisions are best taken at the most local level, usually the parish. Others, for example the deployment of clergy, have an impact that stretches beyond the immediate place; the interests and aspirations of one locality need to be balanced against those of others. To this end Bishop's Council has set up four small working groups, one for each of our resources of people, buildings and local structure, and one looking at our diocesan committee structures.

Over the next few months, the groups will consult across the diocese, unearthing examples of good practice both from Manchester and beyond, and evaluating what they find. Their work will be coordinated, guided and monitored by a small team of eight, including all three bishops. From this will flow the options for how we might best fulfil 'Temple's mission'. Where governance decisions are called for, they will be made by either the Bishop's Council or our Diocesan Synod.

It would be foolish to pretend that this process will not lead us to some decisions that involve making hard choices. But I am confident that we will approach the challenge to be a "healthy church, transforming communities", in a spirit of opportunity, not of imagined crisis.

Don't be surprised if you are invited to share your views by one of the working groups. Please be patient, and perhaps even grateful, when you or your church is asked to complete a survey or take part in a public meeting.

God has called us to be a people of prayer, faith, hope and love, grace, holiness and mercy. Blessed by these gifts we fulfil our mission; sharing our Lord's own concern for others, particularly the most needy, and the world.

At Epiphany we recall the gifts that the magi brought and offered to Jesus. It is a timely moment to begin the next phase of discerning how our own three gifts: people, buildings and structures, can also be laid at His feet, to be used in his service.

Yours ever

David Walker, Bishop of Manchester

Welcome to St Aidan's Church

We are a friendly caring church. If we can help you in any way, please speak to the Vicar, Sidespersons or any of the Church Officers.

Our Mission is to be a strong church family, promoting and maintaining the Good News about Jesus to the Parish and the wider community.



Refreshments are served in the Hall after the Service.

FLOWERS: Please fill in The Flower Rota if you wish to donate Flowers on a specific date. All donations to the Flower Fund are always welcome.

INTERCESSIONS
Please write names for the Intercessions in the book at the back of Church.

JUNIOR CHURCH: Our Children's Groups meet in the Hall during the morning Service: Kindergarten (3-6); Adventurers & Explorers (7-14).

WEEKLY GIVING

If you currently use the **weekly envelopes** then you can collect next year's from the back of church. Many of you have kindly switched to standing order so if you no longer require the weekly envelopes please just leave them at the back of church and let Joanne Elcock know. As we are promoting giving by **standing order** slips are now available at the back of church (or see a Sidesperson). Please use one if you give by this method but would still like to place something on the offertory plate. The wording on the slips is the same as that on the weekly envelopes.

DUTIES 18th Jan Epiphany 2

Sidespersons	JM JM HH VK	Hall Preparation	JT MJ
Coffee	AP BW LH	Counting	DB RJ

Please email notices to newsletter@staidan.org.uk by Weds. If you wish this notice sheet to be emailed to you every week, please contact newsletter@staidan.org.uk

Please send items for the website to webmaster@staidan.org.uk



Pilgrim Course: a new series of sessions based on the Lord's Prayer will start in the New Year:

Jan 6th & 20th Feb 3rd & 17th Mar 3rd & 17th

More details from Revd Michael; Revd Ian Butterworth or Sheila Tolley.

All are welcome to join at any time and attend as many sessions as they choose.

2014 Annual Reports

Please send your reports on Church Groups and Activities to Ann Montgomery.

Centenary Wall Hanging

As part of our centenary celebrations 2015 we are making a wall hanging in the form of a stained glass window containing multi-coloured diamond-shaped panes. You can have your name embroidered on a pane for a minimum donation of £5. Please see the table at the back of church.

Elizabeth Milne

FOR SALE

As part of our centenary celebrations we have had the St Aidan's logo embroidered in gold onto black t shirts which the cast wore in this yrs banquets. If you would like to order one please see Sheila Tolley

Short sleeved v – neck t shirts £13

Short sleeve polo shirt £15

Long sleeve sweat shirt £16

Zipped hoddie £18

More details and examples at the back of Church

Cash with order please

PARSON'S PINTS

Jan 15th Feb 12th March 19th April 23rd May 21st June 18th July 16th
8.30pm at Success to the Plough

HERITAGE CALENDARS

For Sale : facsimile reproduction of a perpetual calendar produced in 1917 by the Vicar and Parishioners of St Aidan's £5
Please see Ann Montgomery