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Events Diary

March

Sun	22nd	10.00am	Centenary Eucharist with Bishop David
Fri	27 th	7pm	Clothes Party – The Thread Shed
Sun	29 th	11.45am	Annual Church Meetings

April

Weds	1st	10am – 4pm	Open Church with Coffee Morning 10.15-11.30am
Thurs	2nd	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Supper & Service
Fri	3rd	3pm	Come & Sing Stainer's Crucifixion
Sat	18 th	11 – 1pm	Spring Fair

Regular Events

Open Church – 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesdays 10am-4pm.

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 Church Annual Meetings (Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting) will be held on Sunday 29th March at 11.30am in the Church Hall. Nomination Forms for the Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council (PCC) Members are available this morning and should be returned to the Vicar before the meetings.



**Sunday
22nd March
2015**

Lent 6

**Gospel
Reading**

Hebrews 5 5-10.

John 12 20-33.

Anthems

Adoramus Te Dubois

Locus Iste Bruckner

Marching

Trad. African

Weekly Services

Sundays:

10am - Family
Communion

Wednesdays:

9.30am - Holy
Communion

**Weddings and
Baptisms
by appointment**

St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale

100th Anniversary of the

Consecration of St. Aidan's Church.

Dr. Knox, the Bishop of Manchester consecrated St. Aidan's Church on **Wednesday 24th March, 1915.**

The parishioners and their first Vicar, the Rev. Hartley Harrison, must have been very proud of their achievements. The Church had been designed by Temple Moore, a distinguished church architect and built by T S Ullathorne & Sons of Selby. The original design for the Church had been modified and there were insufficient funds to complete the Tower. This all took place in the middle of the Great War when many of the young men of the Parish were fighting for their country or had already been listed as casualties.

This morning we are offering thanks for the life and work of St. Aidan's Church for over 100 years.

We have inherited not only a beautiful building but also the pride and determination of that original congregation. We are proud of St Aidan's Church not just as a building but also as an important part of the local community.

Bishop Knox concluded his sermon

"I pray that God will give you grace to use aright the gift which He has put into your possession."

The original congregation struggled at a difficult time to erect a church for the people of Sudden. May we gratefully accept our responsibility for continuing the work which they began for the next century and beyond.

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.*

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

FLOWERS: Please fill in the Flower List and speak to Elizabeth Milne if you wish to donate (or arrange) flowers on a specific date. Donations to the Flower Fund are always welcome.

INTERCESSIONS: We pray for people we know who are sick each week. Please write names for the Intercessions in the book at the back of Church: **names should be renewed at the beginning of each month whilst our prayers are still needed.** Prayers of thanksgiving for recovery can also be requested.

DUTIES 29th March Palm Sunday

Sidespersons	B Whitehead; V Hardy; E Fowler	Hall Preparation	AC, AJ
Coffee	JD, PS, PD	Counting	RO, EF
Church Cleaning	As Rota	Open Church	As Rota

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

This morning we welcome the Right Reverend David Walker, the Bishop of Manchester to help us to celebrate our Centenary. Please have a look at the displays in the Tower after the Service and join us for Coffee (or Tea) and Cakes in the Hall.

LAY MINISTRY

The diocese is keen to involve more people in lay ministry and provides a variety of training courses to support the different types of lay ministry. If you would like to know more please look at the Vocations Folder on the table at the back of church, or speak to Revd. Michael. "Taster" sessions are being run again over the next few weeks which are a really good way of finding out in more detail about what the training and the ministry involves. Places need to be booked so please talk to Sheila Tolley for more information; Foundations For Ministry – a good basic introduction which can help you to decide what more you might want to do, on Wednesday 13 May in Church House, Manchester.
Authorised Lay Ministry (ALM) Saturday morning, 16 May, Bury.
Reader Ministry, Tuesday 14 April, Church House.

GATHERING AT THE CROSS

Saturday 4th April at 11 am - Castleton Village Green
A Short service of Christian Worship

THE WALKING GROUP

Easter Walk ; Join us on Sat 4th April for a family friendly four and a half mile walk in Burrs Country Park and the village of Summerseat. On Saturday 2nd May we will be walking around the Cheshire Village of Mobberley. The 5 mile walk combines a range of footpaths through pasture & arable fields as well as country lanes Meet as usual in Church car park at 8.45am. Walking shoes or boots should be worn for all walks. For further info contact Lynne & Bill 01706 522559

COME & DINE WITH THE NIGHTINGALES

Sat 25th April Volunteers required for setting up on Sat morning, to cook, wait on tables, wash up, etc. Please have a word with Keith if you can help in any way. Many Thanks

HEYWOOD LENT LUNCH

Wed 25th March at St Joseph's 12.30pm in The Parish Centre , next door to the Church