

# What's happening at St Aidan's?



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## Annual Spring Fair

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April

\*\* 11am to 1pm \*\*

St Aidan's Church Hall

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Toys, books, tombola, raffle, games,  
white elephant, home-bake,  
chocolate tombola, lucky dip

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Refreshments including PIE & PEAS  
Entrance 50p – Children Free

**KNITWITS &  
KRAFTY KATS**  
Every Friday  
At 3pm

**FLOWER CLUB**  
Every Friday  
7.30pm to  
9.30pm



**WATERCOLOUR  
PAINTING**  
Mondays at  
12.45pm



## In the church hall

### Zumba Classes

Thursdays at 7pm

(Contact Laura on 07793 889796)

### Karate Kids

Wednesday's at 6.30 -8.00pm

(Contact William on 01706 759387)

### COUNCILLOR JEAN HORNBY'S SURGERY

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month  
from

10.30 to 12 noon

Refreshments available &  
church open for visitors.

**Why we like  
St Aidan's.**

### Fun Activities!

James age 7  
Erin age 8

### We don't bite!

Benjamin age 8

### We are really friendly!

Grace age 12

### Friendly & Fun! We learn about the bible.

Kelli age 9

### I have made life long friends.

Amelia & Millie  
age 11

## CLOTHES PARTY

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm to 9pm

Entrance £2 including refreshments

***The Thread Shed** is a locally based fashion focused  
online clothing boutique and they're coming along to St  
Aidan's with a selection of their clothes.*

***Clinique** from the Boots store in Rochdale will also be  
on hand to offer skin care and make-up advice.*

**Our "Father" WILLIS organ** is 130 years old and was  
installed at St Aidan's in 1952.

The Vicar at that time was the Rev B L Barnby, a well known  
musician, who bought the organ from Park Hall in Cardiff.

Very little has changed since it was built in 1884. The  
sounds and tones available are second to none, but because  
of age, many parts are failing and money is needed to  
rebuild it as it was when new. We have bid for help from  
many sources, and are awaiting replies.

This organ is part of our heritage, and we hope to fund a  
complete rebuild. The organ will then be once again fit to  
arrange recitals with many eminent organists.

If you can help, please contact Malcolm Bywater.

### Tools With a Mission

In many countries of the world people have few skills, little  
education and no means of earning a living. St Aidan's is a keen  
supporter of this charity which provides help by collecting and  
refurbishing tools and equipment no longer required in the UK and  
sending them overseas. See [www.twam.co.uk](http://www.twam.co.uk) or contact John on  
01706 527973 for more info or if you have unwanted tools.

### Walking Group – More Amblers than Ramblers!

Meet the first Saturday of every month. Walks tend to be around 5  
miles long and sometimes end with lunch in a country pub or tea  
room. All welcome but proper boots are needed.

Contact Lynne or Bill on 01706 522559 for further information.

**St Aidan's Church Hall** – Our large hall has a stage, kitchen  
facilities and a smaller annex room. If you're interested in hiring  
the hall for a regular group activity contact Andrew Huxley 07925  
106114 or email [Andrew@staidan.hall.co.uk](mailto:Andrew@staidan.hall.co.uk) (Unfortunately we  
are currently unable to let out the hall for private parties.)

### A Little Bit of Humour!

"The vicarage where I grew up was large and rambling and  
the only telephone was in the study, which was at the end of a  
long corridor. One lovely summer day, my father, the vicar,  
was out, and we were all in the garden.

The telephone rang for the nth time that day so I made the  
lengthy dash to the study, snatched up the receiver and  
snarled "Bishop's Palace: who is  
it?" After a lengthy pause, a voice replied "This is the bishop,  
do I take it that your father isn't home?"

Thank goodness he found it amusing"