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## Forthcoming Events

### January 2016

Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	Candlemas 6.30pm St Aidan's
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### February 2016

<b>Tues</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 16th</b>	Pilgrim Course 1.30pm & 7.30pm
<b>Sun</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Confirmation Service at St Martin's
<b>Wed</b>	<b>10th</b>	Evensong & Service for Rev Read 7.30pm
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>11th</b>	Parson's Pints 8.30pm
<b>Tues</b>	<b>23rd</b>	PCC Meeting 7.30pm

### March 2016

Tues	1 <sup>st</sup> & 15th	Pilgrim Course 1.30pm & 7.30pm
Fri	4 <sup>th</sup>	Thornton's Chocolate Party
Thurs	17th	Parson's Pints 8.30pm
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Meetings 11.45am

### April 2016

Sat	16th	Spring Fair
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## Regular Events

**Open Church** – Every Wednesday 10am- 1pm (not Jan)

**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 2pm

**Councillor's Surgery** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 10.15am

**Walking Group** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sat of Mth



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# St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale

**Epiphany 4/Presentation  
of Christ in the Temple  
Candlemas  
31st January 2016**

**Gospel reading**  
Luke 2:22-40

### Anthems

*When To The Temple*  
*Mary Went* Eccard

*O Nata Lux* Tallis

## Weekly Services

### Sundays:

10am

Family Communion

### Wednesdays:

9.30am

Holy Communion

**Weddings and Baptisms  
by appointment**



**Open Church &  
Coffee Morning**  
Every Wednesday  
10am – 1pm



**Candlemas  
Service**

**This evening**

**at**

**6.30pm**

## St Aidan's Church Electoral Roll 2016

This year the Electoral Roll of the church is to be **UPDATED** in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March after the Service.

If you are a new member of St. Aidan's please complete an application form. The forms will be on the table in the tower from 7<sup>th</sup> February and forms must be completed by 21<sup>st</sup> February.

### Criteria:

- be baptized
- be 16 or over or reach your 16<sup>th</sup> birthday in the next 12 months
- have habitually attended worship in the Parish during the last 6 months.

**For further information, please  
speak to Elaine Fowler (Electoral  
Roll Secretary) or a Churchwarden.**

## 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.**

### Intercession Prayers

Please write names for the Intercessions on the list at the back of Church. Names should be renewed at the beginning of each month whilst our prayers are still needed for those who are sick. Prayers of thanksgiving for recovery can also be requested. There are Prayer Cards at the back of Church to be given out to friends and relatives to let them know that the St Aidan's Church family is praying for them.

### Church 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. Please inform Elizabeth or email [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk) if you wish to place a message in the Notices.

### Fundraising & Events

Please contact a member of the Events Co-ordination Group (D Thorneycroft, Sheila Tolley, Deborah Whitham, Joanne Elcock, Julie Huxley, Barbara Whitehead) if you would like to suggest or organise an event. We can help! Email [joanne@staidan.org.uk](mailto:joanne@staidan.org.uk)

### Junior Church

The Children's Groups meet in the Hall during the Sunday Morning Service:  
Kindergarten (3-6)  
Adventurers (7-14)

**Young Stewards help in church on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in the month.**



**Refreshments are served in the Hall after the service.**  
**All welcome.**

### Duties 7th Feb 2016 Next before Lent Transfiguration

Sidespersons	Young Stewards	Hall Preparation	AC AJ
Coffee	JD PS PD	Counting	KL JH
Church Cleaning		Open Church	

Please email [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk) with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.

### CONFIRMATION SERVICE at St Martin Castleton

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb. 6.30pm**

Please go along if you can to support our Confirmands and keep Kelli, Dawn, Kirk and Holly in your prayers.

### Christian Aid Evening

A talk by Anna Sinclair from Christian Aid on Climate Change – Marsheda's Story on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm** at Smithy Bridge Methodist Church. There will be stalls, activities and refreshments. All are welcome.

### Men's Group

No meeting on Wednesday 3rd. The next one will be on March 2nd. *Keith Floyd* 648955

**Open Church:** There is a new list by the Visitors' Book for you to sign in for a session. Coffee is served after the service and helpers and visitors are very welcome. Ideally, there should be two people on duty at a time. *Keith Floyd* 648955

**St Aidan's Walking Group:** The next walk Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Feb (please note 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat in Feb). Join us for a 5½ mile wander around Pennington Flashing and Lightshaw Meadow. Although just off east Lancs Rd this is one of the best areas in Lancs for bird watching so bring your binoculars. Sat 5<sup>th</sup> March we will be going to Ball Grove and Wycoller country parks. This 5 & half mile walk takes in some lovely scenery including Ferndean Way and Colne Water. Meet as usual in Church car park at 8.45am. Further details from *Lynne & Bill* 522559

We are hosting a **Thornton's Chocolate Party** on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. Lots of chocolate and fun & games for all the family. Tea, coffee and juice will be available. Raffle and gifts to buy for Mothering Sunday and Easter. Tickets ( £5) available from Joanne or Julie.

**Pilgrim Course:** Everyone is welcome to come along and join one of the Pilgrim groups at any time during the course. For more information please talk to Rev. Michael, Rev. Ian B. or Sheila Tolley. See events diary.