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Forthcoming Events				
February 2016				
Tues	23rd	PCC Meeting 7.30pm		
Wed	24 th	Lent Lunch at St Joseph's		
March 2016				
Tues	1 st & 15th	Pilgrim Course 1.30pm & 7.30pm		
Wed	2 nd	Lent Lunch at Baptist Church Heywood		
Weds	2 nd	Men's Group		
Fri	4 th	Thornton's Chocolate Party		
Wed	9 th	Lent Lunch at Trinity Methodist		
Wed	16 th	Lent Lunch at St Luke's		
Thurs	17th	Parson's Pints 8.30pm		
Sun	20 th	Annual Meetings 11.45am		
Fri	25 th	Good Friday Service at St Aidan's, 10am		
Fri	25 th	Come & Sing extracts from "Messiah"		
April 2016				
Tues	5 th	Pilgrim Course 1.30 pm & 7.30pm		

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 – 1st Saturday 10.15am Walking Group - 1st Sat of Mth











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21st February 2016

Lent 2

Gospel reading

Luke 6: 36 - 38

Anthems

Hide Not Thou Face Farrant On Eagle's Wings Joncas

Weekly Services

Sundays:

10am

Family Communion

Wednesdays:

9.30am **Holy Communion**

Weddings and Baptisms by appointment



Open Church & Coffee Morning Every Wednesday 10am - 1pm

St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale



Heywood

Churches **Together**



Lent Lunches

2016

Feb 17th at St Margaret's

Feb 24th at St Joseph's

March 2nd at The Baptist Church, Heywood

March 9th at Trinity Methodist

March 16th at St Luke's

Time - 12 .30pm

There will be a Speaker at all The Lent Lunches

Church Meeting on Sunday 20th 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 , 7th February and forms must be completed by **TODAY** 21st February.

Criteria:

- be baptized
- be 16 or over or reach your 16th 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 Pravers

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 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. Email 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 1st Sunday in the month.



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

Duties 28 th Feb Lent 3					
Sidespersons	A&JCW&LH	Hall Preparation	JM;WH		
Coffee	DT;SS;DP	Counting	EF		
Church Cleaning	R &EOEF;AM	Open Church	See Rota		

Please email newsletter@staidan.org.uk with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.



IN MEMORIAM

The Flowers today have been donated by Pat Martin and Family in Loving Remembrance of George & Joan Ireland's 70th Wedding Anniversary

ST ANDREW'S METHODIST /URC Rochdale Town Centre

Lent Soup Lunch 12 noon, Lent Study Course 12.30 every Tues in Lent from 16th Feb, Further details Poster at Back of Church

THE WALKING GROUP

Sat 5th 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 Lynne & Bill 522559

OPEN CHURCH & COFFEE MORNING

A reminder that help is needed to cover the current open church and coffee mornings between 10 and 1pm **EVERY** Wednesday. If you can help please sign up at the back of church or see Keith Lloyd.

<u>Yummy, yummy!!</u> We are hosting a **Thornton's Chocolate Party** on Friday 4th March at 7pm. Lots of chocolate and fun & games for all the family. Tea, coffee and juice will be available. There'll be a raffle and gifts to buy for Mothering Sunday and Easter. All tickets are £5 and available from Joanne

BUILDING NEWS

Warm thanks to those who generously contributed to the cost of replacing the old damaged mesh to our East Window. The work of removal of the mesh, cleaning of the glass and installing clear polycarbonate protection has now been completed and enhanced the appearance from both inside and out. It was particularly noticeable in the bright sunlight we enjoyed last Sunday; let's hope for some more

Works preliminary to repairs to the defective stonework in the tower which led to the temporary closure of the drive will be carried out on Thursday and then resuming on site 4 weeks later. Apologies in advance for any disruption which this may cause

WWDOP

Fri 4th March 2016 at 1.30pm at St Joseph's. Heywood Guest Speaker – Karen Beal – Children's Work Officer, Diocese of Manchester Refreshments will be served after the service

SHEILA'S EMPTY JARS NEED FILLING

Do you have loose change hanging around? See Sheila Whitworth for a jar to collect it in. All funds raised will be put aside for future organ repairs.

HEBRON CHURCH

40 Days Holy Bible reading Rochdale Town Centre organised by Hebron Church From New King James Version, commencing daily at 14 00 Hrs; 2 hrs per day(2.5 hrs for Day 31 and 33) Information at the back of Church