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Forthcoming Events				
December				
Sun	20 <sup>th</sup>	St Aidan's Children Christmas Service at 10am St Aidan's Carol Service at 6.30pm		
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Christingle 2pm at All Souls'		
Thurs	24 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eucharist at 11 pm-All Welcome		
Fri	25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Eucharist at 10 am – All Welcome		
January 2016				
Mon	11 <sup>th</sup>	PCC Meeting at 7.30pm		
Sat	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Beetle Dr & post Banquet Party All Welcome		
Sun	31 <sup>st</sup>	Candlemas at All Souls'		

## Regular Events

Open Church - Every Wednesday 10am-1pm 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 Coffee Morning at All Souls – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10.30am St Aidan's Walking Group - usually 1st Sat of the month











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## Advent 4 20<sup>th</sup> December

Gospel reading

Luke 1: 39 – 45 (46 - 55)

## **Anthems**

Hail Blessed Virgin Mary

## **Weekly Services**

## Sundays:

10am - Family Communion

## Wednesdays:

9.30am - Holy Communion

Weddings and **Baptisms** By appointment



Open Church every Wednesday 10am - 1pm

# St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale

The Message of Christmas and the joy that it brings is new and vibrant every yr. This is because the coming of Jesus in the form of a child can give us hope and bring us peace. The story of the Nativity is a famous one and a well know one. There will not be many people in this country and in many parts of the world who will not know about Jesus being born in a stable and being visited by shepherds and later wise men. Even people of other faiths and none, know the story of the birth of Jesus

But familiarity and sameness of the story does not diminish the glory and the freshness of the message .Even in the old story being retold, new opportunities arise for mission and evangelism. The Gospel of Jesus and his love for us as humam beings is never outdated or diminished and it is up to us to make sure that people know that this festival is about the birth of Jesus, not the lastest star wars, lego toy, or how many lights you have outside your front door

So as a Christian it's our joy, delight, and commitment to Jesus that we show the True meaning of Christmas and spread the Good news of Jesus's love for them by coming among us as a human and sharing his life with us.

"God is Love and those who live in Love Live in God" May you have a Happy and a Holy Christmas Revd Michael

St Aidan's

St Aidan's Children's Service. 10 am 20<sup>th</sup> Dec St Aidan's Carol Service 6.30pm 20<sup>th</sup> Dec

**All Souls** Messy Christingle 2pm 24<sup>th</sup> Dec All Souls First Eucharist of Christmas

24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 6.30pm

#### No 1 Riverside

Carol Service

4.30pm Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Some posters at the back of Church

## 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 <a href="mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk">newsletter@staidan.org.uk</a> 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

#### **Junior Church**

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



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

Duties 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2015 Christmas 1					
Sidespersons	A&JCW&LH	Hall Preparation	JT;MJ		
Coffee	DT;SS;DP	Counting	JH;KL		
Church Cleaning		Open Church			

Please email <a href="mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk">newsletter@staidan.org.uk</a> with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.



The Christmas arrangement in the porch has been presented by Elaine and Roy Fowler & Family In Loving Memory of Elaine's Parents Eric & Ethel Platt

The Flowers at the pulpit are presented by Helena in loving memory of her mother Amy

## **PossAbilities Proudly Presents**

"Its gonna be a late, late. Christmas" In Middleton Arena 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Doors open 7pm, Performance 7.45pm( late bar) Tickets £10 Concession Tickets available

#### CHURCH KEYS

As a consequence of a theft (which included a set of Church & Hall Keys) both outer locks are being changed and the work will take place on Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec Replacement keys will be available to existing keyholders from John T after the service today

Our Members Glenn and Matthew Metcalfe will be appearing. Please support them

#### **FOODBANK**

Once again we are overwhelmed by the generosity of local people which has enabled us to build up stocks in readiness for increased demand in the winter mths &also to give some extra Christmas treats to our clients. Particular thanks must go to Rochdale Round Table for collecting almost one & three quarters tonnes of food for us in their house to house collection, to Falinge School for almost 3 quarters of a ton and to shoppers at Tesco for over half a ton donated during our recent instore collecting w/k to which Tesco will add a top up. Thasnks also to Bill Lovick of Lovick's Furnishings for providing thansport to bring the Tesco food to us. The prayer & practical support of all our neighbours is & will remain invaluable

#### OPTIONAL WAY TO SEND YOUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There will be a Christmas Card Tree at the back of Church from Advent Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. If you wish you can place one card on the tree to greet all your friends at St Aidan's. Perhaps with the money saved, from buying one card instead of many, you may wish to make a donation to a Charity of your choice or gift aid it to St Aidan's

## THE WALKING GROUP

Blow away the cobwebs and join us for the first walk of 2016. Our 5 mile walk is mainly easy- going however there are a couple of gradients as it takes in areas of Strinesdale, Bishops Park Monument and the lower slopes of Besom Hill in Delph, Oldham. Meet as usual 8.45am in the Church car park on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2016

**CHRISTMAS MEALfor** Homeless people those in housing need/and /or may be isolated or lonely. The meal( Ticket only) is being held on Christmas Eve at St Chad's Parish Church in Rochdale and builds on the successful event held last yr 24<sup>th</sup> Dec at 12 30pm Free Tickets available for individuals & agencies form Petrus Hub Tele No 01706 526289 The event is sponsored by Ahmed Nadim & family with support from St Chad's, Rochdale council, & Petrus Community