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Forthcoming Events					
January 2016					
Mon	11 th	PCC Meeting at 7.30pm			
Sat	23 rd	Beetle Dr & post Banquet Party All Welcome			
Sun	31 st	Candlemas at All Souls'			
		February 2016			
	March 2016				
Fri	4 th March	Thorntons Chocolate Party			

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 – 1st Saturday 10.15am Coffee Morning at All Souls – 2nd Saturday 10.30am St Aidan's Walking Group - usually 1st Sat of the month



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Christmas 1 27th December Gospel reading

Luke 2 :41 - end

Carols 14 and 12

Weekly Services Sundays: 10am - Family Communion Wednesdays: 9.30am - Holy Communion Weddings and Baptisms By appointment

Open Church every Wednesday 10am – 1pm

St. Aídan'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 The Gospel of Jesus and his love for us as human beings is never outdated or diminished and it is up to us to make sure that people know that this festival is about the birth of Jesus, not the lastest star wars,lego toy,or how many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

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 <u>newsletter@staidan.org.uk</u> 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 3 rd Jan 2016 Christmas 2 – The Epiphany					
Sidespersons	IP;AM;Young Stewards	Hall Preparation	JT;MJ		
Coffee	JC;VK;MB	Counting			
Church Cleaning		Open Church			

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

HAPPY , PEACEFUL & HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL FROM REVD MICHAEL & FAMILY And ST AIDAN'S PCC

THE SAMARITANS

Beginners Spanish classes will be held on Mon evenings 6.45 to 8- 15pm at Samaritans Branch(5 Caton St)£3.50 per session or £30 for 10 sessions, all proceeds to Rochdale, Oldham & District Samaritans Further info please ring Moyra 07508 108874

PossAbilities Proudly Presents

"Its gonna be a late, late. Christmas" In Middleton Arena 8th & 9th January 2016 Doors open 7pm, Performance 7.45pm(late bar) Tickets £10 Concession Tickets available Our Members Glenn and Matthew Metcalfe will be appearing, Please support them

ROCHDALE SCOTTISH SOCIETY

They are having their Burn's Anniversary Dinner Dance on Fri 22^{nd} Jan at The Riverside 7pm – 1 am Tickets £25 ppPlus £1 donation to the Samaritans (Cheques payable to Rochdale & District Scottish Society)Payment by 10^{th} Jan to Alan The Imortal Memory by Iain Hills, Ceilidh music by Ian Slater Dress Code , Highland Dress or Evening wear Further details from Alan 0758 1002403

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

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 2nd Jan 2016