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Forthcoming Events		
May 2016		
Tues	3 rd /17 th	Pilgrim Course 1.30 & 7.30 pm
Thurs	12 th	Parson's Pints
Sun	15 th /21 st	Christian Aid Week
Thurs	26 th	Visitation at St Luke's Heywood 7.30pm
June 2016		
Tues	7 th /21 st	Pilgrim Course 1.30 & 7.30pm
Sat	11 th	Retreat at Katherine House, Salford 10am – 4pm
Sun	12 th	Celebration of the Queen's 90 th birthday
Thurs	16 th	Parson's Pints
Fri	17 th	The Jewellery & Clothes Party

Regular Events

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

Choir Practice – Thursdays 7pm / 7.45pm

St. Aidan's Men's Group – 1st Weds of the month

St. Aidan's Ladies Guild – monthly meetings

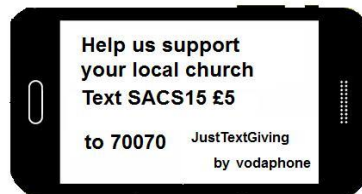
St Aidan's Flower Group – Fridays 7.30pm

St Aidan's Art Group – Mondays 12.45pm

Knitwits – Fridays 2pm

Councillor's Surgery – 1st Saturday 10.15am

St Aidan's Walking Group - usually 1st Sat of the month



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St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale



Christian Aid Week 15th - 21st May

Christian Aid bags with all the ingredients will be available today for those who have volunteered to deliver and then collect envelopes in various roads within the Parish. There are still some areas uncovered. Please have a look at the roads involved and take a bag if you can. Many thanks, Keith.

8th May 2016

Easter 7

Sunday after Ascension

Gospel reading

John 17:20-26

Anthems

Laudate Omnes Gentes *Taize*

God is Gone Up *Hutchings*

Weekly Services

Sundays:

10am

Family Communion

Wednesdays:

9.30am

Holy Communion



Refreshments are served in the Hall after the Sunday morning service and in church on Wednesdays. All are welcome.



Christian Aid Big Breakfast Weds 18th May

Join Elaine and friends on Wednesday 18th May from 10am for the Christian Aid Big Breakfast continental style. All proceeds to Christian Aid.

Don't forget you're welcome to come along to the 9.30am Holy Communion Service and there's also Link4Life's Zumba class at 10.30am following which you'll have earned your '**Big Breakfast**'!

Get fit spiritually, mentally and physically on Wednesday mornings at St Aidan's.

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.

Wednesday Open Church & Coffee Mornings

Help is needed on Wednesday mornings to cover our Open Church and Coffee Mornings. **Please, please, please** can you look to see if you can spare some time to be here between 10am and 1pm on the occasional Wednesday? The more people who can help means there's less for everyone else to do. There is now an exercise class in the hall on Weds mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 and some people like to stay for either company, a chat, coffee or even all three afterwards. Let's be here and show off our church to 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

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.

The Power of Social Media – following a post on Facebook about the repairs to the tower we were contacted by a reporter at Rochdale Online who wanted more information for an article; the article can be viewed in the news section on Rochdale Online. Also a video of our Ukulele Group playing at the end of the service last week was posted on Facebook; it reached over 400 people and was viewed over 200 times.

Junior Church

The Children's Groups meet in the Hall during the Sunday Morning Service:
Kindergarten (ages 3-6) and Adventurers (ages 7-14)
Young Stewards (our Adventurers group) help in church on the 1st Sunday in the month.

The Visitation will take place this year at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th May at St Luke's, Heywood.

The Vicar, all Sidespersons, PCC Members and Churchwardens are expected to attend and the PCC would like to encourage all to do so.

A Parish Quiet Day - has been arranged for Saturday June 11th at Katherine House, Salford. Revd Debby Plummer, who is experienced in leading such days, will give 2 talks on the subject of Discipleship - what it is & what it means to us. We then reflect on her thoughts or just have some quiet time. See the poster at the back of Church for more details. If you have never experienced a quiet day before, talk to Revd Michael to see if it is for you. Space is limited to 20 people and the cost is £10 pp. Please give your name to Sheila Tolley if you would like to enjoy a peaceful, thoughtful day away.

The Walking Group - the May walk is next Saturday, May 14th. It is a lovely five and a half mile ramble through the Shibden Valley and Park nr Halifax, Meet as usual in Church car park at 8.45am. Further details from Lynne and Bill 01706 522559.

Thank You to everyone who has supported the new Wednesday morning class and brought friends along. I approached Link4Life to run the class in the hope it would bring more people into our lovely church believing it supported **Our Mission** (see opposite). It has done, but it also means the coffee and open church mornings have been a little busier so if you can help out please put your name down on the rota. Thanks you Joanne

TWAM News - Our current collection of tools and equipment goes off to the regional refurbishing centre on Tuesday so we're ready to start collecting more; TWAM has also recently updated its 'Tools Wanted' list and given details of exactly what goes into each trade kit. John has posted the details on the Charity Notice board at the back of Church or you can view it at www.twam.co.uk/graphics/home/Tools_wanted_list.pdf. Thanks to everybody for the continuing support. Your tools transform lives – it's that simple! Thank you also to John Tolley for co-ordinating this work with the charity.

Thank you to everyone who helped to deliver the Parish Newsletter last month. Within a few days a gentleman turned up at Church on Weds morning with a sewing machine; John also had another call about more tools for TWAM; we had an increased number of visitors to our Spring Fair including a family who had found all 12 flowers in the leaflet for free entry and an amazing 33 people attended the new class on Wednesday with more than half staying for coffee afterwards. Our busiest open church and coffee morning yet! It might not sound a lot, but it shows people do read it and we're reminding them we're here for them. **Thank You, the PCC.**

On Sunday 22nd May children's leaders Ros Martin and Jane Slide are running in the **Manchester 10k**. This will be their first ever 10k and they are raising money for the British Heart Foundation and the Alzheimer's Society respectively. If you would like to support them sponsorship forms are available at the back of church. Money raised at St Aidan's will be split 50/50 between St Aidan's and the respective charity. Thank you and Good Luck to them.

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