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Forthcoming Events		
November		
December		
Sun	11th	Masonic Christmas Carol Service at 3.00pm
Thurs	15 th	Magistrates Christmas Carol Service at 7.30pm
Sun	18th	Christingle 10am & Carol Service 6.30pm
Christmas Eve Service – 11pm		
Christmas Day Service – 10am		

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

Duties 18th Dec:

Hall IBL;AH Sidespersons: CR;JL;A & PS

Coffee : AP;BW;LH Counting: As Rota



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St. Aidan's Church Sudden, Rochdale

11th December 2016

Advent 3

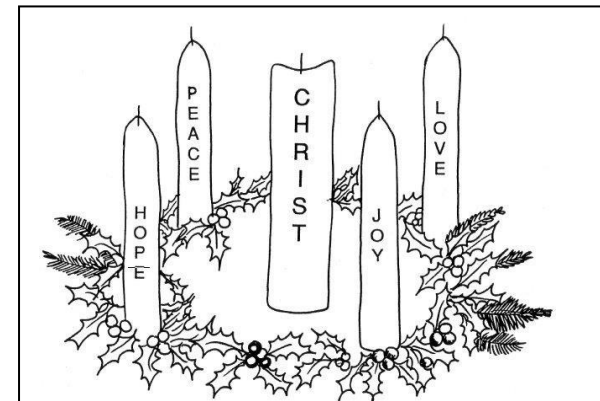
Gospel

Matt: 11; 2 - 11

Anthems

*In The Lord I'll Be Ever
Thankful Taize*

*Rejoice In The Lord Always
Redford*



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
Wednesday mornings.
All are welcome.*

Advent 3

The Shepherd's Candle

Or

The Candle of Joy

The third Sunday of the advent season is on December 11, 2016. The day is called the Third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday. The third candle is lit on this day along with the first two. It is the Shepherds' candle, reminding that God sent the angels to proclaim His arrival to common man and that He still uses ordinary people today to spread the good news of Christ.



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.

Pilgrim Course

The course is held every first and third Tuesday in the Epiphany Chapel. 1.30 – 3.00 pm led by Revd Mike Read, or 7.30 – 9.00 pm led by Revd Ian Butterworth, covering the same material. Everyone is welcome.

Intercession Prayers

Please write names for the Intercessions on the list at the back of Church. Names are 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 for giving 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.

Children's Groups

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

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

SAD NEWS

We are sad to announce our friend Shirley Metcalfe passed away in the early hours of Fri morning . Please remember Brian, Glen , Matthew and all the family in your prayers .Details of the funeral will be announced later

CONGRATULATIONS

Ivan Birchall will reach his 90th Birthday on 31st Dec this yr. As part of the celebrations his family are having a party, including a buffet meal here at St Aidan's on Sat 14th Jan at 7pm. The whole Church family are invited and Ivan would love everyone to come and help him celebrate this milestone. Children are welcome and there will be some games and "entertainment" ! If you are able to come please sign the sheet at the back of Church, so numbers are known for the food. Thank you

INCOME SURVEY

As part of the process for the diocese setting the parish share level each yr.They take an anonymous survey of the congregation's income. This includes especially if you have NO income, as this lowers the share amount. Please can you fill out the form at the back of Church and place in the box provided. Many Thanks for your support – The PCC

ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS DINNER – INVITATION & PLEA

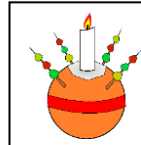
You are invited to St Joseph's Parish Hall Heywood for Christmas Dinner 12 – 2.30pm Please share this widely.They need to know in advance so please ring 01706 369777 to accept the invitation ,Volunteers wanted to help on the day, a special meeting has been convened for 15th Dec 7pm at St Josephs to organise the event,If you are interested please contact Thomas Rawnsley

FOODBANK

We have now completely vacated our former premises at 9/10 South Parade for our new neighbours,The Post Office and we are settling into No 8 amid ongoing building work to meet our storage need although we have still had to take off – site storage for some of our main foodstuffs
In November we honoured 276 emergency vouchers and we were delighted to accept over 1 tonne of extra food collected by The Round Table & we know there is more to come from them
As this is our last news for 2016 may we wish all our loyal supporters A Happy and Peaceful Christmas

CHRISTINGLE AT ST AIDAN'S NEXT SUNDAY

Please join us for Christingle at St Aidan's on 18th Dec
All children will meet in the Hall at 10am to assemble a Christingle Orange then join the congregation at the end of the morning service. All parents & carers and younger children are welcome to join us in the hall
THERE WILL BE A MEETING IN THE TOWER IN THE CHURCH TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE FOR CHILDREN'S LEADERS AND PARENTS/CARERS



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

There is "Christmas Card Tree" at the back of the Church by the font. If you wish you can place one card to greet all your friends at St Aidan's, perhaps with the money saved you may wish to make a donation to either a charity of your choice or gift aid to St Aidan's