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Forthcoming Events		
February		
Tues	28th	Pilgrim Course 1.30 & 7.30pm
March		
Wed	8th	Lent Lunch at Trinity Methodist at 12.30pm
Wed	15 th	Lent Lunch at St Joseph's at 12 .30pm
Wed	22 nd	Lent Lunch at Heywood Baptists at 12 .30pm
Wed	29 th	Lent Lunch at St Luke's at 12 '30pm
Sat	25 th	Dustbusters 10 - 12
April		
Sat	1st	Spring Fair 11 am – 2pm

Regular Events

5th

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Prayer Meeting –every Tues during Term time at 9.45am Open Church & Coffee Morning– Every Wednesday 10am-12pm (during January) 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 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

Lent Lunch at St John's at 12.30pm

Duties March 5th

Hall :JT;MJ Sidespersons IP;AM;YS Coffee:VH:MJ:CR Counting: as Rota





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26thth February 2017

Epiphany 7 Sunday Next Before Lent Gospel Matt 17; 1 - 9

Anthems O Nata Lux Tallis Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace Lee Williams

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.

St. Aidan's Church

in the Parish of St Aidan, Sudden, Rochdale and All Souls, Heywood



CHRISTIAN AID 2017

Please try to fill in the street allocation list for delivering The Christian Aid Enveloppes In addition to our usual house to house collection around the parish during Christian Aid Week which is $14^{\text{th}} - 20^{\text{th}}$ May, you might also like to think whether you could help with **the BIG BREKKIE** initiative at some date between now and then.

Many Thanks - Keith

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND Diocese of Manchester



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.

For further information about our work with Children & Young People, Please

speak to the Vicar or Curate or email; children@staidan'org.uk

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

ELECTORAL ROLL

This yr the Electoral Roll is to be **UPDATED** in preparation for The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (Sun 9th April after the Service)

Therefore if you are a new member of St Aidan's & All Soul's could you please complete an application form which will be at the back of Church on the table in the tower from 26^{th} Feb ;Forms must be completed by 12 th March

Criteria to be on Electoral Roll; Be Baptised;be 16 or over or reach your 16th birthday in the next 12 mths ;have habitually attended worship in The Parish during the last 6mths, For further information speak to Wardens or Elaine Fowler, Electoral Roll Officer

CONFIRMATION

Are you interested in being confirmed this year?

The Confirmation Service will take place this year on 21st May at St Aidan's 6.30pm ;The Preparation classes will be held at St John's Hopwood Sat 9.30 – 11 am on 19th March, 26th March, 1st April,May 6th, 13th & 20th

PARISH WEEKEND AT SCARGILL HOUSE

Why not take a post Easter weekend break and come to our St Aidan's & All Soul's Parish weekend away(April 28th to 30th 2017)

Scargill House is set in beautiful scenery in the Yorkshire Dales at Kettlewell nr Grassington. We will be eating good food, enjoying each other's company & listening to a well known and entertaining speaker.Don't worry about getting there as we will be sharing transport.Please see Revd Michael or Sheila Tolley for an information pack containing more details, cost & booking forms or look at the pack at the back of Church.Places are limited so book early

A MESSAGE FOR YOU ALL $% \mathcal{A}$ - If you are wondering whether to go to Scargill

House. It is a welcoming place of peace. It is also a place of fun & laughter. It is set in the beautiful landscape of the Yorkshire Dales. It is a place where it is easy to feel close to God & to reflect on the joy of life, & on tribulations which beset us all. Somehow the world seems different through the perspective of Scargill House & I commend the St Aidan's weekend away to you. But then I am biased as it was at Scargill House that God brought Patricia & me together & it was in the Chapel an architectoral gem that we were married. So who knows what a weekend there could do for you? – Anthony Slack

LENT LUNCHES

March 8th Trinity Methodists March 15th St Joseph's March 22nd Heywood Baptist March 29th St Luke's April 5th St John's all at 12.30pm All are welcome

ASH WEDNESDAY – 1st March

There will be The Imposition of the Ashes at the usual morning Service at 9.30am There will be a Service of The Stations of The Cross at 6.30pm All are welcome

CHURCH GROUPS

Reports are not required for the Annual Report but we would be most grateful if Group & Activities Organisers could check the relevant section on The Church Web site & send any updates to webmaster@staidan.or.uk

WALKING GROUP

An easy linear though longish(6 mile) walk on Sat 4th March, Starting from canal side near Littleborough Station, we shall be walking to Todmorden. After lunch(optional) we will get the bus or train if you prefer, back to Littleborough. If you have been thinking about joining our walks then this is an ideal one to start with. Meet as usual in Church car park at 8.45am. For further information contact Lynne or Bill 01706522559