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**St Aidan's
Church
Rochdale**

Church Diary

May

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| Mon | 8th | Archdeacon's Visitation St Leonard's Middleton 7.30pm |
| Tues | 9th | PCC Meeting |
| Wed | 10th | Big Brekkie for Christian Aid at 10am |
| Sun-Sat | 14th-20th | Christian Aid Week |
| Tues | 16th | Pilgrim Group 1.30pm or 7.30pm |
| Sun | 21st | Confirmation Service at St Aidan's 6.30pm |

June

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| Tues | 6th | Pilgrim Group 1.30pm or 7.30pm |
| Sat | 17th | Rochdale Retirement Choir in aid of The Samaritans |
| Tues | 20th | Pilgrim Group 1.30pm or 7.30pm |
| Sat | 24th | Northern Baroque Orchestra |

Regular Events

Open Church & Coffee Morning—Wednesday 10am- 1pm

Choir Practice – Thursdays 7pm / 7.45pm

St. Aidan's Men's Group – 1st Wednesday 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 May 14th: Hall, Coffee & Sidespersons – please check rotas; Counting: Julie & Keith



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**7th May 2017
Easter 4**

Gospel

John 10: 1-10

Anthems

The Lord's My Shepherd
Goodall

**Weekly Services
Sunday**

10am

Family Communion

Tuesday (term time)

9.45am

Morning Prayer

Access by Epiphany Chapel door

Wednesday

9.30am

Holy Communion

**Weddings and Baptisms
by appointment**



*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

St Aidan's Church Parish Weekend at Scargill House in Kettlewell

I'm writing this on behalf of the group that went to Scargill House last weekend. I'm sure they won't mind.

What an amazing weekend everyone had! The age range was from 14 to 80+ (*I think, and hope I'm right!*), but there was something for everyone.

Scargill is in a beautiful part of the country, near the village of Kettlewell and surrounded by fields which at this time of year were full of the new lambs.

There was time for contemplation, worship and prayer as well as fun and fellowship. In true St Aidan's style there was even a contribution from the group to the evening's entertainment programme. The Holy Communion service in the beautiful chapel on Sunday morning was different, but uplifting and refreshing and enjoyed by everyone.

We have lots of photographs and courtesy of Grace and Amelia even a video blog (*a 'vlog' apparently*) and an interview with Adrian Plass that we hope to share with you.

I'm sure everyone in the group would recommend Scargill House and we sincerely wish to thank Sheila Tolley for organising the weekend.

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 Group – a new series of meetings

Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the month in the Epiphany Chapel.
1.30 – 3.00 pm or 7.30 – 9.00 pm, 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 newsletter@staidan.org.uk with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

On 10th May it is Dylan's 4th birthday. He would like all his friends from St Aidan's to join him in the hall after the service today to share in some birthday cake, thank you.

SABBATICAL

Reverend Michael will be taking a sabbatical from 22nd May until September. During that time Reverend Ian Butterworth will provide with the continued support of Reverend Ian Taylor.

ARCHDEACON'S VISITATION

for Heywood and Middleton Deanery

Monday 8th May 7.30pm at St Leonard's Middleton.

This is an opportunity for the Archdeacon to meet, greet and thank our Churchwardens. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially PCC Members and Sidespersons who are also formally recognised at this service.

HELP NEEDED!

Please will you see Elaine Fowler if you can help to remove the remainder of the left over 'stock' from the Spring Fair's White Elephant stall.

FOODBANK UPDATE

The Foodbank has received 3258 Kg and given out 3190 Kg of food to 246 people coming in with a voucher during April. The numbers have dropped quite a bit which is good news and also because stocks are running low on certain items. The website is updated with details of what items are needed.
Thank you for your continued support.



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th to 20th May 2017

The Christian Aid Week bags etc. are at the back of Church, ready labelled for collection. Envelopes need to be delivered and collected between 14th to 20th May. Many thanks to the 9 people who have already volunteered to collect. There are 3 main areas not covered and it would be beneficial if we cover these: please see Elaine Fowler for details.
On **Wednesday 10th May** during Open Church we will be hosting 'The Big Breakfast' - a Christian Aid initiative.

Confirmation Preparation Classes will be held at St John's Hopwood on Sat May 6th, 13th & 20th 9.30-11am.

The Confirmation Service is to be held at St Aidan's on 21st May at 6.30pm. All are welcome at this service.

Children's Groups

Leaders and Parents/Carers are invited to meetings in the Robinson Room on Saturday 13th May at 10am or Sunday 14th May after the service. This will be a chance to discuss our work with children and young people and get to know each other. Thanks to everyone who came along to last week's meetings. Please contact Ann Montgomery ann@staidan.org.uk if you are unable to come along so that we can keep you informed.