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**St Aidan's  
Church  
Rochdale**

## Church Diary

### May

|         |           |   |
|---------|-----------|---|
| 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** – 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday 10.15am

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

**Duties May 21st:** Hall;IBL;AH Coffee;IP;EO;EM  
Sidespersons: MB;JH;AP;MS Counting: As Rota

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### 14<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Easter 5

#### Gospel

John 14:1 - 14

#### Anthems

Teach Me Thy Way Fox

God Which Hast Prepared  
Mudd

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:children@staidan.org.uk)*

Please email [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk) with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website.



## IN MEMORIAM

The Flowers today are presented by Helene ILMof the birthday of her father Josef who died 50 yrs ago

## SABBATICAL

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

## 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.

## MANCHESTER CATHEDRAL

<http://www.manchestercathedral.org/events>

Lots going on at the Cathedral

**Capture the Cathedral** - Photography event

**Coffee Concert** (The duo prize winning Classical Guitarists) – Sat 20<sup>th</sup> May 11am

**Blossom Event** – Sat 27<sup>th</sup> May 2 – 4pm For Church Flower Arrangers

**Manchester Camerata** – Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm

**Whit Walks** – Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June Leaving from the Cathedral at 10 am

Further details from the above web site



## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The Christian Aid Week bags etc. are at the back of Church, ready between 14<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to labelled for collection. Envelopes need to be delivered and collected 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.

## CONFIRMATION

**Preparation Classes** will be held at St John's Hopwood on Sat May 20<sup>th</sup> 9.30-11am.  
**The Confirmation Service** is to be held at St Aidan's on 21<sup>st</sup> 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 at 10am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May (**TODAY**) 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](mailto:ann@staidan.org.uk) if you are unable to come along so that we can keep you informed.

## WALKING GROUP

On Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June we will be doing a 5 mile circular walk starting at Park Bridge Heritage Centre Tameside, taking in Knott Hill Nature Reserve & Hartshead Pike  
Meet as usual in Church car park at 8.45am . Further details contact Lynne & Bill Tele 01706 522550