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Church Diary

October

Sun	6th	Harvest Festival (All Age) Wholeness & Healing Service 11.45am
Sat	19th	Malcolm's Birthday Party 7-11pm

November

Mon	4th	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed 7pm
Fri/Sat	29th/30th	St Aidan's Banquets

December

Sun	1st	Wholeness & Healing Service 11.45am Advent Carol Service 6.30pm
Fri/Sat	6th/7th	St Aidan's Banquets
Weds	11th	Churches Together Carol Service St Luke's 7pm

Regular Events

Contemplative Prayer – 1st Sat every month (not Aug)
11.15am–12 noon

Open Church & Coffee Morning – Wed 10am-12pm

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

Knitwits – Fridays 2pm

Councillor's Surgery – 1st Saturday 10.15am

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

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St Aidan's
Church
Rochdale



a church
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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD



22nd Sept 2019

Trinity 14

Readings

Luke 16.1-13

Anthems

*Put Peace into Each
Other's Hands*

Kaan

A Clare Benediction
Rutter

Weekly Services

Sunday 10am
Family Communion
Tuesday 9.45am
Morning Prayer

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

A Letter from the Parochial Church Council (not just the Vicar and Churchwardens)

Dear Friends,

At our Church Council Meeting this week we decided to devote this issue of our Notice-sheet to making a few heart-felt appeals:

For your **prayers** for this Church and Parish that we can continue to work towards our vision of growing St Aidan's Church.

For your **time and talents** to help us with essential tasks around church. We need to do many tasks ourselves and there is always something you can help with. We are all church stewards. Please ask the Vicar if you can help or support those who are carrying out work around church in any way from holding a ladder to making a cup of tea. We especially need help around the grounds and with catering.

For your **financial support** to maintain our lovely church and Hall and to pay our Parish Share which is paid to the Diocese to resource the ministry and local mission of the Church. We are really grateful to those who have recently increased their pledged giving and we know that not everyone is in a position to do this - much as they would like to. However, the Finance section of our meeting is never easy to listen to.

(Continued inside)

Welcome to St Aidan's Church

*Our Mission is to be a strong church family,
promoting and maintaining the Good News about Jesus
to the Parish and the wider community.*

If we can help you in any way, please speak to the Vicar,
Sidespersons or any of the Church Officers.

We aim to be a friendly caring church.

Pilgrim



Group

An opportunity to explore and discuss our journey of faith.

All are welcome. See Events Diary for dates of meetings.

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*

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). All children stay with the Congregation on the first Sunday in the month when our Young Stewards (over 7) help with church duties. *For further information about our work with Children & Young People, please speak to the Vicar or Curate or email children@staidan.org.uk*

Dedications to a Loved One

Dedications can be placed in hymn books; the St Aidan Church Memorial Book or the Parish Book of Remembrance.

Please ask any PCC Member for further details.

More on our financial worries:

Our Treasurer informs us that the **Parish Share** for 2019 is £44,108 and, as every year recently, we will struggle to pay the full amount.

- The running costs for the year are likely to be around £30,000
- We need to spend around £3000 on decorating the Hall
- Our ordinary income for the year is projected to be around £66,000 leaving a shortfall of at least £10,000

This all means that we need to ask you:

Can you increase your giving in any way? We really need to try to achieve an average pledged weekly gift from each church member/family of £10.

Can you give a one-off donation of any amount towards the decorating of the Hall? We really need to improve the Main Hall, Foyer and Toilets to make the Hall more attractive for social events and to encourage more bookings (a major source of our income). This work is due to commence and we are sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Finally – as you sit in church today please look around you - especially at the almost 105-year-old ceiling and walls. Just like in all our homes **the work never ends!**

Malcolm's  Party Saturday 19th October 7-11pm in the Hall

Food available but please bring your own drinks. Donations to the Organ Fund. Please sign the list at the rear of Church with names and numbers, **by the end of Sept** so rough numbers are known for the catering.



Music tuition available through Morgan Hale (son of our organ adviser). Piano, singing, theory, any age, any style.... £12.50 per half hour. Lives in Rochdale. Ask Malcolm Bywater for contact details.

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Duties for next week: 29th Sept Trinity 15: Sidespersons: J&JM HH VK
Hall: AJ AH Coffee: AP BW JL/JD Children's Groups: GW LB Counting: DB CR