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| Church Diary | | |
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| February 2020 | | |
| Mon | 24th | Christian Aid Meeting Bamford Chapel 7.30pm |
| Weds | 26th | Ash Wednesday |
| March 2020 | | |
| Sat | 7th | Contemplative Prayer 11.15am |
| Tues | 10th | PCC Meeting 7.30pm |
| Fri-Sun | 20th-22nd | Parish Weekend Away |
| Sat | 28th | Spring Fair 11 – 1pm |
| April 2020 | | |
| Sat | 4th | St Aidan's Dustbusters 9 – 11am Contemplative Prayer 11.15am |
| Sun | 5th | Palm Sunday Annual Church Meetings 11.45am |
| Sun | 12th | Easter Sunday |
| May 2020 | | |
| | 10 th -16th | Christian Aid Week |
| <p>Regular Events</p> <p>Contemplative Prayer – 1st Sat every month (not Aug) 11.15am–12 noon</p> <p>Open Church & Coffee Morning – Wed 10am-12pm</p> <p>Choir Practice – Thursdays 7-30pm</p> <p>St Aidan's Men's Group – 1st Weds of the month</p> <p>St Aidan's Ladies Guild – Monthly meetings</p> <p>St Aidan's Flower Group – Fridays 7.30pm</p> <p>Knitwits – Fridays 2pm</p> <p>Councillor's Surgery – 1st Saturday 10.15am</p> <p>Please email newsletter@staidan.org.uk with news for the Notices, Facebook or the Church Website</p> | | |
| <p>St Aidan's C of E Parish Church Manchester Road, Rochdale OL11 3EL Vehicular Access OL11 3NH</p> | | |



St Aidan's Church
Rochdale

a church
NEAR YOU

THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND
Diocese of Manchester

CHURCH
FOR A
DIFFERENT
WORLD



23rd February 2020

Sunday before
Lent

Reading
Matthew
17. 1-9

Anthems

O Nata Lux Tallis

Thou Wilt Keep Him

in Perfect Peace

Lee Williams

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



Church Electoral Roll: the Electoral Roll will be revised between 23rd February (today) and 8th March. If you are not on the roll already and would like to be, forms are available from this week. You can be on the Electoral Roll if you are aged 16 or over, are baptised and either live in the parish or have worshipped here for at least 6 months. The forms give the full details of eligibility. For further information, see **Elaine Fowler** who is our Electoral Roll Secretary.

The Annual Church Meetings will be held on 5.4.2020 after the morning service to review the past year, discuss the future and appoint Churchwardens and other church officers. In preparation please can church officers and group leaders send their reports to me by **Monday 24th February**. This will allow time to collate them all in readiness for the next PCC Meeting. A big thank you in advance. **Christine Richardson - Secretary**



Sign up for the Church of England's #LiveLent: Care for God's Creation daily reflections at:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/livelent>

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.

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*

The Flower List can be found on the main noticeboard.

Regular Giving to support St Aidan's Church

Giving by the envelope scheme and standing order are vital ways of supporting our church. If you wish to join the scheme, to submit or amend a Gift Aid Declaration or change your method of giving, please see Debra Buckley (Treasurer) or Joanne Elcock (Gift Aid Secretary).

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.

Can you help?

There are always plenty of tasks to help with around church and the hall. If you think you can help in any way, please speak to the Vicar, Churchwardens or any PCC Member.



Christian Aid Week this year is from 10th to 16th May. Please make a note of this in your diary and see whether you may be able to help.

There is a **Christian Aid Meeting** at Bamford Chapel tomorrow evening at 7.30 when someone from Christian Aid is coming to talk about this year's theme, "Together we can stop the Climate Crisis". This is always a good evening, with stalls, activities, refreshments and a quiz. For more information, please see either **Elaine Fowler** or **Keith Lloyd**.



St Aidan's Spring Fair 28th March 2020 Under 5 weeks to go!

We need everyone's support for this – to run or help out with stalls and refreshments, to donate goods and to come along on the day if you can. Please speak to the Vicar or a member of the PCC if you can help. A list of stalls is on the noticeboard in the Hall.



Your donations to the Foodbank are much appreciated. There is an urgent need for longlife milk, cereals and tinned fish or meat. Carrier bags are also in short supply.

Thank you to all who supported **The Last Night of the Proms**, especially the St Aidan's Ukulele Band. Church funds benefitted by **£400.**

Keith Lloyd



Thank you to Rochdale Heartbeat for the donation of a defibrillator. This will be installed in the hall and training will be organised as soon as possible. We are now also collecting used Ink Cartridges for this charity – the box can be found in the Tower next to Foodbank collection point.
www.rochdaleheartbeat.co.uk

CHURCH DUTIES NEXT WEEK 1st March

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| Sidespersons | Hall | Coffee | Junior Church | Counting |
| Young Stewards | IP AM | A&JC | JM IL PD | In Church |
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