



St Aidan's Church

in the Parish of St Aidan Sudden Rochdale with All Souls Heywood

www.staidan.org.uk

Newsletter July 2023

Weekly Services

Sunday 10am Holy Communion & Junior Church

Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion (said)



Refreshments are served after the services



Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

by arrangement with the Vicar

2nd July
Trinity 4

9th July
Trinity 5

16th July
Trinity 6

23rd July
Trinity 7

30th July
Trinity 8

Readings



Jeremiah 28.5-9;
Psalm 89.1-4,15-18; Romans 6.12-23; **Matthew 10.40-42**

Zechariah 9.9-12; Psalm 145.8-14; Romans 7.15-25a; **Matthew 11.16-19,25-30**

Isaiah 55.10-13; Psalm 65.(1-8),9-13; Romans 8.1-11; **Matthew 13.1-9,18-23**

Isaiah 44.6-8; Psalm 86.11-17; Romans 8.12-25; **Matthew 13.24-30,36-43**

1 Kings 3.5-12; Psalm 119.129-136; Romans 8.26-39; **Matthew 13.31-33,44-52**

Anthems



Only say the word Polglaze

Seek ye the Lord Palestrina

Loved with everlasting love John Hughes

Do not be afraid Stopford

Come gracious spirit tune Silver Hill

Make a cheerful noise Lloyd Webber

Teach me O Lord Attwood

View me Lord Lloyd

As the deer pants for the water (Hymn 39)

Jesu priceless treasure Bach

Reflection on the Holy Trinity

The season of Trinity in our Christian calendar brings to a climax this narrative cycle and reminds us that Christ himself is not the end result of God's revelation but points to the Trinity as the fullness of God which is revealed in Christ.

It is remarkable that some Christians seem to have an exclusive relationship with Jesus, with the Trinity as a kind of shadowy background. Others regard the Trinity as something that arose under the influence of the Greek philosophy, and is only vaguely present in the New Testament. Yet the doctrine of the Trinity is reflected throughout the Scripture. The Trinity is the only way to gather in all the diversity of Scripture on how God is revealed.

In the New Testament, the Trinity underlies most of the writings which are grounded in the Old Testament. It is also important to note that Paul's letters as well as the Gospel writings especially John, imply and sometimes explicitly, the trinitarian. How else do we understand the baptism of Jesus or the Transfiguration? What about the Great Commission that is in Matthew (28:19-20) or Paul's narrative about the gifts of the spirit in 1 Corinthians 12?

Our understanding of the Holy Trinity is of fundamental importance for the grounding of **our faith in one God**; it helps us not to be idolators as some critics often say. Our call is not just to explain the mystery of the Trinity or even use the doctrine for our practical ends, but to worship God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and to draw others into that sublime communion of God's eternal love for us and his creation.

By Reverend Sydwell Isaac



News from the PCC

Service change: after a trial period it has been decided that the Sunday morning service will revert to 10am from 2nd July. The Vicar will celebrate Eucharist at St Aidan's every 3rd week and every Wednesday.

A service of Evensong will be held usually every 4th Sunday in the month at 6.30pm, commencing 24th September.

Foundations for Ministry 2023/24: applications are now open for this course. For more information <https://www.manchester.anglican.org/development-and-training/ffm/>

Forthcoming events



St Aidan's Church will be open on September 16th 10am to 4pm for the national Heritage Open Day including Hymn Singing 2 - 4pm with a countdown of favourite hymns as voted by the congregation. Refreshments will be available in the Hall all day. Everyone is welcome to come & have a look around, explore the heritage of the building and even join in with the hymns.



VOTE FOR YOUR TOP TWENTY HYMNS - £1 EACH

List your favourite hymn/s on the form provided and put £1 in the box for each choice.



Countdown will be on

Saturday 16th September 2023 (2pm-4pm)

The choir will sing the twenty hymns with the most votes

Please come and join in or just listen (no charge)



Refreshments will be available



A sketch of St Aidan's from 1969 by Daniel Gleeson.

Thanks to Tracey for this donation to the church archives

St George's Church,
Oakenrod

GARDEN Party

at Oakenrod Mount
(or in the Church Hall if wet)

Saturday 8th July
2pm until 4pm

stalls - garden games -
tombola - refreshments
and much more

Visit Our Website
www.achurchnearyou.com/church/15948

Fundraising for
St George's Church

A QR code located at the bottom left of the poster.

**St Aidan's Church
BARN DANCE
September 30th**

**St Aidan's Church Hall
7 – 10 pm**

Family event with shared supper

More information and tickets will be available soon



PRAYER Requests

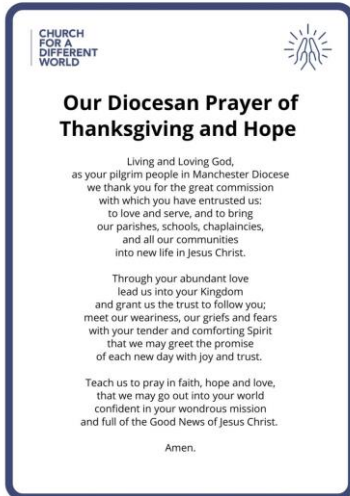
Intercessory Prayers during the morning service

Please speak to a Churchwarden or Sidesperson when you arrive on a Sunday morning if you would like a name to be included in the prayers for the week.

Please use of the Prayer Tree in the Chapel for those you know who are long-term sick and all are welcome to use the Chapel for private prayers and to light a candle.

In Memoriam

The flowers on 2nd July are in memory of Jeffrey Leonard Rothwell for his 10th Anniversary. Always in our thoughts. Love from Marie and Maureen.



CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

Our Diocesan Prayer of Thanksgiving and Hope

Living and Loving God, as your pilgrim people in Manchester Diocese we thank you for the great commission with which you have entrusted us: to love and serve, and to bring our parishes, schools, chaplaincies, and all our communities into new life in Jesus Christ.

Through your abundant love lead us into your Kingdom and grant us the trust to follow you; meet our weariness, our griefs and fears with your tender and comforting Spirit that we may greet the promise of each new day with joy and trust.

Teach us to pray in faith, hope and love, that we may go out into your world confident in your wondrous mission and full of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Amen.



CHURCH FOR A DIFFERENT WORLD

Prayer for our local area

O High King of Heaven, Have mercy on our land*. Revive your Church; send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the children. May your kingdom come to our town. In Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

*We suggest that you replace our land, with the name of your area.

Originally written by Roy Godwin



Join in by saying these two prayers, together with the Lord's Prayer every day. For more information click here or join on Facebook:

[Prayer Community - Diocese of Manchester \(anglican.org\)](http://PrayerCommunity-DioceseofManchester(anglican.org))

Children and Families at St Aidan's Church

The Children's Groups (3-14 yrs) meet on Sunday mornings during school term-time. The children go out to the Hall with the Children's Leaders during the second (Gradual) hymn and return for Communion. Last session before the summer break will be July 16th, recommencing on September 3rd.



To everyone who attended or helped with the Fashion Show and **huge thanks** to Elaine for organising this event which raised £621 for church funds.



- ❖ With gardening, cleaning or DIY tasks around church?
- ❖ With preparing for the Heritage Open Day event in September?

Can you help?



If you can help in any way, please speak to a Churchwarden or any member of the PCC.

Contacts	<i>Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens or a PCC Member if we can help you in any way.</i>	
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<h2>Church Diary</h2>	
September 2023	
Saturday 16th	Heritage Open Day & Top 20 Favourite Hymns 10 – 4pm (Hymn Singing 2-4pm)
Sunday 24th	Evensong 6.30pm
Saturday 30th	Barn Dance & Shared Supper 7-10pm
October 2023	
Sunday 1st	Harvest Festival – gifts will be donated to Rochdale Foodbank
Sunday 22nd	Evensong 6.30pm
Saturday 28th	St Aidan's Church Autumn Fair 11am – 1pm
December 2023	
Saturday 9th	Christmas Afternoon Tea 2 -4pm



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

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