

St. Aidan's Church August 2025

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Wigan South Bible passage for 2025:

'May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.' Romans 15:13

St Aidan's Mission Statement

Our Mission is to:

Introduce people to Jesus

Become more like Jesus

Do what Jesus does



Upcoming Services:

Aug 3rd 10am Holy Communion 12.30pm Baptism

Aug 10th 4pm Evening Prayer (Please note that there is no Sta's4all in the morning as the children are on holiday.)

Aug 17th 10am Morning Worship

Aug 24th 4pm Holy Communion (Please note that there is no morning service as no leaders are available to take it.)

August 31st. St Aidan's Day! The Hub Service takes place at St Aidan's at 10am. It will be at St. Aidan's Church and the speaker will be a representative of Compassion UK. We know that St. Aidan was a man of great compassion. Our speaker will show us how we too can show the compassion of Aidan in our lives.

Wednesday Holy Communions:

Wed 6th and 20th will be at St. Aidan's. Wed 13th and 27th will be at Holy Trinity

St Aidan's Bereavement Support Group

Friday 1st Aug from 1.30pm (immediately following the Pantry) till 2.30pm. If you are feeling at a loss following a bereavement, no matter how long ago, please come and share a drink and a chat, and a prayer if you want one. You can come just once, or make it a routine for a while. You can share your feelings with one person in confidence, or in a small group, or if you prefer, and just want some company, you can talk about the weather or how your favourite team are doing! Please don't suffer on your own.

The friendship Group are having a summer break this month. They will resume in September, 4th Thursday in the month.

Our Magazine

Sadly no-one has come forward to take on the editor-ship of the magazine, so there will be no copy in September. I will add a few items to this newsheet from the Parish Registers, and acknowledging donations to church from this point. It will continue to be sent by email to those who have requested the newsletter, and will be posted on our 'A Church Near You' website each month. (see final page)

If you know of anyone who wishes to be added to the email list to receive these Newsletters please contact Helen on hrsteele@tiscali.co.uk. If you know someone who does not have access to a computer or e-mail who wishes to have church news please pass their details on to Helen Steele through Church and we will investigate whether we can bring them news through another church member.

Contacts

As church contacts will no longer be published monthly in the magazine I have included the contact details that were in the magazine on the last page, which you can save for reference. Contact details for some church leaders will appear on this newsletter monthly, but other leaders are now displayed on our noticeboard. Can I remind you that for safeguarding purposes you should not share the addresses of leaders, but you may share the details on this newsletter.

August is a month where many are taking a break. Please try to give them some space! Please try to contact the person who does the job! If you are unable to fulfil a duty for a service please contact the person leading that service. If you are unable to contact the right person, in an emergency, please ring Barbara on her mobile number for advice.

Forward Notice: Parish Gift Day

On Saturday September 20th we will be holding a Parish Gift Day - something that we have not done for many years. We want to make it something special, so we are combining it with a 'Heritage Day', again something we have not done for many years. It will run from 11am - 2pm. You can come and make a one-off gift to church to help with the ongoing costs of our Parish. But those who attend will hopefully also be able to take a short tour of the church, examine some documents, perhaps see some videos and photos of historic events such as previous walking days, have some refreshments If you can help in any way please contact Helen to offer your artifacts or your time. There is a notice up on the noticeboard at the back of church where you can sign up.

Supporting a Charity Trip to Kenya

Helen's grand-daughter, Bethany, is still raising money to support her trip to Kenya next Summer. She is being supported by a number of contributors with connections to Church to produce a Musical Concert taking place at St Aidan's Church, on Sunday, September

14th starting at 1.30pm. (Doors open at approx. 1pm). Admission is £6 for adults and £3 for children (including light refreshments). Helen will be selling tickets from August 3rd. Please support this event if you are able.

Holy Trinity, Downall Green have Wigan Local History and Heritage Society visiting to hear about the history of this lovely church. All are welcome to join them. Saturday Aug 9th talks from 2.30pm, church open 2pm - 4.30pm

St Thomas, Ashton are having a series of "What's on Wednesday" to which all hub churches are invited. Aug 6th - Games night; Aug 13th - Scavenger Hunt; Aug 20th - Quiz night and Aug 27th Sip and paint. Contact Jan Cornthwaite for more details 01942 721626.

Prayer for the Parish

If anyone needs to be added to our church prayer list please let Helen or Margaret Stott know. The person or family must give permission for any name to be added to the list. You are reminded that our 'sick list' now has people listed by their first names so that some confidentiality is preserved. These people are known to God when we pray in this way.

For confidential prayer needs contact Jennifer Berry for the St Aidan's Prayer Circle on 01942 537325 or Brenda Bridge on 01744 894528.



Please pray for all those you know who need God's healing touch, those who are struggling in Body, Mind and Spirit, remembering from our Church list especially Tracey-Ann, Jeanette, Roy, Linda, Baby Ellie, Jack, and young Olivia. We also remember the bereaved, the family and friends of Margaret Mather, Frank Broughall and all who are feeling the pain of separation from their loved ones, whether that is recent or a while ago.

Please pray for us to continue to move forward with our Mission Plan, to develop various activities which enable us to reach out to our community and for an improvement in our financial position.

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Funerals are always booked through the undertaker. Tell the undertaker if you wish the service to be taken by a member of South Wigan Hub team. Other enquiries about funerals contact staidansverger@yahoo.com

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