



# St Aidan's Church Newsletter

News from the Parish of St Aidan Sudden Rochdale  
and All Souls Heywood

**September  
2025**

[www.staidan.org.uk](http://www.staidan.org.uk)



**From the Vicar**

## **Creationtide**

*This is the period in the church calendar, from the 1<sup>st</sup> of September to the 4<sup>th</sup> of October, dedicated to God as creator and sustainer of all life. Many churches are using this time of the year to hold special services and other events to give thanks for God's creation and to renew their commitment to caring for the planet earth.*

*The theme for this year is "peace with creation", based on Isaiah 32:14-18. The prophet Isaiah pictured the desolated creation that is without peace because of the lack of justice and the broken relationship between people and God. Our hope: Creation will find peace when justice is restored, and there is hope still for a peaceful earth. To simply hope doesn't mean to stand still and remain quiet, but to act, pray, change, and be reconciled with Creation and God through repentance and solidarity.*

*How can we get involved then?*

*The Eco Church Scheme is a great way we can get all parts of our church life working together to care for creation. It helps us to engage practically and spiritually with people in our church and the community. Speak to me or a member of the PCC if you would like to get involved.*

**Reverend Sydwell Isaac**  
**Your Vicar**



### **Weekly mid-week Communion**

Wednesdays 9.30am

**Services will re-commence  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.  
Please come along if you can.**

Please remember to contact the Vicar if you, or anyone you know, would like to organise a **home visit**.

The Vicar makes regular visits to local **Care Homes** and a list is available on the church noticeboard.



## Autumn Dates

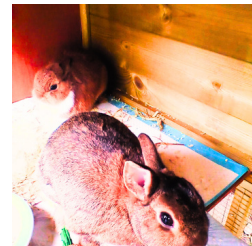
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept More than Sunday Meeting at St George's 7pm  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Sunday Lunch  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> Sept PCC Meeting 7.30pm  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September Church gardening and cleaning - can you help?  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September St Aidan's Church Harvest Festival 10am  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October Rochdale Phoenix Opera Society Concert 7.30pm  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November St Aidan's Church Autumn Fair 11am-1pm  
Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday

## Car Parking

With apologies for all the disruption over the summer weeks. Work to create parking spaces around the church is due to commence from week commencing 15th September. Meanwhile we have permission to use parking spaces at Sudden Health Centre.

## Do you have a pet?

There is still time to join this summer's CofE social media campaign by posting a photo of your pet at church on social media with the hashtag #GreatandSmall  
Meanwhile here is a photo from Elizabeth W. of her two rescue rabbits Buzz and Woody.



## CHAMPNESS HALL 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY SATURDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 7pm

This will be a special evening of worship music, led by 'From the Ground Up', to mark the occasion of the 100th anniversary of Champness Hall, and to celebrate the faith of the men and women who invested in Rochdale, and raised this building through their faith, prayers and generosity.

For more info / to book a ticket: <https://www.thegoodticket.co.uk/events/from-the-ground-up-with-support-from-gareth-james>

*Are you looking for more ways to get involved  
with your church and explore your faith this Autumn?*

## #MoreThanSunday

Continuing a series of meetings in our Mission Community to discuss aspects of the Diocese of Manchester's approach to inspiring discipleship: the living out of what it means to follow Jesus Christ day by day.  
If you would like to know more, please speak to Rev Sydwell.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 7pm at St George's Oakenrod  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7pm at St Martin's Castleton  
Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November 10am at St John's Hopwood  
All are welcome

Exploring Faith Together



St Martin . St George. St Aidan  
1st Wednesday in the month

Next meeting  
Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025  
St Martin's Church  
Castleton  
7pm

## In Memoriam

Please contact Elizabeth Milne to donate to the Flower Fund or to arrange for flowers on a specific date Telephone 01706 633179 or email [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk)  
Dedications to a Loved One can be placed in a hymn book or the Parish Book of Remembrance. Please contact Elaine Fowler for more details.

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

## From the Treasurer

St Aidan's Church is dependent on your generous giving to support its mission and ministry. Thank you for your continued contributions by weekly pledged giving through the envelope scheme; recurring standing orders; gift aid donations or cash donations.

You can also donate by contactless giving, using the contactless payment device in church with your bank card, or by scanning this QR code with your phone or mobile device at any time.



It currently costs the church around £1,000 each week to continue in its work and unfortunately our weekly collections and fundraising efforts are not helping to make ends meet. Any ideas for raising funds are most welcome – please speak to any member of the PCC.



## Children and Families at St Aidan's Church

The Children's Groups (3-14 yrs) meet on Sunday mornings at 10am during school term-time.

The younger church members go out to the Hall with the Children's Leaders during the second (Gradual) hymn and return for Communion.

The service is organised in this way so that families can experience the church service together and children can help out if they wish before and/or after the service.

For information about our Children's Ministry please speak to the Vicar or email [children@staidan.org.uk](mailto:children@staidan.org.uk)



A message for parents and carers

Please speak to Ami Liow or send a message to [newsletter@staidan.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@staidan.org.uk) if you would like to join the Children's Ministry Whatsapp group to keep in touch with the Children's Leaders.



The **Monthly Music List** is available on request or can be accessed by clicking [here](#)

## Weekly Services

Sunday 10am Holy Communion  
Wednesday 9.30am Holy Communion (said)  
Refreshments are served after the morning services  
Evensong usually 4th Sundays 6.30pm

**Baptisms, Weddings and  
Funerals** by arrangement  
with the Vicar

## Contacts

**Please contact the Vicar, Churchwardens  
or a PCC Member if we can help you in any way**

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and contact us if you would like to be added to or removed from  
the church mailing list.



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church family, promoting and  
maintaining the Good News  
about Jesus to the Parish  
and the wider community.*

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