



St Aidan's Church Newsletter

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

www.staidan.org.uk

**November
2025**



**Please come along to the Autumn Fair
with your friends and family
on Saturday 1st November 11am - 1pm**

**Find some good reads, toys or jigsaws
Try your luck to win a gift ... maybe chocolate!
Stock up on homemade treats
Stay for a lunch of pie and peas
or just enjoy a cuppa and a chat!**



Commencing the Season of Remembrance All Souls Service Sunday 2nd November 3pm

The names of those to be remembered will be read out at this service and there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. Please add names to the list in church or contact the Vicar.



Remembrance Sunday 9th November

There will be an Act of Remembrance at the end of the morning service to remember Parish Members who lost their lives during the First and Second World Wars.

#MoreThanSunday

**Saturday 1st November 10am
St John's Hopwood**

The last in a series of Mission Community Meetings with representatives from our group of churches in Heywood, Castleton & Sudden.

Can you join the Vicar to represent St Aidan's?

Exploring Faith Together

"The Work of the Holy Spirit"

An informal discussion group
- all are welcome

**St Martin's
Wednesday 5th November 7pm**



**Advent Carol Service
Sunday 30th November
6.30pm**





The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see – I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people...' – Luke 2.10-11

Christmas is a season of joyful celebration, bringing together churches, schools, and communities in worship and wonder.

This year, the Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme focuses on Joy with a national campaign including reflections via an app and a children's picture book.

More information at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/what-we-believe/advent-and-christmas/advent-and-christmas-theme-joy-christmas>

or search Church of England Christmas

More details about Advent and Christmas at St Aidan's in the December newsletter.



Forthcoming musical events at St Aidan's

Rochdale Phoenix Opera Society Present "Christmas Spectacular" 2025

📍 St Aidan's Church, Rochdale, OL11 3EL
📅 Saturday 13th December 2025

Join Rochdale Phoenix Opera Society for a heart-warming afternoon of music, community spirit, and festive cheer! Our Christmas Spectacular promises glorious choral numbers, stunning solo performances, and all the magic of the season to get you in the Christmas mood. It's the perfect way to kick off your December with family and friends!!

✨ Featuring:

- 🎵 A selection of festive favourites and magical melodies
- ☀️ Uplifting performances from our talented chorus and soloists
- 🎁 A fabulous raffle
- 💷 Cash and card accepted on the day

Come and experience the joy of live music, laughter, and community – all wrapped up in a festive bowl!

🔑 For tickets and info:
☎ 01706 344773 or 07761116304
🌐 www.ticketsource.co.uk/rochdale-phoenix-opera-society
✉ rochdalephoenixoperasociety@gmail.com
Registered Charity No. 1074548



WINTER CONCERT

Featuring music by Telemann, Albinoni, Handel, Vivaldi, Geminiani and Warlock

**Soloists: Ian Noonan (recorder),
Chris Browne (oboe)**

**Saturday 15th November 2025, 3:00pm at
St Aidan's Church, Manchester Road,
Sudden, Rochdale (OL11 3EL)**

Tickets available on the door for **£15**
(£12 concessions, £5 students,
£1 under 18s)

making music www.northernbaroque.org.uk



ROCHDALE PHOENIX
Opera Society
Proudly Presents
Christmas SPECTACULAR

Join us for a magical festive afternoon of song, sparkle, and seasonal cheer!

Ticket Prices:
£10 Adults
£5 Under 16s
↑ **St Aidan's**
Sudden
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Saturday 13th December 2025
Doors Open: 1.30pm
Start Time: 2pm

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In Memoriam



*Flowers donated by the Choir
and arranged by Elizabeth Milne
in loving memory of Andrew Cooper
28th October 2025*

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

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

As we were reminded by the Vicar in a recent sermon, we are all stewards of God's creation, including our own church and its buildings. 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 payment device in church with your bank card, or by scanning this QR code with your mobile phone 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 the Vicar or 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



A message for parents and carers

Please speak to Ami Liow or send a message to 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](#)



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Many thanks to Rebekah Cheshire for keeping our posts up to date on Facebook.

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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**Contact the Vicar if you 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.**

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Please send items for publication to newsletter@staidan.org.uk
and contact us if you would like to be added to or removed from
the church mailing list.



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*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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St Aidan's is an
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