



St Aidan's Church Newsletter

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

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**December
2025**

From the Vicar

What is Advent?



Advent is a season of a four-week period in the Christian calendar that helps us to prepare both our hearts and minds for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

Each Sunday of the season focuses of a key theme: hope, peace, joy and love. Traditionally, the Advent season invites all Christian people to a time of a deep reflection on the promise of Christ's second coming; from focused prayers and scripture readings to lighting candles. All these kinds of practices share a heightened anticipation for God's arrival, more than just a countdown to Christmas.

Advent encourages waiting in hope, courageous peace-making, resilient joy, and self-giving love amidst our suffering in a wounded world.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and a joyous Christmas with the steadfast love of the Lord.

Your Vicar

Reverend Sydwell Isaac

Advent & Christmas Services at St Aidan's Church

JOY
St Aidan's Church
Carol Service
Sunday 21st December
6.30pm
A service of Nine Lessons & Carols

JOY
'Do not be afraid; for see -
I am bringing you good
news of great joy for
all the people ...'
Luke 2.10-11

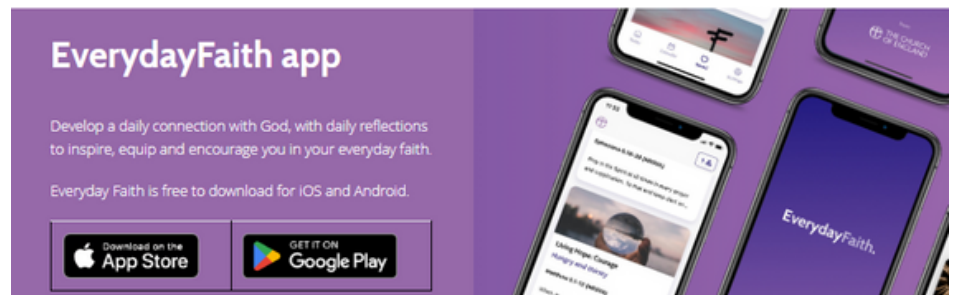
JOY
CHRISTMAS SERVICES
at
ST AIDAN'S CHURCH
Christmas Eve 11.30pm
Christmas Day 10am



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

This year, the Church of England's Advent and Christmas theme focuses on **Joy**

Follow the daily reflections for Advent from 1st-24th December and then for the twelve days of Christmas on the Cof E Everyday Faith App



Everyday Faith is the new daily devotional app from the Church of England designed to inspire, equip and encourage you in your faith every day of the week, not just on Sundays. The app will provide you with carefully curated daily reflections, including selected Bible readings, a simple prayer to prepare you for the day ahead, and thoughts based on that week's theme.

ROCHDALE LIGHT ORCHESTRA
Conductor: GRAHAM MARSHALL
CONCERT
MUSIC, CAROLS and SONGS for the Festive Season
Featuring members of
ROCHDALE HARMONY
CONDUCTOR: Freda Farnworth
WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER 2025
7.30pm
ST. MICHAELS CHURCH
Bury and Rochdale Old Road
Bamford OL10 4BB
COME AND SING ALONG WITH US!
#ADMISSION FREE INTERVAL REFRESHMENTS RETIRING COLLECTION

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
Saturday 13th December 2025
Doors Open: 1.30pm
Start Time: 2pm
St Aidan's Sudden
Rochdale OL11 3EL
01706 344773 or 07761116304
www.ticketsource.co.uk/rochdale-phoenix-opera-society
Registered Charity no. 1074548
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*Thank you to all who attended
or helped at the Autumn Fair.*

We welcomed over 70 people at the door and you all helped
to raise a much-needed £826 for church funds.

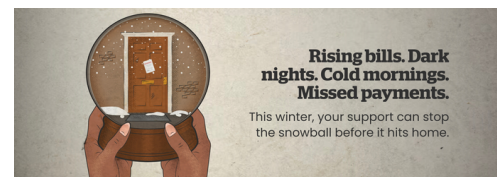


**This Advent season, we invite you to honour the memory of your loved ones
by completing a paper heart to be added to a Tree of Light.**

**The tree will be displayed by the chapel doors from Advent through to Epiphany,
shining brightly in love and remembrance.**

Charitable Giving for Christmas

Please support our designated charities if you can over the Advent season



<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/sharethewarmthchristmas>

<https://www.petrus.org.uk/support>

Please support St Aidan's Church

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



St Aidan's
Church
Rochdale

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news and events at St Aidan's Rochdale



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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**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.*

a church
NEAR YOU



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St Aidan's is an
Inclusive Church

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Diocese of Manchester | **CHURCH
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