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St Aidan's Church

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

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Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th October 10am

A special family-friendly service with Bishop Mark

Gifts will be sent to Rochdale Foodbank after the service

Thanksgiving Eucharist

4th October 3pm at St Martin's Castleton

celebrating 60 years of priestly ministry by Revd Graham Marshall.

More details [here](#).

From the Vicar: a reflection on Harvest Festival

Every year in the Autumn, Churches and schools across the country, collect food items, sing about gathering crops and give thanks for the harvest. Harvest Festival remains one of the few Church traditions that still connects everyday lives to God and the land.

Whilst most of us no longer tilt the ground, many still find it deeply moving to pause and celebrate this moment, giving thanks to God for the opportunity to give to others and mark the change of the season.

Whilst most of us no longer literally plant seeds, tending and reaping remains a deeply Christian thing which speaks directly into our spirituality, our relationship with God, and even our financial resources.

God. Harvest is not just a tradition to be remembered, it is a rhythm that can shape our hearts on recommitment and rootedness in faith.

I wish you all a happy Harvest Festival and a warm Autumn.

Reverend Sydwell Isaac

Your Vicar



Exploring Faith Together Meetings

On the first Tuesday in the month 2pm at St Martin's
and the first Wednesday in the month 7pm at St George's.

All are welcome - join us on 6th or 7th October

Wednesday Mornings 9.30am

Holy Communion (said). A quiet mid-week service in the Chapel.

Church Open Mornings

Revd Sydwell is at St Aidan's from 10am to 12pm every Tuesday, at St Martins on Wednesday mornings and St George's on Thursday mornings until the end of October. The churches are open at these times each week for all our congregations for private prayer or for a chat with the Vicar.



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 which go towards the upkeep of the church and our contribution to the Diocese through the Parish Share. You can also donate using the payment device in church or at any time by clicking this link [General Giving to St Aidan's Church - Give A Little](#).

Please support these fundraising events

St Aidan's Autumn Fair Saturday 21st November 11am-1pm

Quiz Night Saturday 28th November 7pm



Autumn FAIR

Saturday 21st November

11am - 1pm

St Aidan's Church Hall

Refreshments Homemade Goods
Books Toys & Games Raffle
Chocolate Tombola Christmas Stall
Cakes 'n' Bakes Children's Activities



Admission £1
Children Free

In aid of Church Funds



QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
7PM

Join us for a fun night !

Tickets £12 per person including Supper
Bring your own drinks - glasses provided

Register now with your team name
to book a table of four and reserve your tickets
by text or WhatsApp to Malcolm on
07980 606175

St Aidan's Church Hall
Car Parking OL11 3NH

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A Prayer for Parish Renewal



God of grace, we hold before you the people and places
entrusted to our care.

By your Holy Spirit, renew our parish in mission.

Give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.

May we grow daily in love for you and for one another,
that the whole world might know your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.



News from St George's Church



[Full details on Facebook](#)

**Do you have a pet?
Or just love animals?**

**You are invited to this service
at St George's Church on Sunday 11th October at 3pm.**

**If successful Revd Sydwell hopes
to hold a pet service at St Aidan's
next summer from our outside pulpit.**



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