

## St. Aidan's Church May 22<sup>nd</sup>

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He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.' Acts 1:9..."

Services coming up

This Sunday at **10.00am** – Beacon Service; **4pm** Evening Prayer; Ascension Day – Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Communion for Wigan South Parish 7pm at St. Aidan's; Sunday May 29<sup>th</sup> 10am Special Coronation Jubilee Service with music from the coronation and a sharing of memories.

**Heating** : Please be aware that in the summer months we will not be putting the heating on in church as we are aware how much heating costs will rise this year and also of the impact that energy consumption has on the environment. Please make sure that you wear adequate clothing on cooler mornings to ensure you are comfortable in our services.

We have a stall at the Jubilee Celebrations in Bankes Park on June 5<sup>th</sup>, could you bake for this event? Baking is pledged, but more is needed! Could you help to set up at 10.30 after the Communion service? Please let Helen or our Assistant Warden's – Peter and Barbara know. Please note that parking may be difficult on that day because of the numbers expected at the celebrations.

The AGM for Wigan South Parish - May 24<sup>th</sup>. is at Holy Trinity Church. It starts at 7pm. Please try to attend this very important meeting.

Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Aidan's School from 2.30 – 4.30pm – the Great British Jubilee Fayre. Money raised will provide treats for the children. Please support this event.

### **Surfstage**

We are really fortunate to have a Christian festival very close to us in Parbold, running from 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June, which will be great fun whatever age you are. Parking is available for a small fee and food and drink are on sale, but everything is free. This includes crafts, games, nail painting and sports. There is an option for those in high school or older to camp for £12 for the three nights, supervised by leaders from St Thomas' and Church Wigan. Their strap line is Love is the way, Joy is for sharing and Peace is not just for hippies! Please see [surfstage.co.uk](http://surfstage.co.uk)

I am very pleased to share the Sue Fulford continues to improve and all being well will, next month, be starting a phased return to work. She will still need our prayers as she begins to minister again, building up slowly over a period of time. It will be lovely to see her back.

**Birthday greetings** to Megan Codling, Pat Rimmer, June Phillips and Olive Haselden who all have a birthday coming up in the next 2 weeks.

### **Prayer for the Parish**

If anyone needs to be added to our prayer list please let Helen or Margaret Stott know. The family must give permission for any name to be added to the list. The list that has been on these updates is also used in church services.

For confidential prayer needs contact Jennifer Berry for the Mother's Union Prayer circle (01942 389715).



I am sorry that I am unable to give you an up to date prayer list this week. Please use previous lists.

A closing prayer :

Dear Jesus, thank you that you came in human form and lived on earth. You always did what your Heavenly Father desired. Today we celebrate the day when you left the earth by being taken up into Heaven, where you sit on the throne. May I remember and believe you will fulfill your promises to us. So I wait for your return to the earth, when sin and death will finally be defeated. Jesus, I need your presence in my life, your direction and help. I pray in the name of Jesus, our Ascended Lord. Amen.