

Wigan South Parish Magazine

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St Aidan's edition



**Blessed are those
who mourn,
for they shall be
comforted**

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Parish Information

Baptisms

Baptisms (also called Christenings) are held around the Parish throughout the month. Please come along to the morning service at the church of your choice, and you can talk about booking a date that works well for you and church. Godparents must have been baptised themselves and be prepared to attend a baptism preparation session with the parents.

Funerals

Every parishioner has the right to a service in church, followed by a committal.

Marriage

You can marry in a CofE Church of your choice if certain criteria are shown to be met.

If you would like further information or to book a wedding or a baptism, please attend at one of our churches or see the contact details at the rear of the magazine. Funeral Directors will book any funerals.

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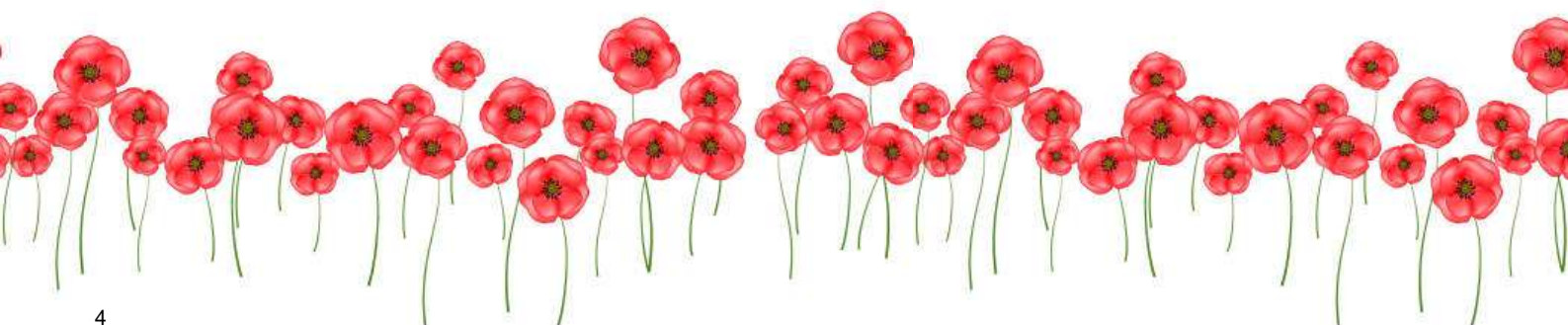
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Watch, Wait

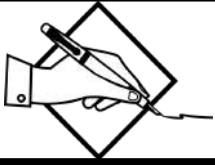
(Mk 13:31-37, Rev 21:3,4,22:20)

Help us to watch, Lord,
While we wait.
To watch as we serve You,
On the margins,
In the mainstream,
In the mix-up of this world.
Yet always preparing,
Building for Your kingdom
Ready for Your return.

Help us to respond, Lord,
To the signs,
While we wait.
Not demanding details,
But trusting Your word,
Holding Your promise
To wipe away tears and suffering
When You make all things new
On that day.

Help us Lord, oh help us
While we watch
In the darkness,
While we wait
Through the between times
For You
To come,
To be our God,
Our glorious, victorious King.

Come Lord Jesus.



Letter from Ros



Dear friends,

As I write this to you the country is still reeling from the Storm Babet and even today the forecast informs us that the heavy rain will continue over the next 7 days. The pictures on the television tell their own story of floods, destruction and sadly loss of life.

The feelings of despair are paramount amongst communities and their thoughts must be turning to HOPE for improvement for their situations. I am reminded of the words of Psalm 121 verses 1-2:

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

We are witnessing too the atrocities that are taking place in Ukraine, in Israel and Gaza such mindless acts of war, where innocent people are being killed, injured, taken hostage and made homeless.

In addition we are also hearing shocking stories with regard to the Cost of Living crisis, the impact of the growing number of Food Banks that are popping up in towns and villages and in our own Communities of Church Wigan more churches are setting up Food Pantries. We all need to express the importance of HOPE for everyone.

Over the last few weeks we have all experienced the challenges of the Right Buildings Review which has affected all of our churches in one way or another, and you will have read the various documents that have been sent out to all congregations. During this review, following inspections of buildings and a team meeting each church was assessed and given a colour coding of green to retain, amber to review, red to release.

This has proved to be a very sad time as some churches were deemed to be released appearing in the red category, and the four buildings identified will eventually close as the buildings cannot easily support growth of mission without large investments to develop or re-locate them.

However, returning to our theme of HOPE our PCC is now leading the process to gather comments and questions and to review the reports to consider the potential of these buildings and their missional value. It also provides us with an opportunity to identify where we can strive to turn ourselves around and to consider how we can use our resources in the future.

This is a time of great challenge for all concerned and as Church Wigan we must all try to give love and support to these communities.

In Isaiah 41 verse 10 we read:

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

All of us in the South Hub must continue to pray for the congregations who are feeling threatened at the moment and pray that a more positive outcome can be recognised for them.

***Blessings
Rosalyn xx***

The Country Parson

The parson, tall and debonair,
Engaged in his Pastoral Care:
With his trusty old bike;
Rather than hike,
He brings solace to souls in despair.

John Daniels

Bereavement Support Group in Wigan South Hub

Main Aim: To set up a support group for anyone affected by grief and loss in our community.

Objectives:

- To provide a caring, friendly, safe environment where people can share their memories of loss & grief
- To offer a listening ear & support in ways which are social as well as spiritual
- A recognition that everyone grieves in their own way, that grief is normal & is not prescriptive.
- A confidential, non-judgemental & supportive space which is accessible for all

The purpose of the group is to offer support, help, and friendship to all people who have experienced any form of bereavement, be that recently or long ago. It is about reaching out to people who may feel, lost, bewildered, and uncertain at what may be a difficult time in their life journey. This is in order to give them a sense of hope for the future and themselves.

The support offered will take various forms from individual, group, prayer, quiet time, social time and a memorial service.

If you feel called to be part of this team and can offer a prayerful, helpful presence and a listening ear, then please consider this ministry. Full training will be provided for any member of the team who wishes to be involved in this group. It is envisaged that the support group will meet at two venues - once a month at each venue in the hub.

All ministers who conduct funerals in the hub will provide people with details of the Bereavement Support Group when they visit families. The details of the support group will in time be distributed to local GP's, Funeral Directors, libraries and local community groups.

If you would like to chat or find out more details, please contact Revd Dave Hamlett - dhamlett@blueyonder.co.uk / 07972577801

Parish News



Weekly Events This Month

Mondays

- 9.30am - 10.30am Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)



Tuesdays

- 10am - 12pm Coffee Morning (St Thomas' church hall)



Wednesdays

- 1pm - 2.30pm: Wednesday Weenies (St Thomas' church hall)
- 1pm - 3pm: Knit and Chat group at (St Peter's)
- 7.30pm: Women's Fellowship (St Peter's)



Thursdays

- 2pm - 3.15pm Gentle dance class (St Luke's)

Fridays

- 10am Bible Study (St Thomas' church hall)
- 12.30pm - 1.30pm Mini Street Pop Up Play (St Andrew's)

November Events

Saturday 4th November

3pm Ashton Churches Together Songs of Worship & Praise (Holy Trinity)

Saturday 18th November

11am - 2pm Christmas Fayre (St Thomas')

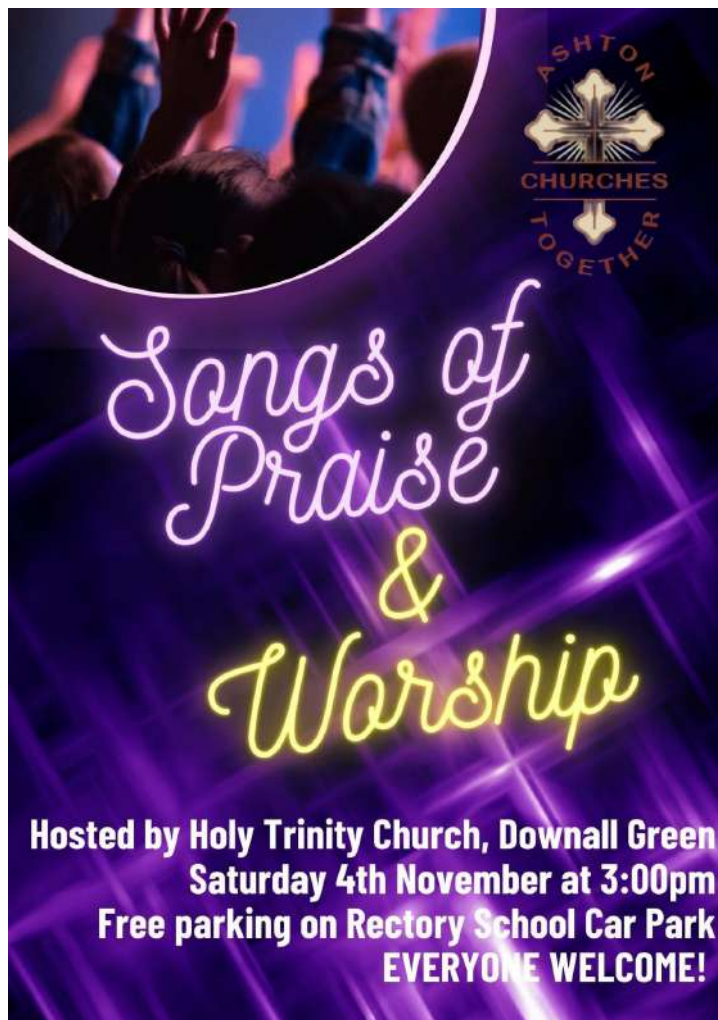
Tuesday 28th November

1.30pm - 3.00pm Peace of Mind Dementia Café at (St Andrew's)

Saturday 3rd December

11am - 1pm Christmas Fayre (St Luke's)





Christmas Tree Festival

Due to popular demand, we are holding another Christmas Tree Festival at St Aidan's Church in Billinge. This will run from 8th December to 10th December. The trees will be displayed in church from 8th December up until Christmas.

This is an ideal opportunity to advertise your business - decorate a tree to represent your business, leave business cards/ information so the local community can see what you offer. Families may enjoy decorating a tree to your own design.

Tree sponsorship - It costs just £30 to sponsor a tree. There will be a range of activities and events running over the weekend of the tree festival so lots of people will view the trees. The trees look beautiful all lit up, come along and see the spectacle.

If you would like to sponsor and decorate a tree please contact Alison Corkill - email alisoncorkill@sky.com or ring 07837549722 evenings and weekends.





Ladies Christmas Meal

Christine Moorfield, at Holy Trinity, has once again organised the 'Ladies Christmas Meal' at Ashton Masonic Hall, Bryn on Tuesday 12th December, 6.30pm for 7pm. The cost of the meal is £28 including entertainment. Menus are now available from Christine. This is always a most enjoyable evening and puts us all in the Christmas mood.

Wigan South Hub Churches
Holy Trinity | St Aidan's | St Andrew's | St Luke's | St Peter's | St Thomas'

Bereavement Support Group

Don't Walk Your Journey Through Grief Alone

A Pathway To Hope

We invite you to come to a Safe Space
Share your experiences with a group of loving people

1st Tuesday of every month	St Luke's Church Bolton Road Stubshaw Cross WN4 8UN	St Andrew's Church 274 Garswood Road Garswood WN4 0TU
Starting December 2023	10.00am - 11.30am	1.30pm - 3.00pm

Services in November



Wednesday 1st	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 2nd	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 5th	9.00am Morning Worship 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am Holy Communion 10.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 6.30pm Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
Wednesday 8th	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 9th	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 12th	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Holy Communion 10.30am Sta's4all in school 10.30am Remembrance Sunday 10.30am Remembrance Sunday 10.45am Remembrance Service 11.00am Holy Communion 4.00pm Civic Remembrance Service	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's

Wednesday 15th	10.00am: Holy Communion	St Aidan's
Thursday 16th	9.45am: BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 19th	9.00am Morning Worship 9.30am Church café 10.00am Morning Worship 10.30am Morning Prayer 10.30am Morning Worship 10.45am Holy Communion 11.00am Family Worship 6.30pm Evening Prayer	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Thomas'
Wednesday 22nd	10.00am Holy Communion	Holy Trinity
Thursday 23rd	9.45am BCP Holy Communion	St Thomas'
Sunday 26th	9.00am Holy Communion 9.30am Morning Worship 10.00am St Aidan's Beacon 10.30am Café Church 10.30am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship Together 11.00am Family Worship 4.00pm Holy Communion	St Thomas' St Andrew's St Aidan's St Peter's Holy Trinity St Thomas' St Luke's St Aidan's



Everyone is welcome to join all services.

If you would like to attend any services across the parish and need assistance with transport, please get in contact with your local leadership team.

Crossword



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Answers on page 19

Across

- 1 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8 Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9 Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10 Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11 A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12 A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19 Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21 Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24 Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Down

- 1 Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3 Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5 Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16 Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7 A three (anag.) (6)
- 9 Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13 Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)
- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
- 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
- 16 See 6 Down (6)
- 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
- 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

November High & Holy Days

6th November: William Temple - Archbishop of Canterbury

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare,

education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

26th November: The excitement of the Sunday of Christ the King

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday of the church year, and in some ways the most important. Why? Because everything else in the Christian year looks BACK on what happened 2000 years ago. The Sunday of Christ the King looks FORWARD to what we can expect next.... the return one day of Jesus Christ to this earth, as King of Kings.

Does the idea of Jesus of Nazareth literally returning to earth seem a bit quaint to accept, in our computerised world of e-mails and the internet? Well, that is what the Bible says will happen – it is promised more than 250 times!

The Bible is quite clear: the return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King of Kings will take place personally, powerfully, bodily, visibly, publicly – and INSTANTLY. (Read Matthew 24:30,31, or I Thessalonians 4:13 – 5:3.) Here are words of Jesus Himself:

For the Son of Man in his day will be like the lightning, which flashes and lights up the sky from one end to the other. (Luke 17:24)

This will be no local story for a BBC TV reporter to cover if he gets time. That day he won't be interviewing the Carpenter of Nazareth, wearing Galilean homespun. Jesus will be in His incandescent brilliance as the 'Son of Man' – a bit of a challenge even for TV reporters! Certainly when Peter, James and John were witness to their familiar Master 'transfigured', as the same irradiated

Person – in a dramatic preview of Christ’s triumphant final rule (Luke 9:28-36), they did not feel very confident.

The martyred Stephen, about to die, had a similar glimpse: “Behold I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God’ (Acts 7:56). The exiled apostle John on the island of Patmos saw the same figure: ‘...His face was like the sun shining in full strength’ (Revelation 1:16.)

When Christ one day returns, the whole world will finally witness this same spectacle (Revelation 1:7). His return will mark the end of history, as we know it. It will inaugurate the final Judgment. It will re-unite the Lord with His Church on earth.

Jesus’ return to us will bring about the new heaven and the new earth. Pain, death, persecution, privation and sorrow will all be banished. The entire edifice of evil that has raised itself against the rule of God will be dismantled in a moment.

We have been warned all along not to place a date or a time upon the Second Coming of Christ. (Matthew 24:42-44) Sadly, many people ignore this warning and waste endless time in calculations. The way in which we should be spending our days before the end is to work, watch and witness to our Lord Jesus – whether or not ours is a world of computers, e-mail and all the rest!

In the meantime, where is Jesus now? The Bible writers tells us that Jesus has returned to the place of privilege and power, and is ‘seated at the right hand’ of the Father (Ephesians 1:20-21; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3), and is waiting for the Father’s timing for Him to return to earth in glory (Mark 13:26-27,32), to raise the dead (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18), and give them their resurrection bodies (1 Corinthians 15:35-44).

Jesus will never be a baby again. He is now Christ the King – today, tomorrow, forever.

Why go to church?

A church-goer complained to his minister: "I've been coming to church every Sunday for 30 years, and in that time I have heard thousands of sermons, but for the life of me, I can't think of a single one now. So, I think I have wasted my time."

The minister thought for a moment and replied: "I've been married for 30 years, and my wife and I have cooked thousands of meals. For the life of me I can't recall the entire menu of a single one of those meals now. But I do know that each one nourished us and gave us strength to carry on living. If we had not had those meals, but snacked on rubbish instead, we would have been stunted and eventually starved. Without regular Christian nourishment, we also will starve – spiritually."

Crossword Answers

ACROSS:

1, Thanks. 4, Banner. 8, Esher. 9, Azariah. 10, Compare. 11, Ishma.
12, Doorposts. 17, Oaths. 19, Galatia. 21, Papyrus. 22, Frail. 23, Listen.
24, Hyssop.

DOWN:

1, Trench. 2, Ashamed. 3, Karma. 5, Ananias. 6, Neigh. 7, Reheat.
9, Areopagus. 13, Observe. 14, Satraps. 15, Compel. 16, Gallop. 18, Tapes.
20, Lofty.

Be a Barnabas - encourage one another

'You'll never amount to much' said a Munich schoolteacher to the ten-year-old Albert Einstein. Good thing that he did not listen – and instead went on to prove his teacher wrong!

Just as children need encouragement, so do God's children. St Paul urged the Christians in his young churches to 'encourage one another.' (1 Thess 5:11). In the Upper Room, Jesus used the same word to describe the Holy Spirit, meaning one 'called alongside to help'.

When we encourage others, we exercise a ministry like that of the Spirit to each other. In Acts we read of Joseph, a wealthy Levite from Cyprus. We know him better by his nickname Barnabas, which means 'Son of Encouragement' (Acts 4:36). How did Barnabas encourage others?

He was an example of generous giving (Acts 4:36-7), when he sold property and offered the money to the church for those in need. In the midst of a caring and sharing community, he was singled out as a symbol of generosity. Are we prepared to be generous to those in need around us?

He later gave encouragement to a new Christian in the person of Paul (Acts 9:27). After Paul's conversion and aware of his reputation, Barnabas came alongside Paul and brought him into the fellowship of the Church. Are we ready to help those who are new to the faith to find a place in our church?

Finally, Barnabas was sent to the church in Antioch and there 'saw the evidence of the grace of God' (Acts 11:23). Here was a church which brought together Jewish and Gentile believers together for the first time. Like Barnabas, are we able to rejoice when we see God doing new things? Are we also willing to encourage others to embrace these things and facilitate change?

Don't forget, 'In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity.' (Albert Einstein).



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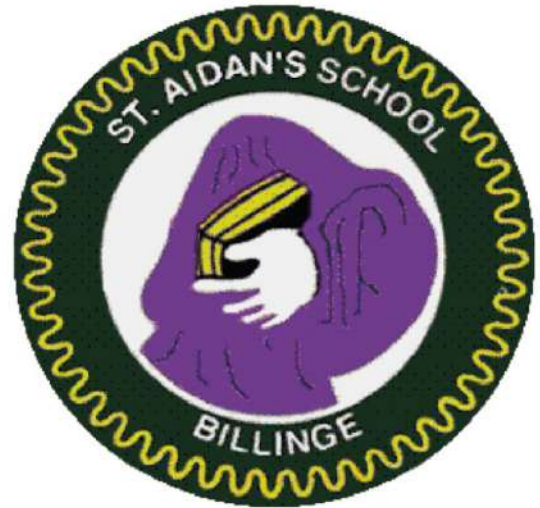
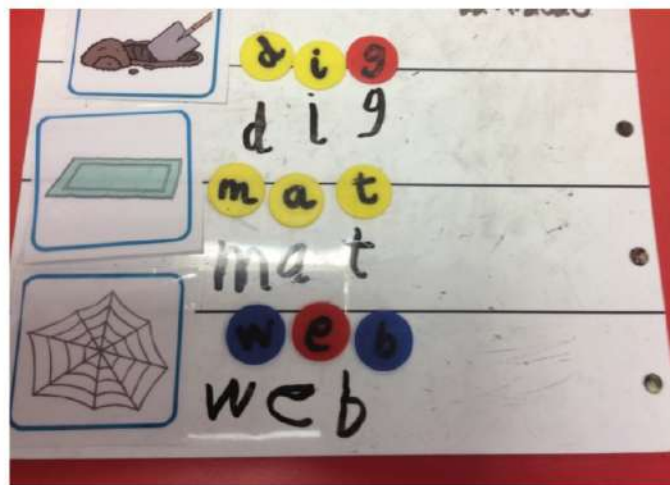
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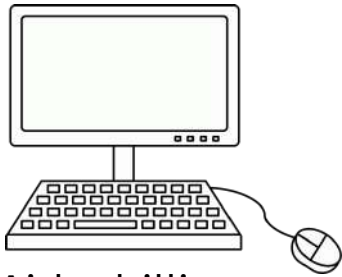


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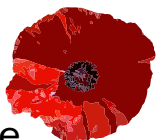
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Wednesday 1st November	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th November	10.00am 12.45pm	Holy Communion Baptism Service
Sunday 12th November	10.30am 4.00pm	Sta's4all in school No morning service in church Civic Remembrance Service
Wednesday 15th November	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19th November	10.00am	Morning Worship
Sunday 26th November	10.00am 4.00pm	St Aidan's Beacon Holy Communion



On Sunday 12th November we will be hosting the Civic Remembrance service for Billinge. This starts at 4pm. All are welcome to gather around the War Memorial which is located in our church, as we remember those who gave so much for our freedom. The church will be decorated with poppies. A huge thank you to those who have been knitting poppies for this event.

Advanced Notice

Our Candle lit Carol Service will take place at 4pm on Sunday 10th December





Sta's4all

In November we are recalling the story of The Big Spender! – a parable of God's loving nature and forgiveness. Even when we want to go off and go our own way He waits for us to return to Him. There will be refreshments, singing, stories and activities on the theme.

Beacon

Our next Beacon service is on November 26th. This is the last week of the Christian year, when we celebrate Christ the King! It will also be the week of our annual Toy Service. You are asked to bring gifts suitable for children and teenagers in the parish who are in need this Christmas. This will be given to the Mayor's Christmas Appeal. Please do not wrap the gifts, this will be done by volunteers. There is a special need for gifts for the teenagers! Thank you in anticipation of your great generosity.



Donations may also be brought to the 4pm Evening Prayer Service.

Children's Remembrance Service

We are looking forward to the Children's Remembrance Service which takes place on Friday November 10th at the Memorial Garden on Main Street. The service is attended by children from our local primary schools. It is always a moving event. The service starts at 10.45. Please remember that Main Street is closed below the Traffic lights for Newton Road, until the junction with Ashgrove Crescent during the service.

December Magazine

This year the magazine in December will be a 2 month issue to include January news and items. There will be no magazine in January. If you wish any news or donations to be included in this magazine you will need to give them by mid November. A big thank you to those who deliver magazines to so many households. Those who have a magazine delivered will need to let their deliverer know next month if they wish to continue to receive delivery of a magazine in 2024.

Verger e-mail

Please be aware that the email for Barbara Goulden for weddings and the graveyard has been changed to staidansverger@yahoo.com. I am sorry that this was not amended in previous magazines.

Prayer changes things!



St Aidan's Emergency Prayer Group pray for individuals in need within or known to our congregation: Do you know someone in need of prayer support? Sick, anxious, feeling unloved, bereaved, depressed? Prayer enables us to be encircled in love. This emergency prayer group will pray in confidence for your loved one.

Ring Jennifer on 01942 537325 or Brenda on 01744 894528 to share the need.

Prayer for the Mission and Ministry of St. Aidan's pray for all aspects which affect our church mission to reach out to our community and for the practical aspects of our church building and services and our position within Wigan South. This is co-ordinated by one of our prayer warriors - Pauline Griffiths.

If you would like to be a part of the team of prayers for the Mission and Ministry of St. Aidan's please contact Pauline on paulinesonia@hotmail.co.uk

Church Keys

We are undertaking an audit of 'key-holders' in order to update our security in light of recent break-ins in some churches.

There will be a clip board at the rear of Church for holders of keys to confirm their name and reason for holding keys. If you cannot come into church please email Barbara Goulden (staidansverger@yahoo.com) with the relevant information.

As from 1st December 2023 the locks on the front door will be changed.



St Aidan's Review of the Right Buildings Recommendations

This meeting was held in Church on Sunday 22nd October.

Thanks to all who made time to join us for this important meeting. It was an opportunity to give first thoughts about the recommendations across Church Wigan of which church buildings are best placed to be sustainable into the future, and to review our position as a church. Some of those attending have friends at other churches who are under review and may need to close. Their concerns were not only for our own church.

Rev Sue Fulford led the meeting. She ran through the process and opened in prayer, thanking God that St. Aidan's is currently to be retained and asking for our prayers for churches in our Hub - Holy Trinity, Downall Green, and St. Lukes, Ashton who are to be reviewed.

She commented that we must not become complacent. There will be further reviews periodically. We look to engage further with our community, and indeed, as our volunteers are aging, we need the help and support of our community if St. Aidan's is to remain viable into the future. The factors that the Right Buildings Panel were looking at were the accessibility, adaptability and range of facilities and the churches ability to sustain mission.

The range of questions raised looked at concerns about and effectiveness of Transforming Wigan, how effective the current reviews will be, the difficulties of maintaining ministry with the current levels of personnel, how we can support churches currently under Review, and the challenge of maintaining our mission in this financial climate. Our treasurer shared that our outgoings are on average £5,500 per month, our income £2,500 per month. Our reserves have been used up. Unless this situation can be changed our future is uncertain.

A further meeting to continue the debate will take place after the 10am service of Morning Worship on Sunday 19th November, starting shortly after 11am. If you have any comments or questions that you would like to ask they can be written and posted in a box at the back of church or emailed to Helen who will collate them for the next meeting. hrsteele@tiscali.co.uk

Food Pantry

It's getting close now! Joan and her volunteers are working hard on getting everything in place and hope to be up and running before the end of November, but there is still much to do so a definite date cannot be confirmed at the date of publication. Look out for notification on posters and social media.

Aidan's pantry will be open on a Friday afternoons, 2.00pm - 4.00pm.

The food pantry is being funded by the Lifted Mission under the umbrella of Church Wigan and Wigan Deanery Trust. This means we will have access to lots of other organisations who can offer help and advice, like Christians Against Poverty.

The difference between a food pantry and food bank is that the pantry is open to everyone and stocks food from supermarkets and factories, such as Heinz. This prevents food from being sent to land fill sites and helps families of all incomes, ages and sizes access food at a very low cost.

Annual membership to use the pantry will be £5 and you will be able to purchase a wide range of 15 items for £3 every week.

There have been a number of pantries that have been opened throughout Church Wigan. They have been successful in feeding many people but also become places for socialising, advice, outreach and much more. Once established we hope to be able to expand our Pantry into much more.

This will be a warm and welcoming place where the people of Billinge can not only have access to good low priced, quality food but a place to make friends.

Everyone will be sure to receive a warm welcome.



Christmas Tree Festival

Due to popular demand, we are holding another Christmas Tree Festival at St Aidan's Church in Billinge. This will run from 8th December to 10th December.

The trees will be displayed in church from 8th December up until Christmas.

This is an ideal opportunity to advertise your business - decorate a tree to represent your business, leave business cards/ information so the local community can see what you offer. Families may enjoy decorating a tree to your own design.



Tree sponsorship - It costs just £30 to sponsor a tree. There will be a range of activities and events running over the weekend of the tree festival so lots of people will view the trees. The trees look beautiful all lit up, come along and see the spectacle.

If you would like to sponsor and decorate a tree please contact Alison Corkill - email alisoncorkill@sky.com or ring 07837549722 evenings and weekends.

The Registers



Funerals or Burials of Ashes 'May they rest in peace'

4 October	Elizabeth Ann Dixon	89
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St Aidan's Treasurer and Church Committee would like to acknowledge
with thanks the kind donations from;

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In loving memory of a dear Mam and Dad, Ernest and Ellen Barton
and all loved ones from Daughter Margaret and Ian and Joanne

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In celebration of 60 happy years of marriage
John and Brenda Bridge

In loving memory of Dorothy Walker

With Thanks from Marion Boardman

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In loving memory of Joan and Norman Heaton
a very much missed Mum and Dad, Joan Roberts



Memorials

Names of deceased loved ones whose ashes have been interred in the memorial garden can be inscribed on the large granite memorial stone. Entries on the stone cost £200. If the partner or other relative wishes to reserve an adjacent space this can also be arranged, the cost being the same as the original entry and with no further charge when the inscription is completed. In order to ensure that the reserved line is kept the date of birth of the person for whom it is reserved will be added. The fee/s must be paid before any inscription is added.

Anyone wishing to make use of this memorial should contact Barbara Goulden (894694). Please give details in writing and include a telephone number on which you can be contacted.

St Aidan's Remembrance Book

Applications for Entries to the Remembrance Book can be made by filling in the request form, which gives full details of how to go about it.

Fees for entries cost £10.00. Forms are obtainable from the back of Church with details of what to do and who to return the form to.

The Opened Book shows 4 days dates per view and the pages are turned on a regular basis according to that day's date. The Book is on Display in the Glass topped Cabinet, in the Prayer corner. It has a Hinged glass top, which allows people to turn the page or pages so that their entry can be viewed at any time. Please use the pair of white cotton gloves provided to turn the pages. If you turn the pages to see a particular entry please return it to the day's date before leaving. All the entries are written in the Calligraphic style of writing with the First Letter in colour.

Church Grounds

Please note that any enquiries about graves or the burial of ashes must go to our Assistant Warden Barbara Goulden on 01744 894694 or email - staidansbillingeveryger@yahoo.com and not the team who work to keep the graveyard tidy.

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