

St. Aidan's Church August Extra 2024

Wigan South Bible passage for 2024:

Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Psalm 100:1-2 (NLT)

It's holiday season! Not all the usual activities will take place as normal, but Aidan's Pantry carries on. Well done to Joan and their volunteers!

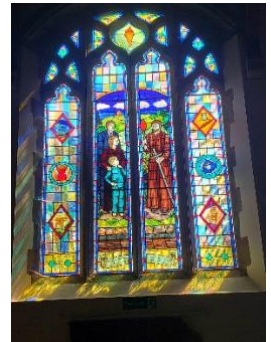
Services in August

Aug 11th Evening Prayer at 4pm. Reflection by Rev Sandra Jones. It will be lovely to see June Phillips back in leadership at this service.

Aug 18th Morning Prayer

Aug 25th 10am Beacon, 4pm Holy Communion

Please note that the **Beacon Service** on Sunday August 25th will not include the Beacon Singers.



The funeral of Eileen Hollins will take place on Thursday 8th August at 2pm in church. Eileen was one of the first people that I met, along with Joyce Holden, when I started to come to St. Aidan's church in 1982, and through attending the house-group that she went to (at Jenny Bent's home) she encouraged me to become an active part of the church. Eileen worked tirelessly in her roll as Church Warden and in Mother's Union. Sadly she has not been able to attend in person in recent years but I know that many people will have strong memories of Eileen. We pray for her family at this time.

Prayer for the Parish

If you don't get Pauline's prayers for the Parish by email each week you are missing a treat! It is so important to come before God to pray for His guidance in the activities and mission of our Parish. When we work to God's plan we know that we will move the Kingdom forward in Billinge. We come not to endorse our own ideas but to seek his path and ask for His Wisdom. On Wednesday August 28th at 7pm we are having a face to face prayer evening in Church to pray for the important events that are coming up for our Parish. If you are able please come. You don't have to pray aloud, you can simply pray in the silence of your heart and add your amen, but if you would like to pray aloud there will be opportunities to do so.

Advance Notices:

South Hub Vision Day

Saturday 21st
September

@ St Paul's Church Skelmersdale
WN8 8ND

9.30 for a 9.45am start, finishing at
2.15pm approx
(Bring your own lunch, but drinks and biscuits provided)

Come and help discern where God
is leading us as a hub

Vision Day - Saturday September 21st

This 'Vision Day' is for all South Hub church members to try to discern where God is leading us **as a hub**. It will take place outside of the Parish, at St Paul's at Skelmersdale.

You are asked to bring your own lunch but drinks and biscuits will be provided.

Do you need a lift? Or could you offer someone else from the parish a lift?

Please sign up in church or let Helen know if you would like to attend.

A notice for all those who lead services, write intercessions, selecting and/or leading music.

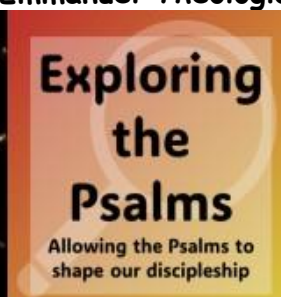
As part of the Church Wigan season "Living the Psalms" there is a session to examine how the Psalms can help shape our approach to prayer in worship, "Psalms & Worship". This will help us think through how our worship is shaped by different aspects of prayer such as praise, thanksgiving, lament and intercession. The aim will be to consider how we craft our worship to cover these different elements, not simply when we pray but across a complete time of worship. The session is for all those who help design and lead worship in different ways. There are two identical sessions (no need to attend both) 7.30pm 23rd September at St Paul's and 30th September St Nathaniel's, Platt Bridge.

Not a problem to have missed the earlier sessions and you can catch up with the video summaries on Church Wigan Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchWigan/videos/475361851655257/> and
<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchWigan/videos/441448405456635/>

Rev'd Peter Whittington

Tutor for Licensed Lay Ministry at Emmanuel Theological College



Ongoing Right Buildings Review

Also on September 23rd at 7pm, a team of leaders from St. Aidan's will be meeting with our Hub clergy to do a review of St Aidan's - our use of the building and our mission - as part of the ongoing 'Right Buildings Review'. If you feel that you have anything special to contribute to this or wish to attend please contact Helen.

Prayer for the Parish



Please pray for Lorraine Webb, Tracey-Ann Napier, Jeanette Caine, Judith Burns, Alan Chadwick, young Janie, David, Katrina, Brenda Williams, Alan Padmore and those you know who need God's healing touch. And we remember the bereaved, the family and friends of Eileen Hollins and David MacDonald and all who are feeling the pain of separation from their loved ones, whether that is recent or a while ago.

Please also pray for all those who are on holiday that they may be safe in their travels and that they will be refreshed for the season ahead.

And we pray for children at home during the school holidays, that they will remain safe wherever they are, and those charged with looking after them will have the energy needed and that they retain a sense of peace.