

St. Aidan's Church September 2024

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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)

Services in September

Sept 1st Holy Communion at 10am.

Sept 8th Sta's4all 10.30am in School; Evening Prayer at 4pm.

Sept 15th Morning Prayer at 10am

Sept 22nd Harvest Sunday 10am Beacon, 4pm Holy Communion

Sept 29th Hub service Holy Trinity at 10am.



In September the Hub churches will be joining together to use the theme of *Giving in Grace*. This will focus on 4 readings from Luke's Gospel. If you want to read them for a sneak preview you will find them as follows:

Sept 1st Luke 12:13 - 21 the rich fool; Sept 7th Luke 19:1-10 Zaccheus; Sept 15th Luke 21:1-4 the widow's mite and Sept 22nd Luke 18:18-30 the Rich Ruler. This will also be the theme of the Hub service on September 29th.

Sta's4all look forward to being back together in St Aidan's School on the 2nd Sunday of the month starting at 10.30am. The theme this month is Daniel in the Lion's Den. This is a reminder that Sta's4all is short for St. Aidan's for everyone. You do not have to have a child attending St. Aidan's school in order to be able to come. Even pensioners have come in the past to enjoy some craft activities and puzzles on a theme, refreshments, time to chat to others and a relaxed style of worship. All are welcome.

A large proportion of our members are children of primary school age. We could not operate without the generous time and energy of our volunteers. All have received safeguarding training. Following guidance from the safeguarding team in the Liverpool Diocese, all who attend are required to sign in and records are kept in a secure place.

Beacon Service on September 22nd is our Harvest Service. As we did last year we are inviting you to give generously to feed others, as our Heavenly Father gives generously to feed us. Please bring contributions of tinned or dried goods suitable to stock our Food Pantry as Harvest gifts. If you have any food items such as fruit or tomatoes etc which can help to decorate the church this would also be useful.

Do you grow your own? Perishable goods can also be useful items for the Pantry at any time of year, especially if you have a glut! But because Pantry is on a Friday these would need to be brought to church early on the Friday or contact Peter Preston to see when church will be open on the Thursday (07903 949744).



The Friendship Group

September 26th at 2pm the group meet to chat and have refreshments and this month there will be the opportunity to join in Holy Communion. All are welcome to join them.

Bible Study opportunities

A bible studies is being set up across the hub for anyone who wishes to attend. A Prayer Course will start on Thursday 12th September and will be on alternate Thursdays. A second course called 'Start' begins on Wednesday 9th October. At the time of going to press I do not have the confirmed location or start time but probably will by the time you are likely to be reading this. Please contact Helen Steele for more details if you are interested.

Choral Evensong - an invitation from St. Thomas' Church

Every third Sunday in the month, Choral Evensong will be celebrated at the 6:30pm Service in St Thomas'. This service has been described as the "Jewel in the Crown" of Anglican Worship. This peaceful liturgical service is held in the Chancel and has a very spiritual and tranquil feel. All are welcome. If you've never been, come along and enjoy this once-a-month service. If you would like any detailed information, please speak to Paul Tushingham. (Mobile 0771 819 4053)

Craft Fair

It has been suggested that we might have a Craft Fair as a fund raising event which would reach out into the community, in Church either late in November or early in December. We will need to advertise this in October in order to allow stall holders to book a table. Would you be willing to help to organise and steward this event, or to help with refreshments on the day. If so please give your details to Helen Steele by September 15th

'Vision Day for South Hub'

A reminder that on Saturday September 21st there is a 'Vision Day' for all of South Hub churches to try to discern where God is leading us **as a hub**. This will have an impact on St. Aidan's as much as any other of our churches. It will take place outside of the Parish, at St Paul's in Skelmersdale. It starts at 9.30 for a 9.45 start and will finish at approximately 2.15pm. You are asked to bring your own lunch but drinks and biscuits will be provided. Please sign up in church by September 8th or let Helen know if you would like to attend. Please also indicate on the sign up sheet if you are able to offer a lift to anyone without transport, or if you need a lift.

Right Buildings Review

A reminder that on September 23rd we will be meeting with our Hub clergy to do a review of St Aidan's and our mission, as part of the ongoing 'Right Buildings Review'. Please continue to pray for the use of our church building. If you wish to contribute to this discussion 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, Caroline Asbridge, Courtney Harrison, Alan and Janet Padmore and those you know who need God's healing touch. And we remember the bereaved, the family and friends of Peter Painter and all who are feeling the pain of separation from their loved ones, whether that is recent or a while ago.