

## St. Aidan's Church February 2025

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Wigan South Bible passage for 2025:

*'May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'* Romans 15:13

### **St Aidan's Mission Statement**

Our Mission is to:

Introduce people to Jesus

Become more like Jesus

Do what Jesus does



### **Upcoming Services:**

Jan 26<sup>th</sup> 10am Beacon Service - Christingle 4pm Holy Communion Celebrant Rev Sue Thomas

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> 10am Holy Communion with Guest Celebrant Archdeacon Simon Fisher

Feb 9<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Sta's4all in School, 4pm Evening Prayer

Feb 16<sup>th</sup> 10am Morning Worship

Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am Beacon Service 4pm Holy Communion Celebrant Rev Sue Thomas

Wednesday Holy Communions:

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> will be at St. Aidan's. Wed 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will be at Holy Trinity

### **Hub Social Evening:**

The hub Social Evening due on January 31<sup>st</sup> has had to be postponed as it's organiser, Rev Dave Hamlett is not well. A new date will be arranged soon.

### **Church Security** - A reminder from Barbara Goulden:

We need to increase the security of the Church. If any keyholder needs to go into Church (which should be on Church business only) they must either text me on my mobile phone or call my land line telling me they are coming in. When they leave they must send a text/phone message to say they have left. This is for security reasons. Also if you are alone it is for H & S requirements for lone working. (If you should fall etc no one would know)

Everyone who has a key and lets themselves in must sign in the book, even if it is for just 1 minute.

### **The Student Group**

The Student Group - a group for 16 to 21 year olds who study or live locally will be starting at St Aidan's Church on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, starting on February 4<sup>th</sup>. It is run by the Next Generation Team of Church Wigan and will run from 7pm till 8.30pm. They will have a coffee slot, a chance to chat to and support each other, video, bible study or other input and a time of worship. It is open to any students, so if you know someone in the right age group why not encourage them to come along and check it out.

**Mission Planning Meeting** - The group met on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Although we have talked about Mission for a number of years we felt that the various parts of the church lacked a common goal. We finally have an agreed statement which will guide our planning and reviews for each church activity. You can see the statement on the front of this newsletter. Our Mission is threefold - to introduce people to Jesus, to become more like Jesus ourselves and to do what Jesus does.

Having completed a review of our Mission at the last meeting we started to look at how we can improve and raise the standards of our Mission within the Community and within our own discipleship. Our discipleship can be enhanced by joining a small group for mid-week study. There were a lot of ideas put forward. Our next step is to set some reachable targets. A lot of what we would like to do relies on people coming forward to help. So do pray and ask God if He requires something of you - maybe to put something down in order to do something else. We are eager to align ourselves with His plans for St Aidan's trusting the God knows best!

### **Electoral Roll**

Although each year there can be amendments, every 6 years there is a major overhaul of the Electoral Roll and each person must reapply if they wish to be on this Roll. This year is the year! Membership of the Church of England is partly defined by signing the electoral roll of a Parish in the Church of England: the parish system of the Church, uniquely, covers every address in England. The electoral roll is one way of measuring the Anglican membership of the national Church. It is very important that, if you consider yourself to be a member of the Church of England, you sign the electoral roll of the Wigan South parish: this also gives you the right to vote at the Parish's annual meeting and to sit on the PCC. Your registration gives an important statistical representation of the membership of the Church over time. Forms will soon be available from the churchwardens.

### **Moving On course - starts 7pm on Tuesday 28 January at St Luke's**

If you want to grow in your Christian faith, discover more about following Jesus and find out more about being a committed member of the church, then maybe it's time for Moving On. This down-to-earth, seven week course, for all members of South Hub will help you discover more about Christian discipleship. Each session lasts, roughly, 90 minutes. It involves watching the Moving On video, followed by time to talk, listen and ask questions.

- be whole-hearted disciples;
- think about Christian stewardship;
- explore the Trinity and the Holy Spirit;
- grow in your relationship with God;
- be active and committed members of the church;
- consider the benefits and challenges of being a follower of Jesus

Where: St Luke's Church, Stubshaw Cross at 19 00 for seven weeks

When: Tuesdays - 28 January, 04, 11, 18, 25 February, 04, 11 March.

### **Antiques Road Show**

Our next Antiques Road show will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9.30 - 12.30. Bring along your items for expert valuation with Steve Parkinson. Items can be left with him for auction if you wish, but you can simply have a valuation if that is what you wish - £2 per item or £5 for 3 or more items.

### **Heating Bills**

As you can imagine, our bills for heating in the past few months have been very high. The small change bucket is out for your contributions. Please consider if you could be extra generous in your giving at this time.

### **Prayer for the Parish**

If anyone needs to be added to our prayer list please let Helen or Margaret Stott know. The person or 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 St Aidan's Prayer Circle on 01942 389715 or Brenda Bridge on 01744 894528.



Please pray for all those you know who need God's healing touch, those who are struggling in Body, Mind and Spirit. We remember especially Lorraine, Tracey-Ann, Jeanette, Brenda, David, Judith, Baby Ellie, Roy, Jack, Janet, George, Young Charlie, Nora and Kathleen. And we remember the bereaved including the family and friends of John Ashton, Eddie Porter and Alan Chadwick and all who are feeling the pain of separation from their loved ones, whether that is recent or a while ago.

Please continue to pray for our Mission and Ministry, our new ventures and for more volunteers to share in the work of this Parish (remembering that it could be you that God is calling), and for the progress of the meeting with the Next Generation leader.