

St. Aidan's Church March 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:

Mar 2nd 10am Holy Communion Celebrant Rev Sue Fulford

Mar 9th 10.30am Sta's4all in School, 4pm Evening Prayer

Mar 16th 10am Morning Worship

Mar 23rd 10am Beacon Service 4pm Holy Communion Celebrant Rev Sue Fulford

Mar 30th 10am Special Service for Mothering Sunday

Wednesday Holy Communions:

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

Wednesday March 5th is Ash Wednesday - the start of Lent. There is a Hub service of Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Downall Green starting at 7pm.

Mothering Sunday

March 30th is a 5th Sunday, so would normally have been a Hub Service, but Mothering Sunday is known for being a time when we visit our Mother Church, so each of our Hub churches wish to celebrate this special Sunday in their own Mother Church. We will have our usual flower sprays for the ladies and make this a special service for all. If you would be able to help with the preparation of these flower sprays on the Saturday please let Helen know so that she can pass your details on.

Mission Planning Meeting - The group met on February 24th. We looked at a Mission Statement for the Hub given in a pictorial manner. It is important that we join in with

what God is doing in our church community to make disciples of Jesus among all the people of the area. We need to be investing in people and deepening discipleship. There are 5 key areas under this umbrella idea - Prayer, Christian introduction, small groups, Socials and working with young families. If you want to know more please stay behind after the 10 am service on Mar 2nd when our progress so far will be shared. You will also be able to share your dreams for our mission in the future.

Electoral Roll

Don't forget that this year is the major overhaul of the Electoral Roll and each person must reapply if they wish to be on this Roll. Please bring back your signed electoral roll forms and put them in the box at the back of church. Please note that you do not have to give an email address but if you do provide one you are agreeing to allow the PCC and electoral Roll officer to use that address to contact you in connection with the preparation of the new roll.

St Aidan's Bereavement Group

It is still not sure whether we have sufficient personnel to start this group, but all those who feel that they could be a part of the helpers at this group are invited to a meeting with Rev Dave Hamlett in church on Friday March 14th at 2pm when we will talk together about it and come to a final decision. If you are interested but unavailable on the day please let Helen Steele know beforehand.

Antiques Road Show

Our next Antiques Road show will take place on March 22nd 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.

Confirmation

Our Confirmation Service this year will be on Tuesday 17th June at 7pm at St Thomas, Ashton. Anyone who is considering Confirmation should contact Helen Steele or Rev Sue Fulford to register your interest.

Friendship Group meets on 27th March at 2pm in Church. The speakers are 2 representatives from Billinge in Bloom, Lucelle and Sybil, talking about the work that they do. They make such a difference to our surroundings in Billinge. Why not come along to have refreshments, meet friends and find out more.



Growing in Discipleship during Lent

Why not make it a goal to read a bible verse or short passage each day during Lent, as we prepare ourselves for the special easter Season. God is with us at all times, but we don't always connect with Him. If you have a mobile phone you may wish to

download 'Everyday Faith' from the Church of England website. These contain daily bible readings and a simple prayer each day on a weekly theme.

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.

Our church family

You may like to know that Kath Milligan has settled in to Thomas House Care Home (168 Prescott Road, St Helens) She has a special birthday coming up on March 3rd. If you are aware of any other of our church family members celebrating a special birthday or anniversary please let Helen know. Barbara Goulden is having an operation on her hand in late March so will need to take a bit of a back seat for a few weeks.

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, George and Sandra. And we remember the bereaved, the family and friends of all who are feeling the pain of separation from their loved ones, whether that is recent or a while ago.

Please pray for Rev Sandra Jones as she recovers from a major operation last month. Sandra will need at least 6 weeks to recover. We also pray for Rev Sue who is dealing with Parish issues.

Please pray for us to continue to move forward with our Mission Plan and our various activities which enable us to reach out to our community. We thank God for the growth of our Pantry.