

St Aidan's Parish

Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021

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FR KEN WRITES

We welcome Ala our new parish secretary, who will be operating from the presbytery on Mondays and Wednesdays and Friday at lunch time. She can be contacted through the parish email and phone number. We extend our sincere thanks to Fiona Ludlow for all the time and energy she has given to being our Safe guardian Representative for the past years. She is moving to the West Country and has handed over to Eileen Williams, the new parish representative.

Hello from the new Parish Secretary Ala

Hello, my name is Alicja, Ala for short. I am 35, married with 2 kids, an 8-year-old daughter and a 5-year-old son. I am from Poland originally but have lived in the UK since 2004. I have recently moved to Stoke Mandeville before Chesham was a place I have been living and calling 'home' for the past 6 years. My biggest passion is photography, I have done my BA back in 2008. I work as a freelance photographer and social support carer in my free time. I am looking forward to meeting you all in the next few weeks. Please note that the parish email will remain the same. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

BOOKING YOUR SPACE AT MASS

St Aidan's is now open for the public celebration of Mass on Saturday at 6.00pm and Sunday at 11.00am. Social distancing restrictions mean the capacity of our church is hugely reduced, and so if you would like to attend you must pre-book your space. Please go to www.staidanslittlechalfont.co.uk and follow the instructions on the front page. Do not try and attend without a pre-booked space as it is unlikely there will be room for you in the church

MASS DIARY

The diary below details the Masses which will be live-streamed, and the link to view is on the home page of our website. You can either join live or come back later and watch the recording.

Date	Time	Mass	Mass Intention
Saturday 1 st May	6.00pm	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	James O'Connor RIP
Sunday 2 nd May	11.00am	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LIVE STREAM	People of the Parish
Monday 3 rd May	Private	SS Philip & James	James O'Connor
Tuesday 4 th May	Private	Martyrs of England & Wales	Peter Mackin RIP
Wednesday 5 th May	Private	Feria	Father R.Bustin RIP
Thursday 6 th May	Private	Feria	Brid Costello RIP
Friday 7 th May	Private	Feria	Bob & Beryl SP Int
Saturday 8 th May	6.00pm	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	People of the Parish
Sunday 9 th May	11.00am	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LIVE STREAM	Mina O'Flynn

PASTORAL AREA NEWS:

Bishop David has decided to amalgamate the two pastoral areas of South Bucks and Chilterns into one larger area. The new Pastoral Area (PA) is made up of ten parishes and the Dean is Mgr Seán Healy, Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Beaconsfield. The combined PA Councils are to meet shortly to see how we can further the mission of the Church in this part of the Diocese.

DIOCESAN SUMMER WEBINAR

Next week we are reading chapter 4 of Divine Renovation. We will be delving into Pelagianism and Jansenism with Dr Gemma Simmonds CJ, who many of you will know as a spiritual guide and speaker. She wrote her doctorate on Jansenism, and I am looking forward to unpacking this in an accessible way. You can find out more and register here: https://readalong_divine_renovation.eventbrite.co.uk

News From Restore Hope

As many of you will know, we are continuing to develop our Market Garden this year, to help supply some of the produce for the boxes of fresh fruit and veg which are delivered to local families as part of our FoodLife initiative. Our aim is to provide as much homegrown produce as we possibly can! We are also seeking to grow more flowers in our Community Garden over the course of this summer.

Over the last few weeks, we have been working hard to prepare both gardens and our new polytunnel. If you have been working in your own gardens and have any spare flower and vegetable seeds that may be surplus and that you would be willing to donate to us, we would be so grateful! Seeds can be dropped off at our Estate Office any weekday between 10am and 4.30pm. In a couple of weeks' time, we will also be able to receive donations of vegetable seedlings and plants, should you have any spare. (The only plants we are unable to use are beans and tomatoes!) Similarly, if you have any clean plant pots, seed trays or watering cans that you no longer need, we would be able to make great use of them! These too can be dropped off at our Estate Office any weekday between 10am and 4.30pm.

Thank you so much from all of us here!
The Restore Hope Team

JOB OPPORTUNITY – deadline extension

Community Worker for Church to Community (C2C) Project at Chesham Methodist Church

Hours: 16 per week. Salary: £10.40 per hour (FTE £20,280)

Length of contract: 3 year fixed term but it is hoped that it may be extended subject to finance. Start date: to be agreed

A Community Worker is needed for the C2C Project at Chesham Methodist Church, to reach out to the community with the love of Jesus Christ by facilitating a range of projects to meet the physical, mental, social and spiritual needs of local people. The role includes facilitating activities to support older people and others, including those living with dementia. Candidates should have experience of organising activities and/or events and of working with older people. A requirement for the candidate to be a practising Christian is an Occupational Requirement for this role in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

For an application pack please email Lu Gigg on amcircuitmethodist@gmail.com The deadline for applications has now been extended to Monday 17th May. Interviews will now be held on Friday 28th May.