

*Proper 16
Sunday August 27*

8am Zoom Morning Prayer
(livestreamed to YouTube)
10am Holy Eucharist



Calendar of Events

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Who was St. Aidan? Click her for 4 minutes of history!

Let's Get Ready for a Party!

If you were a fancy mocktail being served at St. Aidan's 75th Anniversary celebration, what would your name be? And, when you think of your favorite music from the 1940s, or 1950s, or any decade up to this one, what songs come to mind?

The Vestry needs your help! We'll be serving two fancy drinks at the Sept. 15 dinner party, and we need to give them names. If you can think of a celebratory drink name that is uniquely Aidanesque (relevant in some way to our past or present), please let Senior Warden [Paul Voakes know by email](#).

Also, the DJ who will entertain for our celebration is open to suggestions for the playlist. Seeing as how the parish began in the late '40s, and seeing as how our collective musical memory easily extends back that far, please send along a favorite song or two from each decade, again to Paul.

And of course, it's time to **get your tickets**. Purchase online [here](#) (\$35), or speak to Paul Voakes, Mary Martin, or Melanie Sokhey after church. CU Students attend free, and if you would like to attend and the ticket cost is a challenge, several parishioners have donated so that all can attend. Please speak to M. Mary Kate.

Thank you!

Paul S. Voakes

Take Faith Home Proper 15 Sunday August 20, 2023

Sunday Morning Hospitality Thank You!

A big thank you to all those who provided hospitality for the Sunday coffee hours this summer. Snacks were enjoyed by many. Thank you: Sheryl Bain, Bronwyn Fraser, Paul Voakes, Gillian Brown, Kim Keffeler, Meriah Meloche and Jennie Garcia. Please look for the new sign up sheet in the parish hall if you are able to assist with this ministry going into the fall.

Parking Passes Available

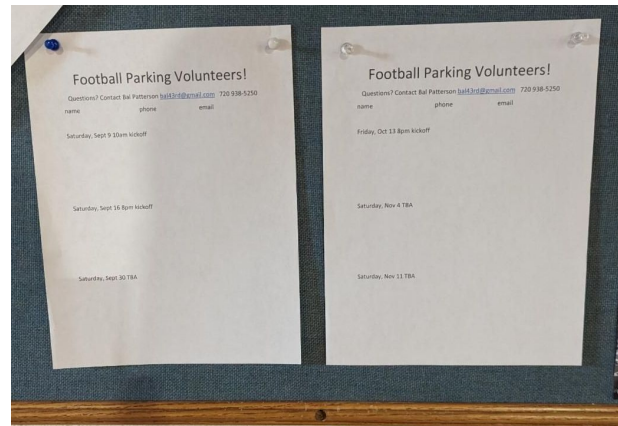
If you know someone who is looking for an Annual (August 15 2023 to August 15 2024) Parking Pass in the St. Aidan's Lot, please let them know to check out www.saintaidans.org/parking while we're renewing and selling. These passes are for M-F 7am to 7pm and do not include overnight, weekend, or parking for special events like CU Football Games and Concerts at Folsom Field.

Sign up for our upcoming fundraiser!

If you would like to be a part of St Aidan's largest fundraiser, here's your chance!

For six weekends in the fall we host CU Football fans as they tailgate and then attend each game. There is a sign-up sheet in the Gingy Pat Hall - please join us if you can!

Questions? Contact Bal Patterson:
[720 938-5250](tel:7209385250) or by [email](mailto:bal@staidans.org).



Sunday September 3 Potluck after Church with the Rangers and Acolyte Training with snacks!

Bring something to share after church, and join us for a conversation with Richard and Catherine Ranger, missionaries with SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders). The Rangers describe their work as "We are called to bring our legal and development expertise to Uganda Christian University. We are involved in teaching, advising and mentoring students in UCU's School of Business and the Faculty of Law."



Young people who want to learn how to acolyte, or have a refresher and get to know other acolytes, please plan to stay for about 90 minutes after church. Please let [Chief Verger Jennie Garcia](#) know you plan to attend if you haven't already. Acolytes will be commissioned and blessed on Sunday, September 17!

Coming soon at St. Aidan's

St. Aidan's 75th Anniversary Evening

Scan QR Code



or **CLICK HERE**
to buy tickets!

Come celebrate with us!

Friday September 15, 2023

6:30 - 9:30pm

at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

2425 Colorado Ave, Boulder, CO 80302

Any questions can be directed to
Mary Martin (marypmartin66@gmail.com) or
Melanie Sokhey (melanie.sokhey@gmail.com)

Difficult Dialogues 2023

Please join us for **Difficult Dialogues 2023: Antisemitism and Being Jewish in the US** on **Wednesday, September 13, 7-8:30pm** (doors open at 6:30pm) at Grace Commons (1820 15th Street, Oerter Room). M. Mary Kate Rejouis will serve as a panelist.

This Fall 2023 Difficult Dialogues topic will engage with the rise of anti-Semitism in the last decade—a rise that some might say has never disappeared and has resurfaced with events like the march on Charlottesville, the attack on the Tree of Life synagogue, and recent comments by celebrities. Difficult Dialogues are offered in partnership with the CU Center for the Humanities and Arts.

Registration is required [HERE](#) and you can learn more about the Difficult Dialogues [HERE](#)

Ice Cream for Welcome Back and Welcome to CU!

ST. AIDAN'S FEAST DAY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31 1-3PM
FREE SWEET COW ICE CREAM
TRUCK AND CU WELCOME



SWEET COW

EfM
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Have you ever felt in your heart that you are called to something? Have you ever wanted to read the Bible without feeling frustrated and confused? Have you ever yearned for a safe place to explore your faith? Do you often wonder how the words in the Bible are relevant in your life and the modern world? If you answer yes to any of these questions, please consider accepting this invitation to join the Education for

A seminar like no other, EfM is much more than Bible study. You'll come to understand what your faith means to you and how you might better walk your talk in these complex times.

If you are interested in exploring what EfM has to offer and have questions or are ready to put your name on our list for the next year, contact Pamela White (pswhite@earthlink.net — 720-272-2024) or Amanda Schwartz (teamschwartz@gmail.com — 650-941-4840). We are happy to answer your questions and describe the EfM seminar in detail. This year the signup process is completely online. If you contact us, we will send you the online registration link as soon as it is available (usually in July). Space is limited so please contact us soon!

Anti-racism Work is a Lifelong Transformation



Sacred Ground Dialogue Circles, Fall 2023

A ministry of the Episcopal Church, Sacred Ground is a sensitive, prayerful resource that creates space for difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue on race and racism. Participants are invited to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds as a guiding star the vision of beloved community—where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God. Four circles, hosted by clergy and lay leadership across the diocese, are now open for registration. Episcopalians across the state are invited to participate. The list of dialogue circles below includes information about dates, leaders, and format, as well as a link to register.

Questions? Please contact Missioner Tracy Methe.

- Circle 1: Every other Thursday via Zoom, 10:00-11:30 am; meet and greet September 7; session 1 September 14. Facilitators: the Rev. Nancy Johnson Bookstein, St. Brigit, Frederick, and Abby Mooney, Holy Comforter, Broomfield.
- Circle 2: Every other Monday via Zoom, 6:30-8:00 pm, beginning September 18. Facilitators: the Rev. Kaye Piper and Rob Merrill, St. John the Baptist, Granby.
- Circle 3: Every other Wednesday in-person at St. Michael's, Colorado Springs, 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning September 27. Facilitator: the Rev. Gary Darress, St. Michael's, Colorado Springs.
- Circle 4: Every other Wednesday via Zoom, 4:00-6:00 pm, beginning October 18. Facilitators: Suzanne Segady and Joan Ray, Grace & St. Stephen's, Colorado Springs.

[Learn More About Sacred Ground](#)

[Register for a Sacred Ground Circle](#)

St. Aidan's Writing Group

This group and others in the Parish submit their writing and share with our congregation. This group has been meeting together for more than two years now. Curious? Email [Paul Voakes](#) for information.

- [Make new friends](#) by Marty Coffin Evans



Pilgrimage Opportunity with St. Mary Magdalene

Want to learn more about immigration and see how nonprofits and churches are sharing God's love with our immigrant siblings? Join St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church (Gunbarrel) for a pilgrimage to the Arizona/Sonora, Mexico border October 16-21st! The Canon for Border Ministries in the diocese of Arizona will guide us and share insight about this special place.



If you're considering the pilgrimage or want to learn more, please email the [Rev. Sasha Bilow](#). Scholarships are available and we will be finalizing our travel list soon!

St. Aidan's Book Group

On break for July and the first half of August.

Our first book when we resume in August will be "Look Homeward, Angel" by Thomas Wolfe.

If you are interested and are not currently receiving book group emails, please email [Jim Paine](#) at to receive the weekly Zoom meeting ID and password, and other information about the schedule and readings (and for any questions).

Monday Night Prayer at 7pm by Zoom

The Healing Team invites you to a quiet time of praying silently and voicing the requested prayers of our community. The prayer room is also open for individual, confidential prayer.

<http://www.tinyurl.com/aidanmeet1>



Send us your photos!

We are updating the parish bulletin boards in the hallway and we need parishioners to share photos of church events - especially from 2000 onwards! Photos can be shared digitally or physically – if someone has physical photographs we will scan them and return them.

Please contact Melanie Sokey at melanie.sokhey@gmail.com



Visioning & Discernment Update

The question before us is this: what is God calling St. Aidan's to be, to do, and to look like 75 years from now?

This update was shared at church services on Sunday, July 9.

Discernment Update + July 9, 2023

Paul Voakes, Senior Warden

Here's a **brief update** on our discernment process, which has now begun its second year of exploring our parish's long-term future.

Earlier this year our **Visioning Committee** morphed into the **Partnerships Team**, which has been slowly, deliberately, identifying possible partners who might be able to help us attain the goals we articulated in our voting process last fall. These potential partners include religious neighbors on the block (first and foremost Hillel, but also the Wesley Foundation and University Lutheran Chapel); a Jewish congregation in North Boulder looking for space to share; community organizations such as Boulder Philharmonic, Parlando School of Musical Arts, and the Northern Colorado YMCA (whose primary interest in talking to us is providing affordable child care to the Boulder community); a private development company that is deeply committed to enhancing religious life on CU campus, and of course CU itself. We've had very preliminary "getting to know you" conversations with all of the above, and they've all been very positive.

And now: We've arrived at a point where we realize that we need legal expertise, financial expertise, city-politics expertise, and real estate expertise that we simply don't have. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our congregation, we are able to afford a consultant to help us into a more sophisticated stage of planning. We received two bids for

consultant work, and the Vestry has accepted the better of the two: a bid from Trestle Strategies. This firm has a long record of successful work in Boulder. Their work includes consulting on the University Hill Hotel, the CU Conference Center, the Millennium redevelopment, the mixed-use development at Boulder Junction, and many, many more. The founder and owner, Danica Powell is a former member of the City of Boulder Planning Department, and she would personally lead the work on the St. Aidan's project.

Trestle's proposal is a detailed, three-stage plan to:

- **Conduct a 10-part property analysis during July and August**, including our long-overdue property appraisal, to give us the baseline information we will need going forward in conversation with potential partners.
- **Conduct a 12-week Needs Assessment and Engagement**, with both the St. Aidan's congregation and potential partners, from September to November. Please stay tuned for invitations to participate! The key document at the end of this stage will be their "Summary of Findings and Recommendations. "
- **Craft a Real Estate Strategy**: a road map to help us make the key real estate decisions we will need to make over the following several months.

The Partnerships Team and Vestry are excited, and eager to move to these next steps. I also want to reiterate the Vestry's reassurance that **St. Aidan's isn't going anywhere!** Whatever we may decide, we will do our best to ensure that St. Aidan's has the financial wherewithal to continue indefinitely where we are right now, as an Episcopal parish, and that we'll keep asking the Holy Spirit to guide us in ways that deepen our faith and strengthen our service to the community. Please contact me, or any member of the Vestry or the Partnerships Team, if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you!
Paul Voakes

Questions? Email Committee Co-Chairs [Bal Patterson](#) or [Pam Greene](#) or [Senior Warden Paul Voakes](#).

Worshipping Christ, and shining His light to CU, Boulder, and the world.

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2023**

Commended to our Prayers

[Prayers for Healthcare Workers & those working at high risk jobs](#): Danielle and

Grant Muller, nurses at Denver hospitals, Cameron Muller, first responder and EMT for Denver Metro fire station, Michelle, Mike Murphy, Mike Greenwood, Edith Presler, Jen Watkins, Dowell Williams, Ryan, Marty Gilkey, Caitlin Fischer, teachers, those who work in schools, and caregivers in day care centers.

For our **CU Campus, and especially the Bread+Belonging community and the LCM Board** during this time of transition.

For the Long-term Recovery of Boulder County and surrounding areas after the Marshall Fire.

For those in need of bodily healing: Roy Faverty, Kay Gibson, Troyanne Thigpen, Bob Moore, Dowell Williams, Ruth, Lou Patterson, Mike Metzdorff, Greg Smith, Pat Galvin, David Huff, Kelly Boyer and family, Nancy Costello, Kevin Costello.

For those seeking God's guidance and strength: all who seek employment, Patrick Costello and family, Diane Hayes, Luke, Barb Williams, Travis, Jonathan Nelson, Barbara Metzdorff, Heidi, Derek and Lauren Huff, Tyler.

For those in need of prayers for our mission abroad: Richard and Catherine Ranger, former parishioners of St. Aidan's, are missionaries with SAMS, (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) and serve Uganda Christian University (UCU).

For those who serve in the US Military, especially: Parker Rost (Marine Corps), Commander Michael Stengel, for soldiers deploying and their chaplains and families.

For those who have died: Rick Adams, Erin Lincoln, the Rev. Dan Northway.

For those celebrating birthdays: Temple Meloche (8/25), Carol-Anne Garrison (8/25).

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