



St. Aidan's offers many opportunities for you to experience the joy of ministering to others in Christ's name. We invite you to join us in these ministries, which provide study, service, fellowship, and worship. Our ministry leaders always welcome volunteers. If a contact name is not stated in our ministry descriptions below, call our Church Office 303-443-2503. Check our master [Calendar](#) for the most current information about meetings and groups.

Sunday worship is the primary way for all people, from babies to elders, to come together and to learn, pray, and worship God. We encourage your entire household to participate in Sundays in the nursery, chapel, and church and to serve in a Sunday ministry—from serving in the Altar Guild behind the scenes, singing in the choir, serving at the altar, serving refreshments for hospitality, teaching children or youth, participating in a Bible study or life-long Christian formation, to getting to know your brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Aidan's.

Worship

Liturgy Planning is done by Clergy and Staff. If you would like to assist or have interests in liturgy, such as Holy Week or other special liturgies, contact the Rector at rector@saintaidans.org

Acolytes carry our cross and torches and assist our clergy with other liturgical duties during services. Anyone above age seven can be an acolyte. Adults help train and schedule acolytes for service. E-mail worship@saintaidans.org

Altar Guild prepares our altar, vestments, and elements for worship services. They also decorate our church for major feasts and fasts such as Lent, Holy Week, Easter and Christmas. Co-chairs are Sidney Goodwin and Marilyn Voorhis. E-mail altarguild@saintaidans.org or call the Church Office for more information.

The Choir sings at our 10:15am am Rite II service on Sunday and at special services and concerts. We rehearse in our choir loft on Wednesday evenings and on Sunday mornings in the choir room from 9:15am to 10:00am Our master Calendar lists exact times of choir rehearsals and special events. E-mail choir@saintaidans.org

Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors: Eucharistic Ministers serve the Chalice to communicants on Sundays and at special services. They are also trained as Lectors and sometimes read the lessons. The Bishop must license Eucharistic Ministers after they receive training. At least one Eucharistic Minister serves at the altar with the clergy and acolytes during Sunday services to assist as needed. Lectors read lessons during the services. Lectors need not be licensed, but do receive training. Anyone interested in either of these ministries should e-mail worship@saintaidans.org

Ushers and Greeters welcome worshipers, distribute service bulletins, take our plate offering, assist people at Communion, and tidy up our church after services. E-mail ushers@saintaidans.org

Spiritual Formation

Ongoing spiritual formation is a daily discipline of the Christian life, and we encourage all people to pray daily, to read Scripture, and to participate in Christian community and formation. There are several opportunities to do this at St. Aidan's. If you would like to start a new Bible Study or spiritual group, please contact the Rector, M. Mary Kate Schroeder at rector@saintaidans.org

Most Sunday mornings there is a **Lay-Led Bible Study** at 9:15am, between church services, throughout the year. During the school year, other classes for **Adult Christian Formation** on a variety of topics are offered between services at 9:15am in addition to a Bible Study. Check the Sunday bulletin and the Calendar for the most current information. Contact rector@saintaidans.org if you have a desire to teach or coordinate a class or a topic that would be of interest.

There are some **Mid-Week Bible Studies** also. Check the Calendar for current ones, or contact the church office office@saintaidans.org

The Wednesday Morning 7am Holy Eucharist is the center of the week. Teaching and dialogue on a Chapter of the Bible (in 2007 we studied all of the books of Genesis and the Revelation to John) is followed by a toast breakfast and more fellowship and discussion. Everyone is welcome!

After the **Wednesday Morning Holy Eucharist**, follows a **Bible Study** for those who can stay longer. This starts at about 9am and goes for 30 minutes.

Another **Wednesday Bible Study begins at 10am**. Contact Gillian Brown gillianbrown@saintaidans.org for more information and schedule.

Frequently a **Wednesday Morning Book Group at 10:30am** meets for study of literature. Past studies have included The Brothers Karamzov, short stories by Leo Tolstoy and Chekov, and other great works. Usually taught by retired faculty or university friends.

First Saturdays of the Month Men's Breakfast and Bible Study at 7:30am also includes fellowship and Bible Study on the Sunday Lectionary. Contact jimpaine@saintaidans.org

Children and Youth

Children and Youth are important members of our whole community. **The Nursery** is staffed on Sunday mornings from 7:55am until the end of the 10:15am service. During the school year, **Children's Chapel** for grades 1-8 is offered during the 10:15am in the Chapel. Children join their families in Church during the Holy Eucharist. **Youth** (13 and up) have different opportunities to gather and to serve. E-mail the youth@saintaidans.org for more information.

Pastoral Care

Elder Care Ministry assists older adults and their families working together to anticipate, plan for, and provide the loving care that they may need, as they grow older. This program also helps mid-life adults plan their own future. Occasional workshops, called As Families Grow Older, are provided to the community to provide education and assistance with planning for the later phases of life, living, and dying. E-mail eldercare@saintaidans.org

Pastoral Care ministries call and visit shut-ins and provide care and support for the elderly, including arranging transportation to some church services during the year. Three ministries, Elder Care, Lay Eucharistic Visitors, and Listening and Visiting in Christ, are active in our Pastoral Care program. Others bring Altar Flowers to the sick and shut-in, and still others bring special events to our pastoral care. They are explained elsewhere on this web page. **For emergency pastoral care situations, such as a death or sudden illness, always call the Church Office and follow the instructions for a Pastoral Care Emergency 303-443-2503.**

Eucharistic Visitors (EV): EVs are trained laity licensed by the Bishop to bring to Holy Eucharist to parishioners unable to attend services due to illness or infirmity. After Sunday services they go out in teams of two, usually a man and a woman, one of whom must be licensed. If you are interested or want to know more about this ministry, e-mail the [Church Office](#) for more information.

Listening and Visiting in Christ is a trained team of parishioners who visit shut-ins and those needing special care. E-mail landv@saintaidans.org

The **Prayer Chain** offers intercessory prayer for all needs. The Prayer Chain may be alerted by email prayerchain@saintaidans.org or by calling the Church Office 303-443-2503.

Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry

Canterbury Episcopal Campus Ministry is a parish-based outreach to the campus of CU-Boulder and is the primary outreach of St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. Led by our Chaplain on the St. Aidan's Staff, Fr. Dustin Berg, Canterbury Colorado has many activities and also welcomes students, faculty and staff to all areas of parish life and community.

Canterbury Colorado www.canterburycolorado.org is a eucharistically-centered ministry that supports college students and young adults by building community, offering worship and teaching, feeding the soul and the body, and relaxing with friends. We do this in church at a **5pm Sunday Eucharist followed by a home-cooked supper** (supper during the school year), or at the St. Aidan's morning services, in Bible studies, other meals and fellowship opportunities. Contact chaplain@saintaidans.org for more information. Students are also encouraged also to be involved in any of the parish ministries listed here.

The Christos Institute, founded in 1996, is an outreach to the CU campus for integrating issues of faith and academic study. Each semester, public lectures and lunch are offered on campus by faculty and other guests on a variety of topics. Contact chaplain@saintaidans.org for more information and for future dates.

Canterbury Colorado is governed by a Board of Stewards that includes membership from St. Aidan's and the three other Boulder-area Episcopal Congregations (St. Ambrose, St. John's, and St. Mary Magdalene) and also appointees from the Diocese and the Bishop of the Diocese of Colorado. Email board@canterburycolorado.org to contact the President of the Board of Stewards.

Parish Events and Fellowship

The Fruitcake Bake ministry has raised significant funds for St. Aidan's each autumn since 1951. We're big time producers and make lots of dough! Although we can be a little nutty and mixed up at times, we have tons of fun, so come join us! We are always looking for folks who are out to have a good time, want to share Christian fellowship, and spread Christmas cheer. E-mail fruitcake@saintaidans.org

Hospitality is responsible for organizing Sunday coffee hours and for providing food for special occasions such as the brunch at the Annual Meeting. E-mail hospitality@saintaidans.org.

Men of St. Aidan meets monthly on the first Saturday morning in the parish hall for breakfast, Christian fellowship, and informal Bible discussion. E-mail jimpaine@saintaidans.org

Natterers meet the third Saturday morning of each month for fellowship and fun while crocheting, knitting, mending, quilting or sewing. E-mail natterers@saintaidans.org

These are a few of the Parish Events that happen throughout the year. Others recently include Work Days, Fifth Sundays of the month when there is just one worship service on Sunday morning instead of two, fellowship brunches and lunches, The Blessing of the Animals in late September or early October, Ecumenical Thanksgiving worship, and many others. The Church Calendar www.calendarwiz.com/saintaidans, Office, and the Sunday bulletins will have the best information about what's happening at St. Aidan's. Come and see!

Outreach

Navajoland Mission Partnership is one of our primary outreach programs. Since 1991, volunteers from Boulder have traveled to southeastern Utah over spring break to offer a Christian education program to children and adults in two Navajo congregations. The trip includes daily worship and time to explore the red rock desert around Bluff, Utah. Volunteers are needed to teach, cook, work on computers, and provide other services. E-mail navajoland@saintaidans.org

St. Aidan's also supports the website for the Episcopal Diocese of Navajoland www.episcopal-navajo.org and it is administrated by Charley Noecker.

The Outreach Commission directs all Outreach programs beyond CU Boulder and Navajoland Mission Partnership. Our Outreach programs are active locally and far beyond the Boulder area. They include African Team Ministries, Emergency Family Assistance Association, Episcopal Relief and Development, Habitat for Humanity, holiday food baskets, Family to Family, Joycare Center at the First Christian Church, which provides affordable childcare for infants and preschool children for working parents during weekdays, Kenyan Children's Fund, St. Francis Center shelter for the homeless in Denver, and United Thank Offering (UTO). Wherever there is a need, the people of St. Aidan's parish seek to act as Christ called us to act. E-mail outreach@saintaidans.org

The Sweater Project invites knitters to knit sweaters for children according to a provided pattern. Every time five sweaters have been completed, they are mailed to an organization that then distributes them in areas of the world where there is a need. Email Mollie Lee sweaters@saintaidans.org for more information.

Administration and Committees

The **Aidan Comfort** is our parish's monthly Newsletter. The submission deadline for the Aidan Comfort is the third Friday of each month. E-mail submissions to the [Church Office](#) or call 303-443-2503.

Our **e-Bulletin** is e-mailed to parish members and friends weekly to advise them of upcoming service schedules and special activities, to publish timely and pertinent information, list Bible lectionaries, and otherwise inform everyone of activities in our parish. Sign up on the home page of the website.

The **Endowment Committee** works to grow the St. Aidan's Endowment Fund, manage the Fund, and distribute the earnings for Vestry use. E-mail endowment@saintaidans.org

Stewardship is about more than asking people to commit their financial support during the annual pledge campaign. Stewardship also helps parishioners identify their talents. The essential link between one's spiritual health and one's commitment to giving and serving Christ and His church is central to this ministry. E-mail Senior Warden [Bill Kaempfer](#).

Volunteer Opportunities: Countless opportunities exist to help with clerical and administrative tasks in the [Church Office](#). No special skills are required. Our need is great! E-mail or call the [Church Office](#) 303-443-2503. We also have a continuing need to do a variety of odd jobs around our Parish.

The **Building and Grounds** committee works under the direction of the Junior Warden to do special projects, deferred maintenance, and planning for future work. Thinkers and doers alike are needed to help take care of our building. juniorwarden@saintaidans.org

The **History, Memorials, Columbarium, and Art** committee is responsible for offering guidance in the area of History (maintaining albums, pictures, and documents), the Memorial Fund (including recommending memorial gifts and purchases to the Vestry and family members) the Columbarium (including the funding and upkeep of the Fr. Ron Resley Columbarium in the Garth), and the display of artwork at St. Aidan's.

The **Finance Committee** assembles the annual budget and provides recommendations to the Vestry for financial management of short term assets (annual pledges) and long-term assets, including the Endowment and other funds. Email the Finance Committee at finance@saintaidans.org

The **Vestry** is an elected body of leaders of the congregation that work in partnership with the Rector for leadership, vision, and master planning of St. Aidan's. Three to five Vestry members and officers are elected annual at the Annual Meeting of the parish in late January or early February. For more information contact rector@saintaidans.org or seniorwarden@saintaidans.org