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| **PLEASE NOTE**  **CONSENT- Please sign a form at the back of the church to consent to a) live-streaming or recording of services [in which you/your children could be shown] &/or b) receiving communications about church activities etc. Consent may be withdrawn at any time. For further details, please see the form. MOBILE ‘PHONES** should be switched to **silent** during Services, please.  **HEARING AIDS** should be switched to the ‘T’ setting to pick up from the ‘loop’.  **EMERGENCY EVACUATION** – In the unlikely event that this becomes necessary listen for instructions. There are 3 exits – the main door (through which you came in); the Powerhouse exit door (at the rear of the building, accessible through the door near the kitchen serving hatch then through the double doors on the left) and the Vicar’s Vestry (in front and to the left of the pipe organ – there are some steps on this route). The assembly point is outside on the grass in front of the Hall.  **MINISTRY TEAM** - If you would like a visit from one of the team, please contact **vicar.staidans@gmail.com** or telephone 352500.  **SAFEGUARDING-** The safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is very important to us. Any safeguarding matters may be shared with the Vicar or with the Parish Safeguarding Officer,  Mrs Janet Trevor 01474 352230 janet.trevor@blueyonder.co.uk. Further contact details are on the blue poster in the entrance vestibule.  **OUR PRAYERS** are asked this week for the people and parish of **St Margaret, Ifield.**  **DONATIONS-**you can donate to us in church in cash, by using the card reader, or online at <https://www.staidangravesend.org.uk/donate-to-us>.  **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS** are available – please speak to one of the Welcomers.  **BIRTHDAYS / CELEBRATIONS** – To the usual tune, we sing -   ‘Happy Birthday/Celebration to you; to Jesus be true. May God’s richest blessings, be showered on you.’ | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **CURRENT INFECTION PRECAUTIONS**  **1. You may exchange the Peace with those in your immediate vicinity by saying ‘Peace be with you’ and also, if you wish, by a handshake.**  **2. If you do not wish to receive from the chalice during the distribution of Holy Communion, simply leave the altar rail after receiving the consecrated wafer. (Please do not dip your wafer into the chalice).** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **WHO’s WHO AT ST AIDAN’S**  [Area code (if required) for Gravesend is **01474**]  **Vicar -** The Revd Michael Payne SCP352500 or e-mail: **vicar.staidans@gmail.com**  **Churchwarden** - Robert Hollands 07970 208403 or e-mail: **rholljan@aol.com**  **Anna Chaplain (ministry with the elderly, also community links) -** Sylvia Munns 356941  **Reader** **Emeritus** – Mavis Prater 812330  **Sunday School** - Ann Ashurst 567300; Amy Payne - [**amychaili@hotmail.com**](mailto:amychaili@hotmail.com)  **Parish Safeguarding** **Officer** – Janet Trevor 352230 – **Janet.trevor@blueyonder.co.uk**  **PCC Secretary &** **Powerhouse Manager** – Mike Welch 567722  **Church Hall Lettings** – Barbara Potter 746702 (for regular bookings **only**)  **Nursery School Manager** –  mobile 077 1533 7816 or e-mail: **gayle\_st\_aidans@yahoo.com** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Space for notes on the sermon or any questions you may wish to ask afterwards**  **↓ (Pencils are available at the back of the church) ↓** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **C:\Users\Michael Welch\Downloads\At Aidan's Church logo (2).jpg**  **OUR CORE VALUES** - We are a **Committed**, **Compassionate**, **Respectful**, **Confident** Church.  **Find us online:** [www.staidangravesend.org.uk](http://www.staidangravesend.org.uk)  **Find us Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/StAidansChurchGravesend](http://www.facebook.com/StAidansChurchGravesend)  **Follow us on Twitter:** @AidansGravesend **Charity No. 1130169** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2025 – 3rd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Septuagesima)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School**  *O.T.**Reading:* **Jeremiah 17**: 5-10 (OT page 657)  *Psalm:* **1**  *N.T Reading:* **1 Corinthians 15**: 12-20(NT page 167) *Gospel:* **Luke 6**: 17-26 (NT page 61) | | | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS** | | | | | | | | |  | |
| **Wed 19th** | **9.30am** | | | | | **Eucharist (said)**  *Reading:* **Genesis 8**: 6-13,20-end(OT page 6)  *Gospel:* **Mark 8**: 22-26(NT page 41 | | | | |
|  | **1.00pm** | | | | | (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows** - Hall (for pre-schoolers and parents/carers) | | | | |
| **Thu 20th** | **7.30pm** | | | | | **P C C Meeting** | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 23rd FEBRUARY 2025 – 2nd SUNDAY BEFORE LENT (Sexagesima)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | **Parish Eucharist**  *O.T.**Reading:* **Genesis 2**: 4-9,15-end (OT page 2)  *Psalm:* **65**  *N.T Reading:* **Revelation, chapter 4** (NT page 236) *Gospel:* **Luke 8**: 22-25 (NT page 64) | | | | | | | |
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| **A Prayer as Children leave for Sunday School**  **May God guide each of us, whatever our age or experience, in the way of Christ.  The love of God be with us all. Amen.** | | | | | | | | | | **MC900128551[1]** |
| **CURRENT PATTERN OF SERVICES**  **(for any variations to this, please see the front page or refer to ‘What’s On’, below)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Sunday** | | **10.00 am Sung Parish Eucharist -** Live-streamed on Facebook   ([www.facebook.com/StAidansChurchGravesend](http://www.facebook.com/StAidansChurchGravesend)) (1st Sunday in the month – All Age format)  (2nd & 3rd Sundays in the month - with Sunday School)  (5th Sunday in the month – Healing & Wholeness (with laying on of hands & anointing) | | | | | | | | |
| **Wednesday** | | | | | ***8.30 am Morning Prayer (said) – temporarily suspended***  **9.30 am Eucharist (said)** (from BCP on last Wednesday in the month) | | | | | |
| **Friday** | | | | | **9.00 am Holy Rosary** (on the First Friday in the month) | | | | | |
| **Sunday, Monday, Wednesday (on line)**  **8.00 pm** **Night Prayer** - on Facebook (address above) | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Please complete a Consent Form (at the back of the church, or on-line) to indicate that you consent to the Service being filmed / live-streamed where you could be identified** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **WHAT’S ON IN MARCH 2025 other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | | | | | | | | | | MCj04325910000[1] |
| **Wed 5th** | **9.30am** | | | | | **Eucharist for Ash Wednesday with Imposition of Ashes** | | | | |
| **Fri 7th** | **9.00am** | | | | | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel | | | | |
| **Wed 12th** | **2.00pm** | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room | | | | |
| **Wed 19th** | **2.00pm** | | | | | **Craft & Chat** – West Room | | | | |
|   **A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!**  This year, the church’s Electoral Roll has to be completely revised. Now is the time to complete a new form (available in the vestibule). Full details of who may be on the Roll are on the forms themselves but briefly you may apply to be on the Roll if you a) are baptised and aged 16 by 6th April 2025; and b) live within the parish or live outside the parish but habitually | | | | | | | | | | |
| worship at St Aidan’s. Please hand the completed form to Doreen McIntosh, the Electoral Roll Officer. Don’t delay  – do it today! If you have any queries, please speak to, Doreen or the PCC Secretary, Mike Welch. | | | | | | | |  | | |
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|  | | | **FOOD BANK** There is a collecting box at the back of the church for any donations of food/toiletries which will be passed to a local Food Bank. A list of what is accepted by the Food Bank is posted nearby. | | | | | | | |
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| **From the Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School.  ***Some Deanery and Archdeaconry News***  Later this week Bishop Jonathan will attend a clergy meeting in Gravesend Deanery to talk us through in more detail what the diocese is hoping may arise from the *Change, Serve, Grow* vision which the Bishop brought to the diocese at his arrival. In essence, it is about doing what we are doing now, but with more attention to the *intentions* behind our work, such as finding ways to engender change where it is needed and to understand more about what change is, to keep our hearts and minds on service to Christ and to seek to grow-not only in numbers but spiritually, too.  It will be interesting to hear what Bishop Jonathan has to say and I will be sure to let you know what shape this seems to be taking. I think I would say that there are certainly no reasons to be alarmed or watchful; there is not the kind of change on the horizon that some may fear, rather a way of looking at what we do in a refreshed way.  Secondly, the new Archdeacon of Rochester is to be installed on Sunday 23rd in the afternoon at Rochester Cathedral. She is the Rev’d Preb. Sandra McCalla and is currently chaplain to the Bishop of London. She was a barrister before ordination and has been, since ordination, doing excellent work in the field of Global Majority Heritage vocations (this was the area Lusa, our previous vicar, was involved in). The Archdeaconry of Rochester includes the Medway Towns and Kent Thameside (Gravesend, Dartford, Greenhithe, Swanscombe) as well as ‘Dickens country’ and parts of Kent nudging into South London including Belvedere and Erith, so it is a very diverse and challenging place. By the way ‘Preb.’ in her title stands for ‘Prebendary’ which is an honorary title for a role attached to a cathedral, similar to a canon, but with different focuses. Sometimes a clergy person becomes a Prebendary following important study work which assists the life of the Church. It comes from the Latin *Praebere* which means ‘furnished’ because in days long past, the office holder was given a furnished property to live in. Nowadays they have no such luck!  As Archdeacon, she will have many responsibilities: archdeacons are responsible for ministry within their archdeaconry, so they look after clergy deployment (where clergy are appointed and assisting parishes with no vicar), admit churchwardens, deal with clergy wellbeing and discipline issues and do lots of legal work, most often around supporting parishes that are facing tricky legal issues around church maintenance or graveyards. They have to keep a constant ‘condor’s eye view’ on what is happening and they do well to get to know their clergy, to find out what makes them tick and to be ready to listen and advise on everyday issues but also serious matters.  Please pray for Archdeacon Sandra as she prepares to take up this ministry.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |