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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 **All Saints, Perry Street.****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****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) ↓** |
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| **SUNDAY 19th JANUARY 2025 – EPIPHANY 2**  |
| **10.00am**  | **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** *O.T.**Reading:* **Isaiah 62**: 1-5 (OT page 634) *Psalm:* **36, verses 5 to 10** *N.T Reading:* **1 Corinthians 12**: 1-11 (NT page 164) *Gospel:* **John 2**: 1-11 (NT page 89 ) |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |  |
| **Wed 22nd**  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said)***Reading:* **Hebrews 7**: 1-3, 15-17 (NT page 210) *Gospel:* **Mark 3**: 1-6(NT page 35) |
|  | **1.00pm** | (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows** - Hall (for pre-schoolers and parents/carers) |
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| **SUNDAY 26th JANUARY 2025 – EPIPHANY 3**  |
| **10.00am**  | **Parish Eucharist**  *O.T.**Reading:* **Nehemiah 8**: 1-3, 5,6, 8-10 (OT page 414) *Psalm:* **19, verses 1 to 6** *N.T Reading:* **1 Corinthians 12**: 12-31 (NT page 165) *Gospel:* **Luke 4**: 14-21 (NT page 58) |
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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]** |
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| **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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| **FEBRUARY 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | MCj04404360000[1] |
| **Wed 5th**  | **10.15am** | (approx) **Coffee Morning -** Lounge(after the 9.30am Eucharist) |
| **Fri 7th**  |  **9.00am** | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel |
| **Thu 20th**  | **7.30pm** | **P C C Meeting** |
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| ***Tea, coffee (or squash) and a biscuit are available after Sunday morning’s service.*** | MCj02508040000[1] |
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| **From the Vicar**Welcome to our worship this morning, which includes Sunday School.***Making the Ordinary Extraordinary - or is it the other way around?***Today’s well-known gospel reading is the ‘Wedding at Cana’, where Jesus performed his first ‘miracle’, the turning of water into wine.This reading is sometimes given at weddings, often because the scene is a wedding, but the reading contains important teaching about transformation: Jesus takes a very ordinary thing-water- and transforms this into extraordinarily good wine. It is good, even the steward ( a sort of 1st century wedding planner!) who knew all about good wine, is amazed at the quality. This shows us how God in Christ takes what appears to be ordinary and does something with it. Yes, water is life-giving and cleansing; we cannot survive without it, but it is also largely unnoticed in the daily pattern of life-God elevates it to a new level into something that cheers the soul and brings people together. Of course, we cannot escape noticing the link between the special wine Jesus produces here, with the blessed wine of Holy Communion, so what appears to be a wedding celebration is itself transformed into a pointing forwards to what must take place (the crucifixion) for Jesus’ true nature and all it signifies to be revealed.This is all well and good, but I also wonder if we can look at it the other way round: God, in the Person of a human being who lives life among us and shares our concerns and experiences, transforms holiness and divinity into something ordinary and comprehensible: water and wine. The point of looking like this is not to pull God ‘down to our level’ but rather to see how God loves the everyday, ordinary things. One of the great treasures of the Christian life is that ordinariness has been transformed into a ‘new ordinary’ in which our everyday lives carry important meaning about who and what we are, where we are going and why.***Ernie Lane RIP***As many of you may now know, Ernie Lane died peacefully last Sunday morning. Ernie had been a resident in Priory Mews care home for some time, but was a very long standing member of St Aidan’s for many decades. Among the many roles and responsibilities he held, he most loved serving at the altar, which he did with much grace and dignity. Ernie also liked to have fun and was always ready with a smile and a well-timed quip. I hope to be able to confirm the funeral details very soon. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*Blessings, Fr Michael* |
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