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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 **Holy Family**  **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 2nd FEBRUARY 2025 – CANDLEMAS** | | | | | | | | | *MCj04351210000[1]* | | |
| **10.00am** | | | **All Age Parish Eucharist**  *Gospel:* **Luke 2**: 22-40 (NT page 56) | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS** | | | | | | | | | |  | |
| **Wed 5th** | **9.30am** | | | | | | **Eucharist (said)**  *Reading:* **Hebrews 12**: 4-7, 11-15 (NT page 215)  *Gospel:* **Mark 6**: 1-6a *(*NT page 38) | | | | |
|  | **10.15am** | | | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge | | | | |
|  | **1.00pm** | | | | | | (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows** - Hall (for pre-schoolers and parents/carers) | | | | |
| **Thu 6th** | **11.00am** | | | | | | **Funeral of the Late Ernie Lane** | | | | |
| **Fri 7th** | **9.00am** | | | | | | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2025 – 4th SUNDAY BEFORE LENT** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School**  *O.T.**Reading:* **Isaiah 6**: 1- end (OT page 583)  *Psalm:* **138**  *N.T Reading:* **1 Corinthians 15**: 1-11 (NT page 167) *Gospel:* **Luke 5**: 1-11 (NT page 59) | | | | | | | | |
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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. | | | | | | | | |  | | |
| **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 2025 other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | | | | | | | | | | | MCj04404360000[1] |
| **Wed 12th** | **2.00pm** | | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting (Quiz afternoon)** – West Room | | | | |
| **Thu 20th** | **7.30pm** | | | | | | **P C C Meeting** | | | | |
|   **IMPORTANT ADVANCE NOTICE**  Every 6 years the church’s Electoral Roll has to be completely revised. The old roll ceases to exist and a new one compiled from scratch.  2025 is one of those years! Starting shortly you will be asked to complete a new form even if you are on the existing Roll. And if you are not already, why not? It costs nothing. 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.  If you have any queries, please speak to the Electoral Roll Officer, Doreen McIntosh or the PCC Secretary, Mike Welch.   | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Clipart Flowers In A Vase | Clipart library - Free Clipart Images*** | | | | | | **THANKS** . . . . from June Cook to everyone who last Sunday offered their congratulations and good wishes - and for the wonderful Birthday Cake. | | | | | |
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| **From the Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today, for Candlemas.  ***The Gift of Jesus to the World***  This celebration was given the name ‘Candlemas’ some long time ago, both because many churches would light lots of candles in the service due to today’s reading in which Jesus is described as a ‘light to the nations’. We often think of Jesus as the light of the world at Christmas time, coming to birth at the darkest time of year in the depths of winter (our Christingle traditions pick up on this theme), but today the season of Christmas and Epiphany finally come to a close as we look at how Jesus gives light to the whole world through his message of peace and justice.  Today in church we will have a think about some of the themes of Candlemas beyond light; there are quite a few. This will all be wrapped up in the idea of Jesus as a great gift to the world, and I am grateful to Wendy for her original suggestion and preparations for today’s talk.  ***New Fundraising Opportunities***  There are a few schemes to support St Aidan’s when you shop at certain stores; organisations like Easy Fundraising invite you to set up a simple link between them and church, and when you buy from shops which are linked to the scheme, we get a donation from sales. Easy Fundraising are also offering the chance of a donation of £250 to St Aidan’s if new accounts are set up, so if you shop online or are interested to find out more, please use the web link below (you can ‘copy and paste’ the link into your internet browser rather than type out the address!). The organisation is partnered with over 8000 online stores. Thank you; we really do need to look at any ways we can raise funds during this difficult financial situation.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael*  <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/staidansgravesend/6DTZC5/c2s/7MpzQzVl/CE950/facebook/> |