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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 Peter & St Paul, Shorne****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 13th APRIL 2025 – PALM SUNDAY**  | **MCj03354980000[1]** |
| **9.50am10.00am**  | **Meet in the Hall for the Procession to Church****Parish Eucharist with Sunday School***Gospel:* **Mark, chapters 14 & 15** (NT page 49) |
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| **Wed 16th**  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said)** *Reading:*  **Isaiah 50**: 4-9a (OT page 624) *Gospel:* **John 13**: 21-32(NT page 103) |
|  |  **2.00pm** | **Craft & Chat** - West Room **– Bring your own craft or learn a new one** |
|  | **7.00pm** | **Agapé Meal** – West Room **please sign the list at the back of  the Church – (suggested donation £4)** |
| **Thu 17th**  | **8.00pm** | **MAUNDY THURSDAY – Liturgy of the Last Supper & Passion** *OT Reading*: **Exodus 12**:1-14 (OT [page 55) *Psalm*: **116, verses 9-end**   *NT Reading*: **1 Corinthians11**: 23-26 (NT page 164)*Gospel:* **John 13**: 1-17, 31-35 (NT page 103) |
| **Fri 18th**  | **3.00pm** | **GOOD FRIDAY – Liturgy for Good Friday***Psalm:* **22** (Bible OT page 469) |
|  *OT Reading:* **Isaiah 52:**13 **to end of** **53** (OT page 626).*Gospel****:* John 18**: 1-19 (NT page 107) |
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| **SUNDAY 20th APRIL 2025 – EASTER DAY**  | **MCj01553680000[1]** |
| **5.30am10.00am** | **Mass of the Dawn – If attending the Breakfast afterwards, please sign the list at the back of the Church****Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** |
| **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 THE REST OF APRIL 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | MCj04242160000[1] |
| **Wed 23rd**  |  | **There is no 9.30am Eucharist** |
| **Sun 27th**  | **10.00am** | **Open collection at this Service is for for *Friends of the Holy* Land**  |
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| **ECO CHURCH – THEMES FOR APRIL**Reducing food waste; promoting Community Gardens |
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| **LENT SMARTIE TUBE APPEAL FOR DEMELZA HOUSE CHILDREN’S HOSPICE**Please return your (filled!) Smartie Tube by next Sunday (Easter Day). |
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| **SUNDAYS IN LENT**Instead of the Taizé Gloria, we sing ‘Lord Have Mercy, Christ Have Mercy, Lord Have Mercy’ but in Greek, as follows: **Kyrie Eleison (x3), Christe Eleison (x3), Kyrie Eleison (x3)** |
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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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| **From the Vicar**Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School.Today is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week.You may well know the story: Jesus makes his way into Jerusalem, riding on a young donkey. People crowd the streets calling out greetings and some people rush forward and lay their cloaks on the road-roads were very dusty in those days and even a donkey plodding along would stir up dust meaning it would be hard for people to see Jesus; others cut palm fronds from trees and lay these down, too-hence the name ‘Palm Sunday’ (Cloak Sunday doesn’t have quite the same ring does it?!).So it is a happy scene.How soon the tone changes.By the Thursday a group of influential people have stirred up the Roman authorities to action. They are going to have this Jesus arrested on charges of treason. They must have been very persuasive because as a rule the Romans disliked getting involved in power politics within the Jewish circles of those days; sometimes it led to riots (there is a view that Pilate only agrees to have Jesus crucified because the crowd is threatening to get nasty; this was probably play acting by ‘rent-a-mob’ who knew how to push Pilate’s buttons!).In any case, Jesus is taken away, questioned, beaten up, questioned some more and eventually made to carry the cross to the execution site outside the city walls.All of this is remembered this week in church. Today we recall that early joyful journey. On Wednesday we gather in the evening to share a meal together just as Jesus so often did. On Thursday the shadows gather as we remember Jesus’ final night when the disciples abandoned him. On Friday we meet at 3pm; the time tradition says Jesus died on the cross. Saturday is silent-it is a time to think only of the tomb. On Sunday (for the first time at St Aidan’s) we gather really early-5.30am-just as dawn is breaking to greet the end of darkness and the dawn of the light of Christ before our main Easter Day service at 10am. Then, on Easter Sunday the move from darkness to light is complete and the main day of the Christian calendar begins (hopefully chocolate is involved at some point at home!).You are welcome to any or all of these services. If you are coming to the Good Friday liturgy at 3pm please note that this is a service of solemn stillness- try to arrive and leave in silence.*Blessings,**Fr Michael* |