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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 John, Higham.**  **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 20th APRIL 2025 – EASTER DAY** | | | | | | | | | **Easter clipart easter sunday #1059** | |
| **5.30am 10.00am** | | | **Mass of the Dawn**  **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School followed by an Easter Egg Hunt** | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 23rd** | **9.30am** | | | | | **No Services on this day** | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 27th APRIL 2025 – 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER *The Open collection at this Service is for for***  ***Friends of the Holy Land*** | | | | | | | | | **Image result for low sunday clip art** | |
| **10.00am** | | | **Parish Eucharist**  *Psalm*: **150**    *NT Reading*: **Acts 5**: 27-32 (NT page 117)*Gospel:* **John 20**: 19-end (NT page 110) | | | | | |
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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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| **WHAT’S ON IN MAY 2025 other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | | | | | | | | | | MCj01510850000[1] |
| **ECO CHURCH – THEMES FOR THIS MONTH**  **Creating compost; protecting endangered species (World Bee day 20th May)** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Fri 2nd** | | | **9.00am** | | | | **The Holy Rosary -** Ladychapel | | | |
| **Sun 4th** | | | **10.00am** | | | | **The Open collection is for *The Gravesend Daytime Hub*** | | | |
| **Wed 7th** | | | **10.15am** | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge | | | |
| **Wed 14th** | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room | | | |
| **Wed 21st** | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Craft & Chat** – West Room | | | |
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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 **TODAY**. Thank you. | | | | | | | | | | |
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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, and a very Happy Easter!  Today’s worship includes Sunday School, and after the service there will be a little Easter Egg Hunt in church. I will explain how it works in the service!  ***He is Risen!***  So today we once again greet Easter Day- a wonderful commemoration and celebration of Jesus rising from death to life.  This morning a few of us gathered very early-5.30am in fact, to see in the dawn with a celebration of Holy Communion. We began in the dark church and lit candles from the special Easter Candle which itself had been lit from a fire outside the church. This is quite an old practice in church history and is all about Christ’s risen life, like the sun, scattering darkness as it begins.  If you have ever made a special effort to watch the sunrise you will know it is a beautiful thing to behold. If you have not, why not do it this year?  The whole thing is marked by a kind of tingling expectancy as the sky gets light and the horizon tells you the sun is coming. It actually takes a surprising amount of time to actually crest the horizon but the wait is worth it-there is something extra special about being present and awake as a new day dawns, there is a sense that nothing need be the same again, everything is possible.  Easter taps into this feeling and I hope that you can sense the power of the Resurrection this Easter. We are living through some darkened days and people are looking for hope; the Cross has always shown the way and I pray you follow in that way this Easter.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |