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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 Mary, Wrotham Road****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 22nd JUNE 2025 – 1st SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY** |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist**  *OT Reading* **Isaiah 65**: 1-9 (OT page 636) *Psalm:*  **22, verses 19-28**  *NT Reading*: **Galatians 3**: 23-end (NT page 179)*Gospel:* **Luke 8**: 26-39 (NT page 64) |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |
| **Wed 25th**  | **THE BIRTH OF JOHN THE BAPTIST (transferred from 24th June)** |
|  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said) (Book of Common Prayer)** *OT Reading:* **Isaiah 40:** 1-11 (OT page 612) Gospel: **Luke 1**: 57-66, 80 (NT page 55) |
| **1.00pm** | (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows – Hall (for toddlers & their carers)** |
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| **SUNDAY 29th JUNE 2025 – SAINTS PETER & PAUL** |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist**  *OT Reading* **Zechariah 4**: 1-6, 10-end (OT page 807) *Psalm:*  **125**  *NT Reading*: **Acts 12**: 1-11 (NT page 124)*Gospel:* **Matthew 16**: 13-19 (NT page 17) |
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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 JULY 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | Image result for Black Line Art Designs |
| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:******Big Butterfly Count*** |
| **Wed 2nd**  | **10.15am**  | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge |
| **Fri 4th**  | **9.00am** | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel |
| **Sat 5th**  | **7.00pm** | **Quiz Evening** – Church Hall |
| **Wed 9th**  | **2.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – Lounge & West Room |
| **Sun 13th**  | **10.00am** | **The open collection at this service will be donated to** **The Samaritans** |
| **Wed 16th**  | **2.00pm** | **Craft & Chat** – West Room |
| **Thur 17th**  | **7.30pm** | **P C C Meeting** |
| **Sun 27th**  | **10.00pm** | **This Service will be from the Book of Common Prayer** |
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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 today.A Few New DevelopmentsSometimes it seems that a door or a window in heaven opens and a bit of spirit comes zooming down and makes a few things happen! That is a rather simplistic and theologically dodgy remark I grant you, but that’s what it feels like.Here at St Aidan’s we have a few things get going that have come into a being with a ‘whoosh’ and of course with the efforts and will of a few people!A couple of months ago we started up a ‘craft and chat’ group that has become a place for folk to find company and have a go at a range of crafts usually with an ‘eco’ or ‘green’ theme. This has been a good development and I am grateful to our Anna Chaplain and Eco Church contact, Sylvia, for leading on this.Last Saturday we launched the first Board Games afternoon in the hall which was a great success and we will look to build this into what we do as outreach. We are also launching a walking group and there are a good number interested in joining this. In September we will be launching a ‘Mums’ Hub’ on a weekday morning which will be a time for parents who are feeling a bit isolated or who do not have many opportunities to do much beyond baby care, to meet over a coffee and have some company and a chance to talk and make some social connections. Our hall floor is in a sorry state but thanks to lottery funding we will be repairing this over the summer.Obviously there is always more to do but sometimes it is good to pause and take stock of some of the good things that are happening and to thank God for his encouraging Spirit! …and a man freed from demonsIn Luke’s gospel reading today we hear of a man who has been shunned by society on account of the demons who have possessed him and who drive him to dangerous acts. He is an outcast, forced to love on the outskirts amongst tombs and caves. Nobody wants him, nobody helps him; they just chain him up.It is Jesus who frees this man from this terrible situation. Seeking to become a disciple, Jesus instead instructs him to go into the city and tell all that has happened-he is reincorporated into the society that had despised him but now he has a message to tell that all must hear: only Jesus frees us from our demons. Only Jesus sets us on the right path when we have got lost in the caves of sin and indolence, only Jesus restores us to community and gives us the words to speak*Blessings,**Fr Michael* |