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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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) ↓** | | | | | | | | | |
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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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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS** | | | | | | | | | |
| **APRIL Wed 30th** | | **9.30am** | | | **Eucharist (said) (Book of Common Prayer)**  *NT Reading:* **Acts 5:** 17-26 (NT page 116)  Gospel: **John 3**: 16-21 (NT page 90) | | | | |
| **MAY Fri 2nd** | | **9.00am** | | | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 4th MAY 2025 – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER** | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | **All Age Parish Eucharist**  *OT Reading:* **Zephaniah 3**: 14-end (OT page 803)   *NT Reading*: **Acts 9**: 1-20 (NT page 121)*Gospel:* **John 21**: 1-19 (NT page 111) | | | | | | | |
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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)** | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 7th** | | **10.15am** | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge | | | |
| **Wed 14th** | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room | | | |
| **Thu 15th** | | **7.30pm** | | | | **P C C Meeting** | | | |
| **Sun 18th** | | **10.00am** | | | | **This Service will be from the Book of Common Prayer** | | | |
| **Wed 21st** | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Craft & Chat** – West Room | | | |
| **Sat 24th** | | **10.00am** | | | | **Christian Aid Coffee Cake & Plant Sale** | | | |
| **Sun 25th** | | **10.00am** | | | | **The Open Collection at this Service will be donated to *The Gravesend Daytime Hub*** | | | |
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| **ECO CHURCH – THEMES FOR APRIL** Reducing food waste; promoting Community Gardens. | | | | | | | | | |
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| **From the Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today as we journey through the Easter season-Alleluia!  I would like to thank everybody who contributed towards Holy Week and Easter Day services and events this year. Of course these things don’t just happen and it is a real team effort to keep the services flowing during this time of year, and especially events which involve catering.  Looking ahead, we have a busy calendar of events this year still to come, with our popular plant sale for Christian Aid in May, and for the first time, a games afternoon for families and individuals. Later in the year we are holding a special exhibition to remember the roots of St Aidan’s as a parish and community and we will also of course have our popular quiz evening, Light Party and Christmas Fair. There is lots to look forward to and I hope you can join us. More details will follow soon.  ***‘Peace be with you…’***  Our gospel reading today features one of the ‘Resurrection appearances’ of Jesus; this time he joins a gathering of some of the disciples as evening draws on. There is obviously tension in the city because the doors of the house are locked ‘for fear of the Jews’-meaning the Jewish authorities of that time-which suggests that there had been some raids going on as Christians were presumably being rounded up as the authorities try to stamp out any trace of Jesus.  Yet the message Jesus brings is ‘peace’. Later in the reading he breathes the Spirit on them as a commission to do his ongoing work, but this greeting of peace is important- whatever we may do in Christ’s name it should always be surrounded and nourished by peace-even actions which might offend the status quo. Jesus gives us and leaves us peace. Let us spread that message in our tarnished world.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |