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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 30th MARCH 2025 – MOTHERING SUNDAY**  |
| **10.00am**  | **Parish Eucharist with Anointing for Healing & Wholeness***O.T Reading:* **Exodus 2**: 1-10(OT page 47)*N.T. Reading:* **Colossians 2**: 12-17(NT page 191)*Gospel:* **John 19**: 25-27 (NT page 109) | Image result for clip art mothering sunday |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |  |
| **APRIL** |  |
| **Wed 2nd**  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said)** *Reading:*  **Isaiah 49**: 8-15 (OT page 622) *Gospel:* **John 5**: 17-30(NT page 92) |
| **10.15am** | **Coffee Morning - Lounge** |
|  |  **1.00pm** (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows** - Hall (for pre-schoolers and parents/carers) |
| **Fri 4th**  |  **9.00am The Holy Rosary** – Lady Chapel |
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| **SUNDAY 6th APRIL 2025 – PASSION SUNDAY**  |
| **10.00am**  | **All Age Parish Eucharist** *Gospel:* **John 12**: 1-8(NT page 101 ) |  |
| **11.15am** | **Annual Parochial Church Meeting [followed by short meeting of the PCC]** |
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| **AGAPÉ MEAL – Wednesday 16th April at 7.00pmIf you will be attending this event please sign the form at the back of the Church** |
| **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 APRIL 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | MCj04242160000[1] |
| **Wed 9th**  | **3.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room **(Guest Speaker from the Amen Trust (Romanian Shoeboxes) – all welcome)** |
| **Sun 13th** | **9.50am** | **PALM SUNDAY – Meet in the Hall before the 10.00am Service** |
| **Wed 16th**  | **2.00pm** | **Craft & Chat event – West Room** |
|  | **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** |
| **Fri 18th**  | **3.00pm** | **GOOD FRIDAY – Liturgy for Good Friday** |
| **Sun 20th** | **5.30am** | **EASTER DAY – Mass of the Dawn (also, 10.00am 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 on or befiore Easter Sunday. |
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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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| **MOTHERING** | **Antique Images: Free Flower Basket Clip Art: 2 Wicket Baskets Full**  | **SUNDAY** |

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| **From the Vicar**Welcome to our worship today for Mothering Sunday, which includes our healing service; a chance to pray for healing of mind, body and spirit and to receive the ancient ministry of laying-on of hands and anointing. This is where the priest lays a hand on your head and prays for Christ’s healing to come to you. Then, holy oil is used to make the sign of the Cross on your forehead and the palms of the hands. Sometimes, there are people we know who are in need of wholeness but they are not with us in church-it’s possible to bring them by name, and for you to receive the ministry on their behalf and the rest we leave to the Holy Spirit.Obviously this is an invitation only, nobody should be made to feel that they must come forward, but many people do and I think it is a good way to remind ourselves of the importance of human contact: a hand on the top of the head, the application of a drop of oil speaks of all the ways we comfort one another with a friendly word, a box of tissues when tears come, a pat on the back for encouragement, and a good old hug! These are everyday things but they are big things ‘done little’ and they can have a great restorative effect.For Mothering Sunday, we pray for the Church and our ongoing call to extend maternal care to those we meet, and of course to celebrate our mothers and mother-figures. To this end, there will be small posies of flowers which we invite you to take and present to your mum, grandmother, or whoever fulfils that role in your life.Recently, I was commissioned as Chaplain to the Mothers’ Union in this diocese. The ‘MU’ specialises in supporting families in all their forms and is a dynamic force for good in our communities, so I pray for the Mothers’ Union on this Mothering Sunday, and for the parishes in our diocese with active MU groups-time to start one at St Aidan’s?*Blessings,**Fr Michael* |