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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 George, Gravesend.**  **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 8th DECEMBER 2024 – 2nd SUNDAY of ADVENT** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | **religious%20advent%20clipart** | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Sung Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** | | | | | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 11th** | **EMBER DAY** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **8.30am** | | | | | | **Morning Prayer** | | | | | | | | |
|  | **9.30am** | | | | | | **Eucharist** Readings:*OT Lesson:* **Jeremiah 4**: 1-10(OT page 642) *Gospel:* **John 4**: 31-38(NT page 91) | | | | | | | | |
|  |  | | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Christmas Lunch** (advance booking essential) | | | | | | | | |
| **Sat 14th** | **11.00am** | | | | | | (to 11.30am) **Carol Singing for Christian Aid** – St George’s Centre | | | | | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER 2024 – 3rd SUNDAY of ADVENT** | | | | | | | | | | | | | **religious%20advent%20clipart** | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Sung Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | *OT Reading:* **Zephaniah 3:** 14-end (OT page 803)   *Psalm:* **146, verses 4 to the end**  *NT Reading:***Philippians 4**: 4-7 (NT page 188)   *Gospel:***Luke 3**: 7-18 (NT page 57) | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **SUNDAYS IN ADVENT**  Instead of the 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)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **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)**  **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 DECEMBER 2024 (other than the usual services for which please see above)** | | | | | | | | | | | | See the source image | | |
| **Sun 22nd** | | **10.00am** | | | | | | **Nine Lessons with Carols & Eucharist (BCP)** | | | | | | |
| **Tue 24th** | | **2.00pm 4.00pm 11.30pm** | | | | | | **Carol Singing outside Tesco, Valley Drive Crib & Christingle Service Midnight Mass** | | | **MCj04126980000[1]** | | | |
| **Wed 25th** | | **10.00am** | | | | | | **Eucharist for Christmas Day** | | | | | | |
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| **CAROL SINGING IN THE ST GEORGE'S SHOPPING CENTRE: 14TH DECEMBER.**  Local churches will be singing for half an hour each between 10am and 3.30pm for the benefit of **Christian Aid.** Our slot is between 11.00 and 11.30am - all welcome. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **FOOD BANK**  There is a collecting box at the back of the church for any donations of food/toiletries which will be passed to a local Food Bank. A list of what is accepted by the Food Bank is posted nearby. | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | |
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| **CRIB & CHRISTINGLE SERVICE**  Everyone is welcome to this Service  on Christmas Eve at 4.00pm.  Donations received will support The Children’s Society. | | | | | | | | |  | | | | | | |

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| **From the Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School.  ***Our Social Events Team***  I am grateful that a couple of people have offered to be part of our Social Events team, which looks at things we can do in church and locally, often with the aim of fundraising. If you have experience in organising events or in fundraising please do get in touch with me if you would be interested in joining us because we do still have space for new people. We usually meet in person during the day on a Monday afternoon and obviously if you work you will be unable to attend, but we can work around this, ensuring that you are involved and informed; we can also meet in church on Sundays briefly, particularly when events are nearly upon us, so we can get together as a team. I would also like to look at a social event for the team; it’s important that we have fun together, too!  Our next meeting is in January (20th) at 2pm, at which we will look at the year ahead. I can easily let you know what we usually plan for, which you would be welcome to comment on, but also to suggest fresh ideas for new events. My contact details are in the Who’s Who section of this sheet.  ***Oh Christmas Tree, Oh Christmas Tree!***  Our church tree will be in situ today, partially decorated with lights. Children are invited to decorate the tree after the service; all decorations are provided! Each year the children create a charming Christmassy work of art!!  ***Advent Acts of Kindness***  We are into our second week of Advent now, a time of reflection and preparation, but we are also encouraged to *do things* that speak of our faith in Christ, the Christ for whom we are waiting eagerly. So, at the back of church are some sheets with suggestions for ‘acts of kindness’ that you can do as individuals or as a family. Feel free to adapt the suggestions or come up with your own!  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |
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