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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 **Holy Family.**  **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 17th NOVEMBER 2024 – 2nd SUNDAY before ADVENT** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Sung Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | *OT Reading:* **Daniel 12**: 1-3 (OT page 765)  *Psalm:* **16**  *NT Reading:***Hebrews 10**: 11-14, 19-25 (NT page 213)   *Gospel:***Mark 13**: 1-8 (NT page 48) | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 20th** | **EDMUND, Martyr (d. 869AD)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | **8.30am** | | | | | | **Morning Prayer** | | | | | | | |
|  | **9.30am** | | | | | | **Eucharist** Readings:*NT Lesson:* **Romans 8**: 35-end (NT page 150) *Gospel:* **Matthew 10**: 16-22 (NT page 10) | | | | | | | |
| **Thur 21st** | **7.30pm** | | | | | | **P C C Meeting** | | | | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER 2024 – CHRIST THE KING** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Sung Parish Eucharist**  ***[There will be an open collection for Hope Gardens  at this Service]*** | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | *OT Reading:* **Daniel 7**: 9,10,13,14 (OT page 759)   *Psalm:* **93**  *NT Reading:***Revelation 1**: 4-8 (NT page 234)   *Gospel:***John 18**: 33-37 (NT page 108) | | | | | | | | | | |
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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]** | |
| **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 1st** | | **10.00am** | | | | | | **Eucharist with Advent Carols** | | | | | |
| **Wed 4th** | | **10.15am** | | | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** (after the 9.30am Service) | | | | | |
| **Fri 6th** | | **9.00am** | | | | | | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel | | | | | |
| **Wed 11th** | |  | | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Christmas Lunch** (advance booking essential) | | | | | |
| **Sat 14th** | | **11.00am** | | | | | | **Carol Singing for Christian Aid** – St George’s Centre | | | | | |
| **Sun 22nd** | | **10.00am** | | | | | | **Nine Lessons with Carols & Eucharist** | | | | | |
| **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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| **Image result for clipart christmas fair** | | | | | | | | | SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER  10.00am - 12.00noon  in the Church Hall | | | | | |
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| Donations for this event on 30th November are needed – chocolate for the Tombola, bottles (filled, please) for the Bottle Stall, Homemade crafts, Toiletries & Gifts, Jigsaws, Board Games, Toys (clean & good quality, but not soft toys), undamaged collectables (and no bric-a-brac, please); cakes/cookies.  For more details, see leaflets available in church. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **From the Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School.  ***Jesus, Lord of Time and it’s end***  Mark’s gospel is known for telling us, at break-neck speed, some of the things Jesus did; it is less concerned with the wisdom and words of Jesus (we find that more in Matthew), but in today’s reading from Mark 13, we have Jesus speaking clearly if not quite bluntly about the passing of the age and the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem.  I mentioned in my sermon last week that Jesus never seems to call for an end to war, and that he at times speaks of war as if it’s something we have to live with; here in today’s reading we have an example of this: *‘When you hear of wars and rumours of wars do not be alarmed; this must take place.*’ (13:7). What marks this passage out is that Jesus says that things like wars and earthquakes are symbols of a coming end. For many years after the events of Jesus’ life, his followers and the early Christians thought that readings like these meant that the end of time was coming very soon; they thought that Jesus would return again in their lifetime, but Jesus says that these things are *‘but the beginning of the birth pangs*’ as any woman (or attendant man!) knows well, sometimes labour can last for a very long time, from those first ‘pangs’ to the actual delivery of the baby- we can not know when the end of things will come, but Jesus is certain that they *will* end, and that all the institutions we build on earth will be ‘*thrown down’*-symbolised here in the destruction of the Temple (that did follow soon after Jesus’ lifetime; the Romans razed it to the ground in AD70).  Next week we will celebrate the feast of Christ the King, when we contemplate the majesty and power of Christ. Today we are in the ‘run up’ to that as we look on Christ as the one who sees the culmination of all earthly things. It is one of the features of the Church year that in a few weeks we will celebrate the birth of the Christ Child and we will gather round the crib with the shepherds and gaze upon the little baby: the weeks we are in now prepare us to look at the baby with the knowledge of who he is, the Lord of time, the Messiah.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |
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