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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 **All Saints, Perry Street.**  **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’ but not by handshake or touch.**  **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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 21st JULY 2024 – TRINITY 8** | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | **Sung Parish Eucharist (BCP) with Sunday School  *[The open collection will be donated to Water Aid] →*** | | | | | ***MP900448623[1]*** |
|  | | *OT Reading:* **Jeremiah 23**: 1-6 (OT page663) *Psalm***: 23**  *NT Reading:***Ephesians 2**: 11-end (NT page 183)  *Gospel:* **Mark 6**: 3-34, 53-end (NT page 38) | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES** | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 24th** | **ST JAMES, APOSTLE** (transferred from 25th July) | | | | | | |
|  | **8.30am** | | | **Morning Prayer** | | | |
|  | **9.30am** | | | **Eucharist** Readings:*NT Lesson:* **Jeremiah 45**:1-5 (OT page 685) *Gospel:* **Matthew 20**: 20-28 (NT page 21) | | | |
|  | **1.00pm** | | | **Little Rainbows** – Hall | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 28th JULY 2024 – TRINITY 9** | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | **Sung Parish Eucharist** | | | |  | |
|  | | *OT Reading:* **2 Kings 4**: 42-end (OT page 319) *Psalm***: 145, verses 10-19**  *NT Reading:***Ephesians 3**: 14-end (NT page 183)  *Gospel:* **John 6**: 1-21 (NT page 93) | | | |

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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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| **FUNERAL OF THE LATE DAVE RAWLINSON**  This will be held on Monday (22nd July) at 12.00 noon in Church, followed by Comittal at Thamesview Crematorium and then refreshments back at Church. | | | | | | | | |
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| **WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST**  **other than regular events for which please see above** | | | | | | MCj04347360000[1] | | |
| **Fri 2nd** |  | | | **The Holy Rosary** – ***CANCELLED IN AUGUST*** (resumes 6th Sept) | | | | |
| **Wed 7th** | **10.15am** | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** – Lounge (after the 9.30am Service) | | | | |
| **Wed 14th** | **2.00pm** | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room | | | | |
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| *Tea, coffee (or squash) and a biscuit are available after Sunday morning’s service.* | | | | | MC900112314[1] | | | |
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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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| **From the Vicar**  From the Vicar  Welcome to our worship today.  Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s…  In our recent gospel readings we have been travelling through a few parables in  which Jesus speaks out against the religious authorities of his own day and indeed  anyone from inside his own religious group who ‘should know better’, to coin a  phrase. Jesus is rather fed up with the chief priests, temple elders and such like  because he keeps seeing time and again a kind of religious arrogance mixed with  apathy. It’s as if they think they don’t need to do anything outside of what tradition  dictates because they are God’s ‘chosen ones’. Jesus is very clear that the  scriptures he knew (what we call the Old Testament) record clearly the ways in  which God’s chosen people Israel had repeatedly failed to make good on their side  of the covenant God made with them in the desert. Jesus is astounded and angry  that in his own day, centuries after the events of the time of Moses, the heirs of this  covenant still ‘don’t get it’. His parables are a way to teach his hearers about how to  live by giving examples of what not to do-once the elders realise that he is using  them as an example of wrongness they respond not with humility but with plots and  plans to have Jesus destroyed; it is a profoundly depressing response by these men  and alas we see this kind of response still alive and well in our own time: the desire  of the powerful to hang on to that power and privilege at almost any cost.  The elders try to trick Jesus into worshipping the Roman Emperor, which would be  blasphemy (only God should be worshipped). They do this by trying to get him to  encourage people to pay their taxes (thus helping the hated Roman occupiers) but  Jesus as ever is ahead of the game. ‘Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God  what is God’s’ is his reply. In other words, do what you have to do in this world to get  by and obey the worldly laws, but remember where your duty really lies; i.e with God.  His enemies have no reply to this, but a steady determination to finish Jesus burns  brighter within them.  For us, we too must do what we have to do in our own society, but be sure to give  the best of our efforts over to the worship of God, and the living out of that worship in  the things we know we should do.  Blessings,  Fr M  From the Vicar  Welcome to our worship today.  Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s…  In our recent gospel readings we have been travelling through a few parables in  which Jesus speaks out against the religious authorities of his own day and indeed  anyone from inside his own religious group who ‘should know better’, to coin a  phrase. Jesus is rather fed up with the chief priests, temple elders and such like  because he keeps seeing time and again a kind of religious arrogance mixed with  apathy. 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Blessings,  Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School.  ***Missing out ‘the good bit’?***  This week’s gospel looks at the chapter which includes the well-known story of the feeding of the five thousand, except that our reading focuses on the events immediately before and after the event, but does not focus on what might be thought of as the main part! It may seem an odd choice to make, but of course the feeding of the five thousand does appear elsewhere in the readings during the year; rather, the focus of the reading is the healing ministry which Jesus was involved in during this part of his mission. We hear of folk being brought to him on mats, of others, saying that if they could just touch his cloak, they would be healed. We see in this reading then, less of Jesus the ‘miracle worker’ and more of the one who shows compassion.  In these torrid days in which a former US president has an attempt made on his life (and all the ensuing political storm), and warfare continues to rage in the world, we may be tempted to call on the God who Makes Miracles: can’t he step in and do something? But the point is that God has placed the stewardship of this world in our hands, guided by the Holy Spirit. It is for us to show the things Jesus modelled, compassion, humility, love, endurance. These, and not a ‘one off’ miracle are the things which will change the world.  ***Holidays***  The academic year has ended - on behalf of St Aidan’s may I wish all pupils, students and teachers a restful and fun summer break, and a pleasant summertime to everyone.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* | | | | | | | |

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