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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 Peter & St Paul, Shorne.**  **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 27th OCTOBER 2024 – LAST SUNDAY after TRINITY** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Sung Parish Eucharist** | | | | | | | | |
|  | | | | *OT Reading:* **Isaiah 55**: 1-11 *(*OT page 628) *Psalm***: 19, verses 7-end**  *NT Reading:***2 Timothy 3**:14 **- 4**: 5(NT page 203)  *Gospel:* **John 5**: 36-end (NT page 93) | | | | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES** | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 30th** | **8.30am** | | | | | | **Morning Prayer** | | | | | |
| **OCTOBER** | **9.30am** | | | | | | **Eucharist** Readings:*NT Lesson:* **Ephesians 6**: 1-9 (NT page 185 ) *Gospel:* **Luke 13:** 22-30 (NT page 73) | | | | | |
| **Thur 31st** | **5.00pm** | | | | | | (to 7.00pm)  **Light Café** in the Lounge/West Room for All Hallows’ Eve | | | | | |
| **Fri 1st NOVEMBER** | **9.00am** | | | | | | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel | | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 3rd NOVEMBER 2024 – ALL SAINTS’** | | | | | | | | **Image result for clip art all saints day** | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **All Age Parish Eucharist** | | | |
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| **4.00pm** | | | | **All Souls’ Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for the Departed – this will be followed by refreshments *(see also next page)*** | | | | | | **Image result for clip art all saints day** | | |
| **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 NOVEMBER 2024 (other than the usual services for which please see above)** | | | | | | | | | |  |
| **Wed 6th** | | **10.15am** | | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** (after the 9.30am Eucharist) | | | |
| **Sun 10th** | | **10.00am** | | | | | **The Service will include an Act of Remembrance**  **MCj03705100000[1]** | | | |
| **MCj03705100000[1]** | | **4.00pm** | | | | | **Service of Remembrance at the RAF Gravesend Memorial (Cascades)** | | | |
| **Wed 13th** | |  | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Bring and Share Lunch** – West Room | | | |
| **Thu 21st** | | **7.30pm** | | | | | **P C C Meeting** | | | |
| **Sun 24th** | | **10.00am** | | | | | **There will be an open collection for Hope Gardens at this Service** | | | |
| **Sat 30th** | | **10.00am** | | | | | **Christmas Fair** - Church Hall | | | |
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| **ALL SOULS’ SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND THANKSGIVING FOR THE DEPARTED** If you would like the name of a loved one read out at this service please write their name (block capitals, please) on the list at the back of the church. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA** Last date for donating items is **TODAY** 27th Oct. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **CHRISTMAS FAIR – 30th NOVEMBER**   Donations for the stalls are needed – please see leaflets in Church. | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **RECYCLING**  A reminder that we are collecting stamps & milk bottle caps for charity and are now recycling batteries, ink cartridges, bread wrappers, crisp packets and there are receptacles for these at the back of the church. | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **From the Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today.  ***‘Call upon him while he is near’***  Today’s Old Testament reading comes from Isaiah. One of the longer books of the Old Testament, it is divided into three main sections thought to be the work of three different writers: Chapters 1-39, then 40-55 and finally 56-66. Our reading is from chapter 55, so we are at the close of the second section.  The first section is attributed to Isaiah himself, a prophet who was active during the 700s BC, a time of great turbulence in the part of the Middle East where modern day Israel-Palestine is. Our section is loosely attributed to an anonymous writer designated the title Deutero- Isaiah (Deutero just means ‘second’) and the third by the title Trito-Isaiah.  Anyway, across the three sections the narrative is basically: One: a sense of coming doom to God’s people due to their failure to follow his guidance, and the realisation of that in the exile. Two: Consolation and hope for the future. Three: Return home and an uneasy but hopeful view of the future. Our reading comes from this consoling, hopeful middle section; the worst has happened: God’s people have been ejected from the land God himself had promised them. Now, the task is to look ahead, to change, to call on God who is always ready to guide and save.  Our reading contains a tone of generosity: *‘everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!’*  This is a message our modern world needs to hear as much as Second Isaiah’s audience; God is generous even when everything seems to have collapsed. Indeed, this is the radicalism of God, that there is no thought of giving up when things have reached rock bottom: somehow, God always brings us back.  So the next time you are tempted to switch off the news because it’s all just too bleak, remember that God is ever near, awaiting our call.  ***Light Café -31st October 5-7pm***  A final reminder about our popular alternative to Hallowe’en: crafts and refreshments in church!  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |