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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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>.**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****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 7th JULY 2024 – TRINITY 6** |
| **10.00am**  | **All Age Parish Eucharist**  |
|  |  *Gospel:* **Mark 6**: 1-13 (NT page 18) |
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| **THIS WEEK’S ACTIVITIES** |
| **Wed 10th**  | **ST BENEDICT (transferred from 11th July)** |
|  | **8.30am** | **Morning Prayer** |
|  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist** Readings:*NT Lesson:* **1 Corinthians 3**: 10,11 (NT page 158) *Gospel:* **Luke 18**: 18-22 (NT page 78) |
|  | **1.00pm** | **Little Rainbows** – Hall |
|  | **2.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room A talk by the Community Warden on ‘Avoiding Scams’ |
| **Sat 13th**  | **10.00am** | (to 12.00 noon) **“Hall Giveaway”** (see next page) |
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| **SUNDAY 14th JULY 2024 – TRINITY 7** |
| **10.00am**  | **Sung Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** |
|  |  *OT Reading:* **Amos 7**: 7-15 (OT page 784) *Psalm***: 85, verses 8-end** *NT Reading:***Ephesians 1**: 3-14 (NT page 182) *Gospel:* **Mark 6**: 14-29 (NT page 39) |
|  Antique Images: Free Flower Basket Clip Art: 2 Wicket Baskets Full  |
| **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 THE REST OF JULY****other than regular events for which please see above** | MC900356441[1] |
| **Thu 18th**  | **7.30pm** | **P C C Meeting** |
| **Sun 21st**  | **10.00am** | **The open collection will be donated to Water Aid** |
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| **WHAT’S ON IN AUGUST****other than regular events for which please see above** | MCj04347360000[1] |
| **Fri 2nd** | **9.00am** | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel |
| **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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| **“HALL GIVEAWAY”**We have some items to give away, which have been taking up space in the church hall. There are books, toys and other bits and pieces. This is happening on the grass outside the hall between 10am and 12 noon on Saturday 13th July. If you would like anything, please just take it, but equally, we would appreciate some help getting set up. If you can help with shifting things about, setting up tables and the like, please come along at 9am on the day, or at 12 noon to help clear away. Thank you. |
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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 MFrom the VicarWelcome 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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This prayer, sung nowadays as this lovely hymn, says that we must call on God to protect us, but more than that, to form within us our vision for how our life ought to be lived ‘be thou my best thought in the day and the night’, in other words, ‘keep me from impure thoughts’. We ask God to be our wisdom, our armour and ‘soul’s shelter’, another wonderful image of God as a place of safety, sanctuary and refuge. Imagine Aidan and his monks clinging on to the faith as the wind and rain lashed at their wooden huts on Lindisfarne: we can well understand the attraction of shelters!Pray today that God will give *you* the armour, the vision and the wisdom you need to live well as a person of faith in Christ in our fleeting world, and may you know his protection always.*General Election*Let’s pray for the government, our MP and all who work towards the safety and cohesion of our society.*Blessings,**Fr Michael* |

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