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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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, Milton.**  **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) ↓** | | | | | | | | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 6th JULY 2025 – 3rd SUNDAY after TRINITY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **All Age Parish Eucharist**  *Gospel:* **Luke 11**: 1-13 (NT page 69) | | | | | | |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 9th** | | **9.30am** | | | | | **Eucharist (said)**  *OT Reading:* **Genesis 41**: 55-end (OT page 37)  Gospel: **Matthew 10**: 1-7 (NT page 9) | | | |
|  | **10.15am** | | | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge | | | |
| **1.00pm** | | | | | | | (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows – Hall (for toddlers & their carers)** | | | |
|  | **2.00pm** | | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 13th JULY 2025 – 4th SUNDAY after TRINITY**  ***[The open collection at this service will be donated to******The Samaritans]*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Parish Eucharist**  *OT Reading* **Amos 7**: 7-end (OT page 784)  *Psalm:*  **82**   *NT Reading*: **Colossians 1**: 1-14 (NT page 189)*Gospel:* **Luke 10**: 25-37 (NT page 68) | | | | | | |
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| **† 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) – temporarily suspended***  **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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| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:***  ***Big Butterfly Count*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 9th** | | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – Lounge & West Room | | |
| **Sun 13th** | | | | **10.00am** | | | | **The open collection at this service will be donated to** **The Samaritans** | | |
| **Wed 16th** | | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Craft & Chat** – West Room | | |
| **Thur 17th** | | | | **7.30pm** | | | | **P C C Meeting** | | |
| **Sun 27th** | | | | **10.00pm** | | | | **This Service will be from the Book of Common Prayer** | | |
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| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:***  ***Bats & Allotments*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Fri 1st** | | | |  | | | | **No Holy Rosary** | | |
| **Wed 6th** | | | | **10.15am** | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge | | |
| **Wed 13th** | | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – Lounge & West Room | | |
| **Wed 20th** | | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Craft & Chat** – West Room | | |

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| **PARISH WALKING GROUP** Our first walk will be **Saturday 6th September**, along part of the Thames and Medway Canal, taking in Shorne Mead Fort. If you are interested, please let Fr Michael know. An email address would be good so that details of walks can be sent to you. Paper details available for those not online. |
| **From The Vicar**  Welcome to our worship today.  ***The Lord’s Prayer***  Our reading today focuses on Jesus at prayer. The passage begins,  *He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished…* This immediately tells us two things.  On the one hand we learn that Jesus prayed *somewhere specific* and we know from the wider gospel narrative that Jesus favoured quiet places to pray on his own, often early morning or late at night. However, here it is full day and he has gone to a certain place to pray, showing that prayer during the busyness of the day was also important to Jesus.  The second thing we learn is woven into the phrase *after he had finished.* This seems a more definite statement than merely introducing what happens next. If that were so, a better phrase would be ‘afterwards’ or ‘later’. But by writing after he had ‘finished’ we can see that Jesus’ prayers had a set form. He almost certainly made use of Jewish structured prayers that had set things to say in a specified order.  This sets the scene for when his disciples say, *Lord, teach us to pray*. What Jesus doesn’t say is something along the lines of ‘just say what’s on your heart and God will hear you’ (although there is nothing wrong with this approach!)-but he teaches them a formula, which we now call the Lord’s Prayer. The version we have in Luke’s gospel is a very early version-some of the other phrases were added later, or perhaps the writer of Luke did not receive a full account of what Jesus said. Either way, you will notice that it ends earlier than ‘our’ version today. The importance of all this is that whilst praying however and wherever we like does indeed have its place, Jesus teaches that there is a ‘way’ to pray, and that includes praying phrases which can be committed to memory and which follow a set pattern. Modern spirituality seems to shrink from this approach somewhat, preferring a ‘free’ approach probably based on the premise that the Spirit is free and freeing, but this approach misses out the wonderful strength and support we gain from praying a formula. The best bit is that we don’t have to think of what to say! So whatever frame of mind you are in, wherever you are, the words of the prayer are there in your mind. The second great thing about these types of prayers is that we can trust them. They have been prayed for centuries, loved and relied on by generations of Christians. Sometimes it’s good to have the firm rock of tradition under our feet. Jesus obviously valued it and so can we.  Blessings, *Fr. Michael* |