

ARRIVAL DAYS – IT'S YOUR CALLING!

These days help you explore the call of God in your own life, through looking at biblical characters, the 'saints' and ourselves. It builds on the work done at an Arrival Day and it involves people participating in some group work, as well as personal reflection. A comment from one who has attended: "I really wanted to thank you for a particularly helpful, informative and most enjoyable day. It was gratifying (and reassuring!) to find that what I'm hoping to do is what the tests actually showed I should be trying for". Peter has application forms for these days which are on Saturdays 24th April & 12th June.

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AGAPÉ MEAL – WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH – 7.30pm

If you would like to come to this meal in the Powerhouse, please add your name to the list at the back of the Church by **Sunday 28th March at the latest**, please.

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CRAFT CLUB

We have been busy making cards for Easter. If you would like a card for a special occasion, or person, we would be happy to personalise it with a name, date or age. We can also add an insert with an appropriate verse. Money raised from these sales goes towards Church funds. Please contact Jenny or Daphne for more details.

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HOLY WEEK PROGRAMME

Sunday 28th March – Palm Sunday: 9.30 am Parish Communion (meet in the Hall at 9.20 am).

6.30 pm Readings & Hymns for Palm Sunday (Christopher Centre)

Wednesday 31st March – 7.30 pm Agapé Meal (see above)

Thursday 1st April – 8.00 pm Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday: 9.30 am Short devotional Service followed by Procession of Witness to the Town Centre

for the Re-enactment of the Crucifixion within an Act of Worship. Also on Good Friday – 2-3pm Join us for a distribution of free Hot Cross Buns and Palm Crosses outside Tesco Express, Valley Drive.



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CRAFT AFTERNOON

Do support Riverview Baptists' Craft Afternoon next Saturday 27th March, 2.00 – 4.00pm in the Scout and Guide Hall, Whinfall Way.

ST. AIDAN'S CHURCH GRAVESEND



St Aidan's Mission Statement: "Sharing God's Love in the Community"

Church Internet address: <http://www.staidansgravesend.co.uk>

THIS SUNDAY, 21st MARCH 2010 – 5th SUNDAY of LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)

- 9.30 am Parish Communion with JAM Group *Readings:*
Isaiah 43: 16-21 (OT p616); John 12: 1-8 (NT p101)
- 3.00 pm Parish AGM – Church Hall. This will be followed by a short Evening Service & Bring'n'Share tea.
- 6.30 pm Men's Group visit to St Francis, Strood for a Games Evening

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THIS WEEK – CHURCH ACTIVITIES

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| Mon. 22nd | 9.00 am | Prayer Meeting – 90, Marling Way |
| | 6.45 pm | Confirmation Group - Vicarage |
| | 8.00 pm | Worship Committee – 90, Marling Way |
| Tue. 23rd | 9.00 am | Morning Prayer - Church |
| | 2.00 pm | Joint Lent Group – Church Hall |
| | 6.15 pm | Tuesday JAM Group (7's-11's) - Church Hall |
| Wed. 24th | 9.30 am | Holy Communion <i>Readings:</i>
Daniel 3: 14-20,24,25,28 (OT p754); John 8: 31-42 (NT p97) |
| | 4.00 pm | Wednesday JAM Group (4's-7's) – Church Hall |
| | 7.30 for 7.45 pm | 'Fresh Expressions' Group – St Mary, Wrotham Road |
| Thur. 25th | 12 noon | Lunch Club – Church Hall |
| | 7.45 pm | PCC Meeting - Powerhouse |
| Fri. 26th | 7.00 pm | JAM Plus Meeting |

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NEXT SUNDAY, 28th MARCH 2010 – 6th SUNDAY of LENT (PALM SUNDAY)

- 9.20 am Meet in the Church Hall so that we can begin our worship there and then process with our Palm Crosses into the Church for the
- 9.30 am Parish Communion and JAM Group
- 6.30 pm Readings & Hymns for Palm Sunday with the Choir - Christopher Centre, followed by hot cross buns.



MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH

Please switch them off.

THIS WEEK – OTHER POWERHOUSE ACTIVITIES

Powerhouse Internet address: <http://www.powerhousegravesend.co.uk>

Occasionally, events may have to be cancelled without notice because of sickness, etc.

The **Computer Suite** is open this week between 9.30 am & 12.30 pm on Tuesday-Friday. Other activities this week are:-

Mon. 22nd	9.30 am (to 4.30pm)	Computer Course – Computer Room
	12.45 pm	Advanced French – West Room
Tue. 23rd	2.00 pm (to 4.00 pm)	Group for over 55's Run by Westcourt Social Group – West Room
Wed. 24th	4.00 pm	Youth Club (over 11's)
Thur. 25th		No Adult Literacy this week
	4.00 pm	Youth Club (under 11's)
Fri. 26th	8.00 am	Breakfast Club

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you require prayer for yourself or another, please go to the Side Chapel after the 9.30 am Sunday Service.



ANNUAL MEETING

This will be held at 3.00 pm in the Church Hall **this afternoon** to elect Churchwardens, Sidespeople and new members of the PCC. Reports will be given (or be available) from those leading the church's activities/organisations and plans for the coming year will be discussed. This will be followed by a short Evening Service and a shared tea. Please come and support this. Papers for **today's Annual Meeting** are now available at the back of the Church. If you take a copy and are coming to the meeting, please bring it along with you. Many thanks.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME

This starts **next** Sunday so don't forget to move your clocks forward one hour before going to bed next Saturday. During BST, Sunday evening services will be at 6.30 instead of 4.00 pm.

JAM PLUS - FUND RAISING EVENT Thank you to all those who supported this event last Friday. Nearly £28 was raised.

INTERCESSIONS BOOK

We now have an 'Intercessions Book' situated by the prayer candle stand where you may enter prayer requests which we will endeavour to use in

Church during the following month.

LENT GROUPS – LAST WEEK

1) An **evening** group on 'Fresh Expressions of Church' will be held at St Mary's, Wrotham Road on Wednesdays at 7.30 pm until and including 24th March. Please ask if you would like a lift.

2) There will also be the usual **afternoon** Lent Groups here from 2.00 to 3.00 pm on Tuesdays in the Church Hall until and including 23rd March.

YESTERDAY'S BOOT FAIR

Our thanks to all who helped with or supported the Boot Fair.

BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The Bible Reading Fellowship subscriptions are now due for renewal to cover the period May 2010 - April 2011. You should soon receive an invoice and a new copy of the bible notes from Catherine Berry, or else please check on the tables at the back of the Church. **Payment should be made by Sunday 25th April 2010 please.** If you wish to receive notes over the next year and do not receive them at present, please speak to Catherine as soon as possible.

PAT MERCHANT

You will be sorry to hear that Pat died in the Ellenor/Lions' Hospice on Friday (12th March). Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob and the family at this time. Funeral – Wed. 7th April, 10.30am in Church.

LOST GLASSES? – and other Lost Property

Have you lost your glasses? We have discovered a pair of vari-focal glasses down the back of a chair in the Vicarage and don't know how long they have been there. Any claimants for these or anything else?

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN

Bishop Brian is pleased to announce that the Rev Canon Alan Vousden (Vicar of Rainham & Rural Dean of Gillingham) is to become Bishop's Chaplain following the retirement of the Rev Canon Anthony Smith on 30th June 2010. Canon Vousden will be based at Bishops court.

THE LATE KEITH GUYLER

A Memorial Service & Thanksgiving for Keith's life will be held here at St Aidan's on Sunday 18th April at 3.00 pm. Please make this as widely known as possible, especially to those who were involved in the Boys' Brigade.