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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 Mary The Virgin, Chalk****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****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 8th JUNE 2025 – PENTECOST** |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School**  *OT Reading* **Genesis 11**: 1-9 (OT page 114) *Psalm:*  **104, verses 26-end**  *NT Reading*: **Acts 2**: 1-21 (NT page 113)*Gospel:* **John 14**: 8-17, 25-27 (NT page 104) |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |
| **Wed 11th**  | **ST BARNABAS, Apostle** |
|  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said)** *NT Reading:* **Acts** **11**: 19-end (NT page 124) Gospel: **John 15**: 12-17 (NT page 105) |
| **1.00pm** | (to 3.00pm) **Little Rainbows – Hall (for toddlers & their carers)** |
| **2.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – West Room |
| **Sat 14th** | **4.00pm** | (to 6.30pm) **Family Games Event** – Church Hall |
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| **SUNDAY 15th JUNE 2025 – TRINITY SUNDAY*****The open collection will be donated to the work of the RNLI*** |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School**  *OT Reading* **Proverbs 8**: 1-4, 22-31 (OT page 546) *Psalm:*  **8**  *NT Reading*: **Romans 5**: 1-5 (NT page 146)*Gospel:* **John 16**: 12-15 (NT page 106) |
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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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| **WHAT’S ON IN THE REST OF JUNE 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** |  |
| **Wed 18th**  | **2.00pm** | **Craft & Chat** – West Room |
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| **WHAT’S ON IN JULY 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | Image result for Black Line Art Designs |
| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:******Big Butterfly Count*** |
| **Wed 2nd**  | **10.15am**  | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge |
| **Fri 4th**  | **9.00am** | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel |
| **Sat 5th**  | **7.00pm** | **Quiz Evening** – Church Hall |
| **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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| **A MESSAGE OF THANKS** **from Kevwe (the Christian Aid rep for Kent and East Sussex) following his visit to our Coffee/Cake/Plant Sale on 24th May:****"So glad I was able to come to St Aidan's for the first time and meet Michael and everyone else who worked so hard.  What a great amount you have raised (£681.61) even despite the weather on the day.  My sincere thanks to everyone involved".** |

**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.** |

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| **From The Vicar**Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School.Today is Pentecost, a service which celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the apostles-this acted as a sort of commission from Jesus, who had promised that he would send them a ‘helper’. In the dramatic scene, a flame of fire is seen over the head of each apostle, and they find themselves suddenly able to speak a whole range of languages. This symbolises the responsibility they, and the wider Church have to speak to all about Christ in ways people may understand. They will also be sent out by the Spirit to do this work- ‘apostle’ means to be ‘sent’.In this way, Pentecost is sometimes called the Birthday of the Church. It was the moment that the work of Christ was placed into the hands of ordinary men and women, helped by the Holy Spirit.We are the embodiment of the continuation of that work. Each church is a place where Christ is glorified, where we are not indifferent to the world but rather engage with it through the eyes of Jesus, as best as we can. Churches, then, become places of mutual encouragement, justice and fellowship. Let’s pray for our church here at St Aidan’s, but also all churches and ministers, and all God’s people.***‘One More Step Along the World I Go!’***We sang this well-loved hymn last Sunday just after I had announced that we are thinking of setting up a walking group! It’s funny how these things work out.The idea is to now and then meet for an easy walk in local areas so we can get some fresh air, relax together and spend valuable time in fellowship. Some walks may be on tarmac surfaces but we may also walk in woods or across grass so whilst they will not be demanding treks, a reasonable amount of mobility is required. Details will follow about when we will get started, but in the meantime do let me know if you are interested in joining us, which will help me with planning.*Blessings,**Fr Michael* |