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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 George, Gravesend****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) ↓** |
| **St Aidan’s Church****Gravesend****OUR CORE VALUES** - We are a **Comitted**, **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** |
|  | **Welcome To Our Worship Today** |  |
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| **SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 2025 – St MATTHEW, Apostle**  |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist with Sunday School** *OT Reading* **Proverbs 3**: 13-18: (OT page 542) *Psalm:* **119, verses 65-72** *NT Reading:*  **2 Corinthians 4**: 1-6 (NT page 171)*Gospel:* **Matthew 9**: 9-13 (NT page 8) |
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| ***THIS WEEK’TH*THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |
| **Wed 24th**  | **EMBER DAY** |
|  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said)**  *NT Reading:* **Acts 20**: 28-35 (NT page 134) *Gospel:* **Luke 4**: 16-21 (NT page 58) |
|  | **1.00pm** | **Little Rainbows** – Church Hall |
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| **SUNDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2025 – 15th SUNDAY after TRINITY** |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist** *OT Reading* **Jeremiah 32**: 1-3, 6-15 (OT page 673) *Psalm:* **91, verses 11- end** *NT Reading:*  **1 Timothy** 6: 6-19 (NT page 201)*Gospel:* **Luke 16:** 19-end (NT page 76) |
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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** |  **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) – Also on Facebook** |
| **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 OCTOBER 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** |  |
| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:******Recycling*** |
| **SUNDAY SCHOOL is on SUNDAYS 12th & 19th at 10.00am** |
| **Wed 1st**  | **10.15om** | (approx) **Coffee Morning – West Room (after the 9.30am Service)** |
| **Fri 3rd**  | **9,00am** | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel |
| **Sun 5th** | **10.00pm** | **Parish Eucharist & Harvest Thanksgiving** |
| **Wed 8th**  | **2.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** |
| **Wed 15th**  | **2.00pm** | **Craft & Chat Meeting -** Lounge |
| **Sat 25th**  | **4.00pm** | (to 6.30pm) **Board Games Afternoon** – Church Hall |
| **Sun 26th** | **10.00am** | **At this Service the open collection will be donated to the Diocese of Bo, Sierra Leone** |
| **Fri 31st**  |  | **Light Party** (details to follow) |
| **SHOEBOXES FOR ROMANIA** – Leaflets about what is acceptable for donation are situated where the hymn books are kept. There is a box at the back of the church for your gifts, - Many thanks, Jenny Rawlinson. |
| **CHRISTMAS FAIR**  – There is also anotherbox at the back of the church for donations of chocolate items for the Chocolate Tombola at the Christmas Fair (on 29th November). |
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| **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.** |  |
| **From The Vicar**Welcome to our worship today, which includes Sunday School. We are grateful to Denise, who is taking this week’s session which will involve sign language which I am sure will be both interesting and useful to our young people.**Confirmation** ThanksI would like to thank everyone at St Aidan’s who took part in making the deanery confirmation such a successful and joyful occasion. Bishop Simon confirmed 22 people from across our deanery, including Christ Church, St Mary’s (Wrotham Rd), St Peter and St Paul Milton and St George’s. Our church was completely full, with folk in the lounge and on the balcony, too.Our new hall looked very good as we hosted an informal buffet and my extra special thanks go to Mavis and the team who worked for many hours on the day on top of detailed preparation beforehand. I am told that another church has asked to ‘hire’ them for next year’s confirmation! **Sound System**Thanks in part to a diocesan minor repairs grant, our sound system will be getting an overhaul and repairs in the coming days which I hope will improve the experience for all. We are grateful that some money left to the church by Jenny Rawlinson in memory of her lovely husband Dave has also gone towards this important work: Dave was an audio ‘whizz’ and enjoyed playing around with our system, including recording the service on CD for folk who could not get to church. I hope we will get a system worthy of his memory and his love of St Aidan’s.**Ten Years a Deacon**This Friday marks ten years since Bishop James ordained me Deacon in Rochester Cathedral. A year later he ordained me again, as a priest. Being deacon is a very particular ministry characterised by service in the community and in worship (deacons read the gospel, prepare the altar and assist the priest in the liturgy) but this work doesn’t come to a stop once they become a priest-priests, bishops, archbishops are always deacons first and foremost and as such should always be looking to serve and to seek out the lost, the marginalised and those most in need of the saving help of Jesus.Please pray for our own Catherine Ody as she prepares to begin training next autumn for ordination as a deacon. Catherine is following a very particular path known as the ‘distinctive diaconate’ which means she feels called to remain a deacon without being ordained priest. This is indeed very distinctive and I look forward to working alongside her in our parish during this period of preparation and beyond. I know she is very grateful for the warm welcome she has received at St Aidan’s. Blessings, Fr Michael |

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