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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 John, Higham.****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 27th JULY 2025 – 6th SUNDAY after TRINITY** |
| **10.00am** | **Parish Eucharist and Holy Baptism** *OT Reading* **Hosea 1**; 2-10 (OT page 766) *Psalm:*  **85, verses 1-7**  *NT Reading*: **Colossians 2**: 6-19(NT page 187)*Gospel:* **Luke 11**: 1-13 (NT page 69) |
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| **THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |
| **Wed 30th  July**  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said) (Book of Common Prayer)** *OT Reading:* **Job 31**: 16-23 (OT page ) *Gospel:* **Luke 4**: 16-29(NT page) |
| **Fri 1st Aug** |  | **No Holy Rosary** |
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| **SUNDAY 3rd AUGUST 2025 – 7th SUNDAY after TRINITY** |
| **10.00am** | **All Age Parish Eucharist *[Preacher & Celebrant The Rev’d David Scott]****Gospel:* **Luke 12**: 13-28 (NT page 71) |
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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) |
| **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 AUGUST 2025other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | MC900340376[1] |
| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:******Bats & Allotments*** |
| **Wed 6th**  | **10.15am** | (approx) **Coffee Morning**  – Lounge & West Room |
| **Wed 13th**  | **2.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** – Lounge & West Room |
| **Wed 20th**  | **2.00pm** | **Craft & Chat** – West Room |
| **Sun 31st** | **10.00am** | **Patronal Festival – St Aidan’s Day** |
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| **MCj04315270000[1]** | **ROADWORKS****St Francis Avenue will be closed from 1st to 15th August (8.00am – 6.00pm). For more details, please see notices displayed at the roadside and on the notice in the vestibule.** |
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| **!!WANTED!!**A Work Morning is being held on **Saturday 16th August from 9.00am to 12.00 noon** and volunteers are needed to clear garden rubbish from around the church grounds. Bring your own tools e.g. spade, trowel, crevice tool etc and don’t forget gloves & if required, kneeling mat or knee pads. Also you will need sacks or baskets to take the rubbish home to empty into garden bins. If you can help, please sign the list at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please speak to Mavis or Rob. Thank you. |

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| **From The Vicar**Welcome to our worship today.We are delighted to welcome the families of William, Seren, Edward and Rosalie who are to be baptised in our service this morning. Please pray for them as they begin their Chrustian journey in this special way, and for their parents and godparents.Baptism is one of the oldest Christian traditions and seems to stretch back to the earliest days. Alongside the Eucharist, it is what is called a ‘dominical sacrament’, meaning the two sacraments which were initiated by Jesus (‘Lord’ is dominus in Latin) and as such takes a very special place in the life of the Church.I usually say to families that we know baptism is special to God because Jesus himself was baptised in the river Jordan by John, so what the children do today, they share with Jesus’ own experience.Beyond this, baptism is a grace, freely given by God so it is a wonderful thing to almost literally bathe these children in the Holy Spirit!***Holidays***Let’s pray for all who work in the holiday industry during the summer, and for towns which rely on tourism for their economy. If you are going away, may you enjoy a time of refreshment and fun. I am on leave for the first two weeks of August and services will be taken by the Rev’d David Scott, to whom I am very grateful.*Blessings,**Fr Michael* |