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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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****Compassion, Community, Confidence****OUR CORE VALUES** - We are a **Committed**, **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 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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| ***THIS WEEK’TH*THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**  |
| **OCTOBER Wed 1st**  | **9.30am** | **Eucharist (said)**  *OT Reading:* **Nehemiah 2**: 1-8 (OT page 408 ) *Gospel:* **Luke 9**: 57- end (NT page 67) |
|  | **10.15am** | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge |
|  | **1.00pm** | **Little Rainbows** – Church Hall |
| **Fri 3rd**  | **9.00am** | **The Holy Rosary** - Ladychapel |
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| **SUNDAY 5th OCTOBER 2025 – HARVEST** |
| **10.00am** | **All Age Parish Eucharist & Harvest Thanksgiving** *Gospel:* **John 7**: 37-39 (NT page 96) |
| **† 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 8th**  | **2.00pm** | **Aidan Ladies Meeting – Talk by Fr Michael about ‘Roman Women’** |
| **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**  | **5.00pm** | (to 7.00pm) **Light Party** – West Room & Lounge |
| **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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