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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 Consent may be withdrawn at any time.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 **The Holy Family.**  **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**](mailto: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) ↓** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **C:\Users\Michael Welch\Downloads\At Aidan's Church logo (2).jpg**  **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** | | | | | | | | | | |
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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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| **EVENTS – Week Commencing Sunday 3rd August** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 6th** | | **OSWALD, c605-c642AD King of Northumbria** (transferred from 5th August) | | | | | | | | |
|  | | **9.30am** | | | | | **Eucharist (said)**  *NT Reading:* **1 Peter 4**; 12-end: 16-23 (NT page 223)  *Gospel:* **John 12**: 24-26 (NT page 102) | | | |
|  | **10.15am** | | | | | | (approx) **Coffee Morning** - Lounge | | | |
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| **SUNDAY 10th AUGUST 2025 – 88h SUNDAY after TRINITY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Parish Eucharist**  ***[Preacher & Celebrant The Rev’d David Scott]***  *OT Reading* **Isaiah 1** 1, 10-20 (OT page 578)  *Psalm:*  **50, verses 1-7**   *NT Reading*: **Hebrews 11**: 1-3, 8-16(NT page 214)*Gospel:* **Luke 12**: 32-40 (NT page 71) | | | | | | |
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| **EVENTS – Week Commencing Sunday 10th August** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 13th** | | **9.30am** | | | | | **Eucharist (said)**  *OT Reading:* **Deuteronomy 34**  (OT page 183)  *Gospel:* **Matthew 18**: 15-20 (NT page 19) | | | |
|  | **2.00pm** | | | | | | **Aidan Ladies Meeting** - Lounge | | | |
| **Sat 16th** | **9.00am** | | | | | | **Work Morning (see over)** | | | |
| **SUNDAY 17th AUGUST 2025 – 9th SUNDAY after TRINITY** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10.00am** | | | | **Parish Eucharist** *OT Reading:* **Isaiah 5**: 1-7 (OT page 582)  *Psalm:* **80, verses 9-end**  *NT Reading:*  **Hebrews 11**:29 -**12**:2 (page 215)  *Gospel:* **Luke 12**: 49-56 (NT page 72) | | | | | | |
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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 THE REST OF AUGUST 2025 other than regular events for which please see above & on page 1** | | | | | | | | | | MC900340376[1] |
| ***SILVER ECO CHURCH – THEME FOR THIS MONTH:***  ***Bats & Allotments*** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Wed 20th** | | | | **2.00pm** | | | | **Craft & Chat** – West Room | | |
| **Sat 31st** | | | | **10.00am** | | | | **Patronal Festival for St Aidan’s Day** | | |
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| **CHURCH GROUNDS**  A Work Morning is being held on **Saturday 16th August from 9.00am to 12.00 noon** and volunteers are needed to clear the join between the gutter & the kerb all around the car park and to clear grass & weeds from between paving stones all around the church. There is a list on the table at the back of the church giving detail of what needs to be done.  As you will see, some jobs can be done at any time when you have a free half hour.  A skip is booked to be delivered on Friday 15th August and will be picked about 11.45 on Saturday 16th.  This will enable all the rubbish - particularly from the gutter around the car park - to be removed.  We do hope we can rely on your support - the grounds need to be kept in good order. .Don't forget to bring your own tools.  Many thanks,  Rob and Mavis | | | | | | | | | | |

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| **From The Vicar**  Welcome to our worship over these two opening Sundays of August.  There is no Sunday School this month; we are back on 14th September.  ***Two Warnings***  Jesus is in robust mood in this part of Luke’s gospel, which covers our two Sundays’ readings. In the first, we hear the ‘parable of the rich fool’, a story Jesus tells of a man who decides to build ever larger barns for all his grain so that he may sit back and relax, knowing he has food enough for many years. God tells this man that he is a fool, and that he will not live to enjoy all his stores; others will feed on his grain.  Whilst there is a part in all of us that possible commends this man for planning ahead, the point is not about storage but about our spirituality: if we focus on wealth and plenty here on earth, we will not enjoy it in heaven. It’s a tough preach, but it is a message that Jesus seems decidedly keen to give.  Secondly, we hear Jesus teaching his hearers to let their lights shine and not hide them away, like putting a lamp under a table; instead they should be placed on the table or on a stand so the whole house is illuminated. This again is about spirituality: when we are baptised, the priest says ‘do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified’. Let us heed this teaching and not be shy with our faith. Don’t hide it away but allow it to spread like light so that others may be led to Christ. But we must be careful to shed this light with love and compassion, not religious zeal: Jesus dines with some religious leaders who criticise him for not washing in the ritual way before meals; Jesus is astounded by their lack of insight ‘you fools!’ he cries. ‘You clean the outside of the cup but inside you are full of greed and wickedness’.  Each of us is always in need of grace, so let’s pray for our hearts to open to Jesus’ teaching that we may not store up earthly ways, that our faith may light others and that we may guard against obsessive rules instead of love.  *Blessings,*  *Fr Michael* |