

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am All-age Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Fr Martyn Hawkes

11.30am Bible Reading Group

### This Week

#### **Evening Prayer**

5pm Tuesday to Thursday on  
Zoom & in church. No evening  
prayer on Monday or Friday this  
week.

**Tuesday** 10-12 Open Church  
1.30pm-3.30pm Afternoon Social  
Group in church

#### **Wednesday**

9.30am Prayer Group  
11am Holy Communion  
12 noon The Preschool Play Group  
3.30 After School club

#### **Thursday**

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church  
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church  
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and  
Reflection in church  
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

8pm Ascension Day Service for  
our MMU, this year at St Mary's,  
Woodford.  
Choir to rehearse at 7.15pm.

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

6.30pm onwards - Beavers  
sleepover in church

#### **Saturday**

12 - 1pm Open church Saturday  
Organ music and an invitation to  
stay, listen, talk, pray. All  
welcome!

#### **Magazine**

We are collecting articles for the  
next parish magazine. Please send  
articles to [teresasmith@me.com](mailto:teresasmith@me.com).  
The closing date for articles is  
Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Friends of St Gabriel's History  
Talk - Aldersbrook at war.  
Do order your tickets in advance.  
Over 130 sold as of last Thursday  
and there will be limited seating. It  
should be a fascinating event.  
Request for contributions to the  
Refreshment Stall to sell at this  
event from 4pm - sweet or  
savoury. Please contact Willa  
07986860011. Many thanks.

#### **Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

10am St Gabriel's Dedication  
Festival  
After church, bring along nibbles  
to share, you can be as creative or  
basic as you'd like and we'll  
provide some festive drinks to go  
with the usual tea, coffee and cake.  
You are also invited to take a mini  
pilgrimage around the church hall  
after the service. The young people  
will have been working on prayer  
stations for you all to look at and  
try out, there will also be some  
fun, simple table activities to share  
once you're there. An excellent  
week to invite those friends and  
neighbours you keep meaning to  
ask!

#### **Holiday Club 2024.**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. This years' theme  
is Joy! We are looking for  
volunteer leaders & young leaders  
as well as members of the steering  
and creative groups to start  
working on the event. If you can  
help, please speak to Anthony or  
Clare, [www.families@gmail.com](mailto:www.families@gmail.com) /  
07986180230 for more  
information.

#### **Foodbank Update**

Stocks at Tin in a Bin are running  
very low at the moment, which  
means it is hard to fulfil the  
commitments to various foodbanks  
and charities. If everyone at St  
Gabriel's was to bring just one tin  
every week, it would make a huge  
difference! Please do what you  
can. Many thanks. Helen and the  
team.

*Items for weekly notices need to  
submitted by Thursday evening.  
([sarabertrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sarabertrand47@gmail.com))*

**Christian Aid week 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> May**  
All systems go - if you'd like to help  
in any way: delivering envelopes in  
the parish, assisting with  
photocopying & preparing packs for  
delivery, counting money afterwards  
etc. please let Fr Martyn know.

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

Pentecost, Annual Meeting and  
Confirmation - big day ahead!  
There are opportunities to join the  
PCC if you would be interested.  
There is also a vacancy for  
Churchwarden. Please speak to  
any of the current PCC or office  
holders to know more!  
Annual Meeting will take place  
after church at 11.30am. The  
electoral roll is open for revision  
and will close to new members in  
the lead-up to this meeting.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May Confirmation**  
4pm at Christ Church, Wanstead.

#### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

5pm Woodford Singers, with  
Heron Quartet - fliers in church  
with more details. Tickets £10

#### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Open Garden Event  
Caroline Ferguson is opening her  
garden from 12 noon to 3pm  
Entry will be £1, which includes one  
tea/coffee/soft drink. Thereafter,  
refreshments of tea/coffee/soft  
drinks and a selection of cakes will  
be available for folks to buy.

#### **For Our Prayers**

##### **For those who are sick:**

Mr Ali, Eva and Peter Baker,  
Kevin Brown, Joyce Demetriou,  
Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen  
Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly  
Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye  
Jackman, Janis Lalor, Henry Lau,  
Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell,  
Marie Norman, Bibi Rahman,  
Mary Watts & those on the Prayer  
Board

##### **For the recently departed**

Madeline Maloney, Daniel Anjorin

##### **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Gladys Nelson, May Piper,  
Maureen Brown, Alan West