

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 29th March

Palm Sunday

10am start at the end of Ingatestone Road in Wanstead Park. Church will be open for those who find the journey difficult.

Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes

Deacon: Rev. Amy Taylor
583, 644, 463, (195), 572

5pm Evensong for the beginning of Holy Week

This Week

Morning Prayer

9am Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
In person only and all welcome

Evening prayer

5pm Monday – Thursday
On zoom and in-person

Monday

1pm Lent group at Jan's house

Tuesday

10:00am – 12 noon Open Church
Next Get-Together group meeting will be on Tuesday 14th April.

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
No Preschool Play Group or After School Club for next two weeks
7pm Lent group in the choir vestry

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.

Sunday 12th April

Baptism of Oisín. Aisling and Nico invite us to join with them for refreshments in the hall afterwards.

Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.
[sarertrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sarabertrand47@gmail.com)

Friends update:

Ceilidh: A big thank you to the Friends for the great night, involving all ages in the celebration.

To the organisers: Rusty and Willa amazing work and Steve and Helen (and Thomas) on the bar. Huge thanks to Mario and Lenka for some great assistance with hall clearance - invaluable.

Next Event: Local History

Thursday 7th May- tickets selling fast for this one, don't miss out. £7
If you want to join the mailing for Friends please email them:
friendsofstgabriels2021@gmail.com

Monday 13th April

8pm Book club Meeting
We will be reading Rhidian Brook's Notes on an Execution for its Lent book, and will also have a novel to read alongside: Theo of Golden by Allen Lev. All welcome to join when both books will be discussed.

Saturday 18th April

Charity Coffee morning.
Cakes & biscuits for this event will be much appreciated, as will help on the morning serving teas & coffees. Please sign up on the sheet at the back if you are able.

Sunday 17th May

5pm Cantilena Wind Ensemble & Guests – Concert in aid of the Organ Fund. More details to follow.

St Gabriel's PCC

There will be a number of vacancies on the PCC in the upcoming year. These will be elected at the annual meeting on 17th May. If you would like to find out more please speak to 1 of the ministers or current PCC. The meeting commitment is 4-5 weekday evening meetings per year & 4 after church on Sunday. We would particularly like to expand to involve a wider cross section of our congregation in decision-making.

Holiday Club 2026 - Dream.

21st - 24th July with a set up day on the 20th. Clare and Anthony are on the lookout for anyone who can help bring some fun to the start of the summer holidays for local children. All ages, experience and abilities welcomed.
stgabrielsfamilies@gmail.com

Holy Week Services

Tuesday 31st March

7.30pm A service of Tenebrae - music and scripture in candlelight marking Jesus betrayal

Thursday 2nd April

8pm Maundy Thursday service- foot washing, last Supper and stripping of the altars, followed by The Watch

Good Friday

10am Ecumenical Walk of Witness from Wanstead URC to Our Lady of Lourdes

11.30am Stations of the cross and building of the Easter Garden for children and families

1pm Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Day

6am Dawn Mass of Easter followed by breakfast

10am Easter Day Mass followed by Easter Egg hunt in the garden.

Help still welcome/needed

1. Maundy Thursday overnight watch of vigil - sign-up sheet in church for the nocturnal among us. (10pm - 7am)
2. Saturday - help with flowers and cleaning and Easter preparation from 10am
3. Sunday - Easter breakfast - sign up to bring food items.
4. Readers for Easter vigil service

Monday 20th April

An evening meal for the final session for both of the Lent groups is planned in church.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Jennifer Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Nicky Hooper, Faye Jackman, Doreen Karsondas, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Angela Ng, Judy Scrivener, William Starling, Jean Umoh, Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer Board

For the recently departed

Joseph Ramsey, Laura Lyseight and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

John Bertrand, Michel Glautier, Kathy Christie, Joe Watts