St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk

Weekly Newsletter 9th April Easter Sunday

Happy Easter! Welcome to our services to celebrate the victory of love over death through Jesus' resurrection.

6am Easter Vigil followed by breakfast in the hall

10am Easter Family Eucharist, followed by Easter egg hunt in the church garden

This Week

From Tuesday 11th April

Following Easter the church floor will be refinished with no access possible Tuesday & Wednesday. Notify Martyn if you need to get in.

Evening Prayer

5pm Tuesday to Thursday on zoom only

Tuesday & Thursday

No open church this week due to works to the church floor No Knit & Natter on Tuesday No Tai Chi, Meditation or Yoga on Thursday

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion Outside this week - come and join. In the event of rain bring a brolly or squeeze under the gazebo!

Monday 17th April

7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.30pm Standing Committee

Tuesday 18th April

Bereavement Cafe for those experiencing loss at Christ Church Wanstead 10:30-11:30 am.

Tuesday 18th April

7.45pm Friends of St Gabriel's Meeting in the Vicarage to discuss future plans. All welcome but let Fr Martyn know if you plan to attend.

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening. (sarabertrand47@gmail.com) A huge thanks to all who have contributed to our journey through Lent, Holy Week and Easter: Lent course volunteers, Quiet Day leaders, readers, pray-ers, musicians, choirs and servers, flower arrangers, welcomers, refreshment bakers and servers, soup makers, behind the scenes administrators and all the forgotten ones. God bless you all, and we made it!!!

Sunday 23rd April

Lent Course - a short final session after church for everyone to give an opportunity to share some thoughts and ideas with the whole congregation on where the course has pointed us.

Week of 17th - 23rd April

Bluebell and Spring Art display in church Mon 17th: Noon-3pm. Tues 18th : Noon-3pm. Wed: Show closed. Thu 20th: 2.30pm-4.30pm. Fri 21st: Noon-3pm. Sat 22nd : BIG DAY – 11am-4pm Sunday 23rd : After church service 11.15am-1.30pm.

Christian Aid Week (CAW) 14th – 20th May.

We will do our usual House to House envelope delivery & collection or drop back and try some new fundraising challenges; Saturday 13th May

We celebrate Volunteering with a CAW stall at the St Gabriel's charity Coffee morning Plus Christian Aid's London Freedom Walk. A 10K walk, starting 11.30am at St James Piccadilly with a send-off service and ending at St Pauls Cathedral in time for 5pm evensong. Sunday 14th May

The Big Pea Challenge', Pea Lunch inspired by CAWs work in Malawi Please volunteer & support during CAW. Give peas a chance! Thank you Sue & CAW Team

Foodbank Update

An urgent request has gone out for pasta sauces, tinned vegetables and toiletries, as stocks are running very low for these items. If you are shopping for the foodbank this week, perhaps you could consider these things. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Urgent Help needed on tea rota

Volunteers are urgently needed to serve teas and coffees in the hall after the 10am service today & Sunday 21st May. If you are interested in seeing what this involves as a one-off, this could be the ideal opportunity for you! If you can help please speak to Rachel.

APCM: Sunday 30th April

We need new PCC members to join our team. Speak to Fr Martyn, our churchwardens David or Rachel or any of the current PCC Anyone who hasn't yet joined the electoral roll and are eligible to do so, please see Sara Bertrand.

Saturday 13th May

St Gabriel's Charity Coffee Morning in church

10 - 12.30pm Local charities invited to share what they do. As part of Coronation celebration of volunteering we hope to provide free fairy cakes for any who identify as volunteers in any way. Your baking help will be very much needed, please! Any costs can be reimbursed.

Summer Club 2023

St. Gabriel's will be hosting our annual Summer Club again from Tuesday 25th to Friday 28th July. Range of activities for children from 9:00-12:30 each day. Please consider volunteering as an adult team leader & provide support the group leader. Alternatively, be part of the team making snacks & drinks for the children. Contact Anthony or Amelia for more details.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Aliandra Adelin, Frances Bonnick, Allen Chan, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Ray Green, Martin Griffiths, Sylvia Hawkes, Phyllis Lehreman, Patricia Lipman, Milosh, John Mitchell, Tony Nairn, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Albert Galer, Frank Rowland, Julie Rennie, Rose Christie, Amanda Hodder, Douglas Selway