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

> Weekly Newsletter Sunday 16th March 2nd Sunday in Lent

10.00am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes 467, 626, 642, (931), 756

2-4pm Lego in Church Do come along and enjoy the meditative work of creating, or just conversing and drinking tea.

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom & in church.

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church 12.15-1.30pm Lent Course 1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion 12 noon The Preschool Play Group 3.30 After School club 7-8.30pm Lent Course

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.

Lent Groups

The Lent course continues on Tuesday lunchtimes in the confirmed venue of Jan Smith's home (see Martyn for details) and Wednesday evenings in the choir vestry.

A reminder of the Bible reading group during the Lent season - Henry has kindly arranged for us to work through the Gospel of Luke in Lent. Pick up a sheet at the entrance.

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening. (sarabertrand47@gmail.com

The next Magazine is with us.

If you can help with delivering a bundle, the sign up sheet will be available in church with the bundles. Many thanks as ever.

Saturday 22nd March

In the coming week we are approaching the Ceilidh - do get your tickets: Adults £15, Children £5 From Sumup https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/st-patrick-s-day-ceilidh

The event will include a blind auction for 3 tickets to the West Ham - Tottenham London derby on 3rd May. If you'd like to bid for those tickets please put your name and a price into an envelope today. The winner will be announced at the ceilidh but you don't have to be there to enter.

Next Saturday 29th March

10am to 12.30 Annual Charity Coffee Morning in church with many stalls, including bric a brac, refreshments, pictures, books etc Free entry with donations in aid of Tin in a Bin. Any enquiries please call Carol on 07811 662297. We're still looking for bakers for this event. Any offers most welcome, let Martyn know.

Saturday 5th April

A Quiet Day at St Gabriel's with an Environmental focus

Handyman Needed

Do you know of a handyman in the Aldersbrook, Wanstead, Manor Park, Forest Gate area? We need someone that can undertake regular small repair work in the hall. Send all recommendations with their contact number to stgchurchmaintenance@gmail.com Many thanks. Rusty

Foodbank Update

Spring seems to be finally here. If, like me, you are starting to think about planting seeds for a harvest of fruit & veg, then please think about what you can drop off in the food bins around the area. Small things can make a huge harvest for those less fortunate. Thank you. Helen & the team.

Next Sunday 23rd March

Jen & Martyn are heading off to Reading to join old school friends to 'run' a half marathon in memory of lost buddy and raise funds for the charity CALM (Campaign against Living Miserably) to support those struggling with mental health issues. Revd Dr Liz Howell will be covering the Sunday service. There's a link if you'd like to support the charity. https://www.justgiving.com/page/friends-running

New Electoral Roll 2025

Don't forget to fill in your Electoral Roll forms and Stewardship offers - paper copies in church, online also available. Every 6 years we are required to completely refresh our electoral roll so everyone will need to complete a new form and return them to Sara Bertrand, Electoral Roll Officer.

Tuesday 8th April

2pm Breast Cancer Awareness talk. Please come along this affects men & women and we are working with The Aldersbrook Medical to promote this. Refreshments available. Any enquiries please call Carol on 07811 662297

Saturday 3rd May

Sauga Plant Sale. A great opportunity to get some expertly grown plants into the garden, whilst also supporting our Uniform Groups. Time tbc.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Saadia Akmal, Martin Anderson, Eva Baker, Michelle Baker, Ann Brown, Ursula Christie, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Olive Macauley, Sue Maudsley, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, Jan Smith, William Starling, Anita Watts, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board