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> Weekly Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> April 1st Sunday of Easter

10am All-age service Celebrant Revd Dr Liz Howell We welcome Revd Dr Liz Howell as our preacher and celebrant today

No Sunday School now until 21st April

#### This Week

#### **Evening Prayer**

No evening prayer in church or zoom this week

### Tuesday

10-12 Open Church

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** 10:30 - 11:30 am Bereavement Cafe in Christ Church Wanstead for all who experiencing loss.

#### Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group

11am Holy Communion Celebrant Fr James Gilder

No Preschool Play Group or After School club this week.

#### **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.

# Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April

10am - 11.30am Funeral of Beyazi Beya in Church

No Saturday Open Church until 27th April

# Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April

8pm The book club will be meeting to discuss Richard Rohr's lent book, "Wondrous Encounters" The next book will be "The Essex Serpent" by Sarah Perry, to be considered on Monday 13th May. All welcome!

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

# Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April

7 - 8.30pm Lent group follow-up - a chance to reflect, feedback and plan.

#### **PCC Meeting Update**

Please note PCC meeting has been postponed until 28<sup>th</sup> April

# Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Easter Quiet Day

11am - 4.30pm. A day of reflection in the beauty & peace of our church. Pick up a flyer for more information. We'd like to encourage attendees to arrive at 10.30am for refreshments.

#### MMU Retreat 18-20th October.

More information on the flyers in church. In a beautiful setting - do consider coming.

### Sunday 28th April

Brook Brass concert in church

Please note that there is no Evensong for April as on 28th April Fr Martyn will be installed as Canon at Chelmsford Cathedral at an evensong service at 3.30pm to which all are welcome. Refreshments will follow. For numbers do let Martyn know if you are likely to come.

#### Sunday 21st April

The pastoral care group is still finding a way forward in the light of Amelia's departure. There will be an informal meeting after church for anyone interested in supporting this work, or in sharing ideas.

#### Holiday Club 2024.

Planning is now underway for holiday club - 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, wwa.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.

# Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

Our next Messy Church for your diary and support

# Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

8pm Gig Night Big Bad Wolf -'chill out music with verve' £7 on the door.

# Saturday 11th May

Friends of St Gabriel's History Talk - Aldersbrook at war. Tickets available on the QR code on the leaflet or on this link wnstd.com/flatsatwar

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

1.15pm Pupils concert in church for the organ fund

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

Notice of Annual Meeting: this 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 19th May

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

#### Confirmation

There is a deanery confirmation service on Sunday 19th May. If you would like to consider being confirmed this year please speak to Fr Martyn. Classes start after the Easter school holidays.

#### For Our Prayers

#### For those who are sick:

Mr Ali, Eva and Peter Baker, Kevin Brown, Elwin Cockett, 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

Beyazı Beya

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

Dean Christie, George Mills, Albert Galer, Frank Rowland