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Weekly Newsletter 24th September

Patronal Festival 10am Parish Eucharist *Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes

5pm Evensong returns - the traditional service of evensong together in the choir stalls.

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom & in church No evening prayer on Friday

> **Tuesday** 10-12 Open Church

Tuesday 26th September 7.30 - Contemplative Prayer Half an hour of silent prayer together in the peace of the church All are welcome

Wednesday 27th September 9.30am Prayer Group

11am Holy Communion We will take time to offer a short memorial service at the conclusion of communion for a long-time parishioner & friend to many here Keith Childs. Keith's funeral will take place at Chingford Cemetery at the graveside on October 3rd, but some of us would wish to offer prayer and remember Keith here at St Gabriel's as well.

12 noon The Preschool Play Group 3.30 After School club returns

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.

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening. (sarabertrand47@gmail.com) Welcome to our Patronal Festival when we celebrate the named 'saint' of our Church: the Archangel Gabriel Today is also the last Sunday with Amelia, past churchwarden, and current pastoral assistant before she moves. All are welcome to share in a celebratory and farewell lunch after the service.

Messy Church Harvest

A big thanks to those who helped with Messy Church yesterday, another great team effort. We began a project to be completed next Sunday at our harvest festival called Harvest prayer.

Please take the opportunity after the service to add a prayer to the basket by the candle stand.

Harvest Flowers

Come and celebrate Harvest on the 30th September from 10am. We are bringing flowers and making a display ready for Harvest Sunday. Everyone can make a beautiful contribution and help. Please come along and join us bringing bright coloured flowers to celebrate. All welcome.

An East London and Essex group for **Christian Climate Action** is being formed by Sandra Eldridge the diocesan environment officer. If you'd like to know more or to join up please be in touch sandra.m.eldridge@gmail.com

Foodbank Update

It's felt hard to find some good news lately amid the problems with collapsing public buildings, councils declaring themselves bankrupt & fires &floods around the world. We are eternally grateful for the generosity of those who continue to donate to the local foodbanks. Last year the Trussell Trust alone gave out a record 3 million food parcels. Help us to bring good news to the many people locally who rely on this support each week. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Saturday Open Church

No open church on 30th September due to choir rehearsal. 12 - 1pm open Church Saturday will return on 7th October, playing the organ and inviting people to stay, listen, talk, pray. There will also be an opportunity to donate to support the organ fund. All are welcome!

Saturday 30th September

7pm. All Saints Chorus & Orchestra – Vivaldi Gloria, works of Bach, Franck, Faure & more. Ticket details on poster or call 07541 966720. Early booking advised. If anyone is willing to help with the refreshments during the interval of this concert please speak to Nick or Martyn.

Next Sunday 1st October

10am Harvest Festival and uniform groups parade service

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4pm Pet Blessing on Wanstead Flats. Please pass on a flyer to anyone who might be interested in this service.

Spiritual Book Club

Our next book is 'Murder before Evensong', by Rev Richard Coles. We will meet at 8pm in the vicarage on Thursday 5th October to discuss it. All are welcome.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Aliandra Adelin, Eva and Peter Baker, Frances Bonnick, Kevin Brown, Elwin Cockett, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: William (Bill) Golds, Ted Smeed