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

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 12th February

10am Parish Eucharist *Celebrant* Fr. Mark Kenny 314, 84, 477, (554), 572

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday & Tuesday in church & on zoom 5pm Wednesday & Thursday on zoom only No evening prayer on Friday

Monday 13th February

7.30pm PCC meeting in church

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church for private prayer

1 30pm Knit and natter in church. Speak to Ron Filer for details.

Tuesday 14th February

7 - 7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Hour 11am Holy Communion *Celebrant* Fr Stephen Pugh

12 noon Pre-school carers group 3.30pm After-school club

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church for private prayer

10:15 - 11:15 am Connection/Tai Chi. All are welcome.

11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in church followed by tea and coffee. All welcome

1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church. No other access during this time.

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

Children's Choir

Starting on Sunday 19th February a new children's choir project begins 11.30am - 12.15 preparing for Mothering Sunday.

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Tuesday 21st February

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

Wednesday 22nd February

Ash Wednesday - services at 11.00am and 7.30pm Please bring your old palm crosses to church this week or next Sunday to be made into ash

Sunday 26th February

5pm Evening Service
Divine Embrace: Encountering
God Together
You are invited to bring an object,
a poem, a prayer that speaks of
your relationship to God

Spiritual Book Club

All are welcome to join us reading 'Eden' by Jim Crace. We are meeting at 8pm on Monday 6th March in the Vicarage to discuss it. 'Women of Holy Week' by Paula Gooder is our chosen book for Lent.

Foodbank Update

It is hard to avoid the daily reporting of the cost of living crisis and increasing foodbank use, and many people will be struggling even more at present in this freezing weather. Thank you for all you are doing to support local families at this time. Items that are particularly requested this week are as follows: cereals (no porridge), small bags of pasta and rice, tins of fruit, beans and veg (no peas), jam and spreads. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Earthquake in Turkey & Syria

We are encouraging support through the DEC appeal at www.dec.org.uk but if you'd like to donate by cash (remember though that it won't be gift aided) you may leave a retiring donation either this week or next and we'll make sure it reaches them.

Lent Course - Growing Good

Wednesdays in March, beginning on 1st March. A course to reflect on how outreach to the wider community grows our faith, and connects us in love to others. Sign up to indicate that you'd like to give it a try.

Next Sunday there'll be a short video to introduce the course at the end of the service.

Musical March

Sunday 5th March

4pm Flute and Woodwind Concert with Kerry and John Light (Cinema organ). All proceeds to the church with a retiring collection. Please support this if you can.

Saturday 11th March

2-4pm Messy Church:

Sunday 12th March

6.30pm Forest Philharmonic concert

Friday 17th March

7pm - 11pm Friends of St Gabriel's St Patrick's Day Ceilidh: Tickets from https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/st-patrick-s-day-ceilidh

Saturday 18th March

All Saints' Chorus - The Messiah – see Lesley Bond for tickets

Saturday 25th March

Valentine Singers concert

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Aliandra Adelin, Frances Bonnick, Joyce Demetriou, Brenda Elliott, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Ronney Glad, Ray Green, Martin Griffiths, Larry & Shaun Havens, Sylvia Hawkes, Ann Kirby, Phyllis Lehreman, Patricia Lipman, Milosh, John Mitchell, Tony Nairn, Mary Watts & for all those named on the Prayer Board who wish for our prayers.

For the recently departed

Mariya Stoilova, Ray Bown, Eve Mendelson, Bryan Bonnick, Carol Winward

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ellen Galer, Elsie Collings