

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
24<sup>th</sup> March  
Palm Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist  
Celebrant Fr Martyn Hawkes  
(Hymns in service book)

Don't forget - the service begins on the corner of Northumberland and Ingatestone Roads in Wanstead park (a short walk from the church), and we make our procession with palms to St Gabriel's for the rest of the service. Those unable to make that journey are welcome to wait in church.

#### This Week

#### **Evening Prayer**

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

#### **Tuesday**

10-12 Open Church  
1.30pm-3.30pm Afternoon Social Group in church

#### **Wednesday**

9.30am Prayer Group  
11am Holy Communion  
12 noon The Preschool Play Group  
3.30 After School club

#### **Thursday**

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church  
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church  
No Meditation this week  
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

#### **Saturday**

12 - 1pm Open church Saturday  
Organ music and an invitation to stay, listen, talk, pray. All welcome!

#### **St Patrick's Day Ceilidh**

This event raised approximately £3,400 for the hall refurbishment fund. A great result!

*Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.  
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#### **Holy Week**

Today begins the most Holy Week of the church year. We mark that in our services as we move from Purple to Red for the passion of Jesus. And we have more services than any other week:

#### **Tonight Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

5pm - a beautiful service to commemorate the last words of Jesus from the cross. Readers still needed.

#### **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm Tenebrae - a service in candlelight, growing increasingly dark as candles are extinguished

#### **Maundy Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

8pm Maundy Thursday, followed by a watch of prayer overnight in the garden of Gethsemane (in church). A sign-up list for one hour covering the whole night is at the entrance - if you'd like to know more speak to Fr Martyn

#### **Good Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10am An ecumenical walk of witness, starting at Wanstead URC church, travelling to Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Church

11.30am Children's service for Good Friday, followed by hot cross buns in church.

1pm Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy

#### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

10am onwards - flowers, theme of yellow/gold and white only please, and church clean. If you are able to show up, there will be something to do to help, and it's a great time to connect with one another as we have got this far and now prepare for the great celebration of Easter.

#### **Easter Day Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

6am Easter Dawn Service (the best moment in the church year!)  
Followed by breakfast in the hall  
Gaynor has put a sign-up list for people to bring food items.

10am Easter Service for all, followed by Easter egg hunt in the garden

#### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Don't Forget the Clocks go forward as British Summer Time begins**

#### **Holiday Club 2024.**

Planning is now underway for holiday club - July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is Joy! We are looking for volunteer leaders & young leaders but more immediately we are inviting members of the steering and creative groups to start working on the event with us. If you can help, please speak to Anthony or Clare or contact [wwa.families@gmail.com](mailto:wwa.families@gmail.com) / 07986180230 for more information.

#### **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 13<sup>th</sup> May. Newcomers are welcome!

#### **Confirmation**

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

#### **Foodbank Update**

As we draw near to Easter, you may like to include Easter eggs or chocolate in your donations. These will be very welcome for the next week and then we will revert to normal! Many thanks for your continued generosity.  
Helen and the team.

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

Frederick Mutter