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Weekly Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> October

10am Parish Eucharist Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes 37, 580, 13, (123), 755

There will be no Sunday School today due to half term break.

There will be a meeting after church to discuss the Christmas Market. All are welcome to join.

## This Week

## **Evening Prayer**

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

## Tuesday

10-12 Open Church

#### Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group
11am Holy Communion
12 noon The Preschool Play Group
3.30 After School club
7.30pm Spiritual Growth Group
(10, Blakehall Crescent)

#### **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 Open Church**

Open church Saturday returns on 4<sup>th</sup> November after the half term break. 12 - 1pm Organ music and an invitation to stay, listen, talk, pray. There will also be an opportunity to donate to support the organ fund. All are welcome!

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

#### **All-age Sundays**

The next all-age service is the All Saints' service next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. We are building a team to offer welcome, help with aspects of the service, provide refreshments etc. If you are interested in helping as we build this team please speak to Fr Martyn.

## Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

5pm All Souls' Day Service We have an annual service to remember loved ones departed. Names can be added to the list at the back of church to be read out in the service. Please write legibly.

## Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Church Hall paint day. Friends of St Gabriel's are spearheading a day to repaint parts of the church hall. If you'd be willing to get involved, come along in your paint clothes & help out after church. The more the merrier. Please let Rusty know rusty@livock.com

## Thursday 9th November

6pm in church. Aldersbrook and Lake House: Who Do We Think We Are? The Friends of St Gabriel's invite you to a celebration of local history, with self-guided trails of the church, stalls & an illustrated talk about the early social history of these estates. Tickets £5 on the door or in advance: <a href="https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/w">https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/w</a> ho-do-we-think-we-are

## Foodbank Update

As we move towards Christmas we have traditionally sought a wider range of donations to help people celebrate even if only in a small way. This year we are all conscious of the extra costs involved in our festivities, but if you still have room in the trolley for a few more bits they will be very much appreciated! There will be boxes at the back of church for the advent foodbank collection. Thank you. Helen and the team.

The Poppy appeal donation has arrived at St Gabriel's and you can take a poppy/make a donation until our Remembrance Sunday service on 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Messy Church The Advent-ure. We are looking for volunteers to source and/or lead crafts and activities, prepare and/or serve food and help with the setting or clearing up. All offers gratefully accepted. Contact Clare Reeves at wwafamilies@gmail.com / 07986 180 230.

# Christmas Market 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December

Preparations are underway for this major fundraising event. Items needed include bottles/cans for tombola, books, toys, bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts. Cakes will also be needed for the two days. Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up for the event, running stalls on the two days and clearing up afterwards. Please speak to Kevin to volunteer your help — the more the merrier! Thank you all in advance.

## **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 the recently departed: Alan Shiel

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Glenda Hunt