

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 13th April
Palm Sunday

10am Palm Sunday Service
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn
Hawkes

Starts on the corner of Ingatestone
Road & Northumberland Avenue
for the blessing of the palms,
followed by procession to church

After Church today we have a
soup lunch to support the Bishop
of Chelmsford's Lent appeal - do
stay and share in the meal together,
but if you can't you are welcome
to donate either directly on the QR
code, or through a yellow envelope
with 'lent appeal' on it.
Thank you to the soup-makers for
stepping up at short notice.

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on
Zoom & in church.

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
No Preschool Play Group or After
School club for next two weeks

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and
Reflection in choir vestry this
week
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

Monday 28th April

8pm Book Club at the vicarage to
discuss *The Resilient Disciple*, &
The Corner that Held Them, by
Sylvia Townsend Warner.
All welcome.

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

Holy Week

There are sign up sheets to volunteer
for the Thursday vigil & Easter
breakfast. Readers also needed –
please speak to Martyn

Tuesday 15th April

7.30pm Service in the style of
Tenebrae - music, reading & candle
lit reflection.

Thursday 17th April

8pm Maundy Thursday service
Foot washing, last supper &
stripping of the altars.
Followed by the Vigil - a rota for the
vigil of prayer is now at the back of
church, but you can also email
availability to Fr Martyn.

Good Friday 18th April

10am Ecumenical walk of witness
from URC Wanstead to OLOL RC
church
11.30am Children & families service
1pm-3pm Stations of the Cross and
the Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Saturday 19th April

10am Church flower arranging. All
are welcome & we would love you
to help or lead in making yellow &
white arrangements. Please bring
your own flowers & greenery. If you
can't help on Saturday but would
like to donate money, flowers or
greenery please contact Gaynor
07943414900 or Willa. There will
be daffodils for our youngest
arrangers – again please let Gaynor
or Willa know if your children will
be accompanying you for this.
Thank you

Sunday 20th April

Easter Day

5.30am Easter Vigil and first mass
of the dawn, followed by breakfast
10am Family Eucharist followed by
Easter egg hunt

Easter breakfast

As is the custom there will be an
Easter breakfast after the dawn
service on Easter Sunday. All are
welcome but we will need food
contributions to share. If you are
able to help, e.g. bringing cheese,
meats, bread, spread, fruit, etc.
(ready to eat), there is a sign up
sheet in the porch. Thank you

Thank you

Thanks from Jen and Martyn. The
half-marathon for CALM has raised
£1134 - much appreciated.

New Electoral Roll 2025

Please remember to fill in your
Electoral Roll forms - paper copies
in church, online also available.
Thank you to the 79 people who has
already completed forms.
Every 6 years we are required to
completely refresh this so everyone
needs to complete a new form.

APCM Sunday 11th May

For our annual meeting there is a
need for people to take on some very
key roles. We have 2 churchwardens
vacating roles this year - Rachel
after serving for many years &
Kevin after stepping in for a year of
cover. Please speak to either of them
if you would like to know more.
There are PCC vacancies as usual as
people complete terms of service. If
you would like to consider this
please speak to Fr Martyn.

Used Stamps

Thank you for all the stamps
donated so far. Please keep them
coming. Sue Maudsley.

Foodbank Update

Thank you to all who so generously
give to the foodbank collections.
Stocks are running very low at the
moment, but the kindness of those at
St Gabriel's has helped to boost
supplies each week.
Helen & the team

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker,
Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen
Galer, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia
Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor,
Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Marie
Norman, William Starling, Maria
Varga, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita
Watts, Mary Watts & those on the
Prayer Board

For the recently departed

Norman Stephens
**and those whose anniversaries
occur at this time:**
Julie Rennie, Rose Christie, Amanda
Hodder, Douglas Selway, Hugh
Douglas