

## 2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

### St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

[www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk](http://www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk)

#### Weekly Newsletter Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

8.30am Holy Communion  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Revd Pat Wallson  
*Preacher* Fr. Martyn Hawkes  
(737, 77, 9, 929, 19)

#### This Week

Painting, as you can see, is still in progress. They are hoping to complete by Wednesday. Please excuse the mess for one more week!

#### **Wednesday**

11.00 am Holy Communion

**No Morning or Evening Prayer  
this week**

**No Stay and Play this Monday due  
to half term**

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**

Bereavement Cafe at Wanstead:  
10.45 - 12noon

#### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Connections for older people 10 –  
11.30am.

#### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

If anyone interested in joining a walking club, formal or informal, please meet in the Hall after church.

Martyn has been invited to take on the role of Area Dean for Redbridge. Please pray for him (and the deanery!). His induction will be

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at Deanery Synod, St Mary's Ilford.

#### **Book Club**

The book club will meet next on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm to discuss *Their Eyes were watching God* by Zora Neale Hurston

Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.  
([sarabertrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sarabertrand47@gmail.com))

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

Charity Coffee morning in Church from 10:30am. Wanted: Bric a brac, cakes and raffle prizes. Leaflet distribution and poster display needed to make it a success, as well as your help on the day.

#### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Transfiguration service at 5.30pm - contemporary worship songs & liturgy for all ages with musicians from our MMU. St Mary's, Woodford. Give it a try! Any interested musicians welcome – rehearsals on 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> February & before the service on 3<sup>rd</sup> March but let Martyn know.

#### **Parish Retreat at Pleshey**

3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May – numbers are low at the moment. Do please sign up to come ASAP, so we know how many places we need to fill.

#### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

7.30pm – Quiz night in the bowls club to raise money for Contact the Elderly and Friends of Wanstead Parklands. £6 per person, tables of 8 – see Ron if you'd like to join a St Gabriel's table.

#### **Social Events**

Hold the Date – **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May** for a Gala Evening in Church. Plans still being hatched for this and more information to come but it will be fabulous.

#### **Foodbank Update**

Thank you again for your continuing generosity. Redbridge Foodbank have updated their website with plenty of information, including a 'real time' list of items that are particularly needed & other ways you can help - keep checking each week as the situation changes! Helen

#### **Save the dates:**

Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May. House to house collection raising money while reaching out to our community & meeting our neighbours.

Circle the City 19th May - London 1pm to 5.30pm. A family friendly fundraising walk.

For more details see Sue Mutter

#### **Spring Magazine Time**

We'd like to get the magazine out earlier this year, so please talk to Anne Dixon about articles you would like to write? Deadline is 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 200 or 400 words. Thanks!

#### **Safeguarding**

The Diocese of Chelmsford is encouraging church members to increase their understanding, awareness & involvement in safeguarding. If you provide a role of any sort at St. Gabriel's then please complete the Diocese online Safeguarding training. Please speak to Caroline Ferguson, our Parish Safeguarding Representative, for more information.

**Lent...** is not for a while, but just to whet your appetite:

Book club: Celtic Lent by David Cole (discussion in Easter season)  
Lent Groups will explore the small group studies by Inclusive Church on themes including mental health, disability & ethnicity. Sign-up sheets available to choose best days. The first Youth Lent group on Sundays after church, 12 noon over pizza starting a bit before Lent on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February exploring the film *The Greatest Showman*  
A Lent Quiet Day: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 10 – 3pm at St Andrew's, Leytonstone  
Lots to look forward to (Ash Wednesday is March 6<sup>th</sup> this year)

#### **For Our Prayers**

##### **Those who are sick:**

Shirley Adshead, Madeleine Arnold, Mark Arnold, Frances Bonnick, Pauline Duncombe, Peter Ellis, Maureen Kenyon, Phyllis Lehreman, Jacqueline McNie, John Mitchell, Comfort Owusu Ansah, Carol Perryman, Maija Pettit, Christine Shannon, Norma Stevenson, Prue Tribe, Cynthia Williams & Johnno Woods

##### **For those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:**

Elsie Collings, Vera Parkin, Maurice Russell, Eva Joslin, Thomas Dady. Doris Manwaring, Edith Edith, Barbara Brownfield, Vester Thomas