

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 24th February

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
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(359, 41, 137, 554, 379)

This Week

Wednesday

11.00 am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer:
Mon 10 am & Tue – Thu 8am
Evening prayer: Mon - Thur 5pm

Sunday 24th February

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

Monday 25th February

Stay and Play 9 – 10.30am:

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7.45pm Deanery Synod at St Mary's Ilford - including the commissioning of Martyn as Area Dean for Redbridge. You're welcome to attend, but please don't feel obliged!

Tuesday 26th February

8pm Contemplative Prayer

Thursday 28th February

Connections for older people 10 – 11.30am.

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8pm Fabric Committee meeting in Church

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Book Club will meet at 8pm to discuss Their Eyes were watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

Spring Magazine Time

Please talk to Anne Dixon about articles you would like to write for the next magazine? Deadline is 23rd March, 200 or 400 words. Thanks!

Many thanks to Sarah Bodalbhai who will be playing the organ for us while John is away.

Electoral Roll Revision

Every 6 years we are required to prepare a complete new electoral roll, when everyone must complete a new form. New 2019 forms are available now at the back of church and need to be returned to Sara Bertrand before the end of March. The new 2019 roll will close on the 1st April, 14 days before the APCM on the 14th April. The 2nd half of the sheet is a communications consent form for St Gabriel's which can also be returned to Sara.

Saturday 2nd 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 3rd March

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

Saturday 16th 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.

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

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

Lent

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 24th February** exploring the film The Greatest Showman
A Lent Quiet Day: **Saturday 23rd March 10 – 3pm** at St Andrew's, Leytonstone
Lots to look forward to (Ash Wednesday is 6th March)

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

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.

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, Jean Winstone & Johnno Woods

For those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Ethel Burnett, Lilian Parkin, Eileen Watts, Lilian Cousins