

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 27th January

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
Preacher Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Deacon Revd Pat Wallson
(82, 70, 270, 279, 362)

This Week

Wednesday

11.00 am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer:

Mon 10 am & Tue – Thu 8am

Evening prayer:

Mon - Thur 5pm

Next Sunday: Candlemas

Week beginning Monday 4th February – the church is going to be painted!

For that reason there will only be open church on Mondays and Thursdays for two weeks, so that we can continue our outreach projects. Access to the church for those occasions will be from the Vicarage garden in the side door. Those with keys please check with Fr Martyn before you enter the main body of the church between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm Mon – Fri.

Morning prayer will take place in the vicarage, evening prayer in church.

Parish Retreat at Pleshey

3rd to 5th May. Retreat leader Revd Liz Horwell.

Please sign up (sheet at the back) for this retreat with a deposit of £50 to secure a place. Final cost will depend on numbers but will be approx. £165. We will accommodate all requests for 1st floor rooms as far as possible, so don't be shy to ask!

Annual Burns Supper

A huge thank you to Caroline for

organising an amazing Burns Night celebration in church last night. A huge amount of work, and it paid off! Thanks also to all the helpers and those involved in set up and clearing away to return the church to a place of worship this morning.

Saturday 2nd March

Charity Coffee morning in Church
Any local charities or community groups that you think might like a free table to earn a few pounds and raise their profile please put them in touch with Ron.

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.

Hymn Books

The PCC has, after discussion, agreed to move to a new hymn book beginning in February. We have inherited them from Wanstead Parish. It contains all of the hymns in our current book plus about 300 more, hence the decision to adopt it. We plan to send any spare hymn books to church(es) that can make use of them. For those of you who kindly donated towards the previous books in memory of a loved one you are most welcome to take that book for your own, or to donate it with the rest for others to sing from. Any questions, see Fr Martyn

Foodbank Update

Many thanks again to all who contributed through the Christmas and New Year season. We are reverting now to our normal collections, and are particularly keen to receive toiletries for the next few weeks. You may be interested to know that the film 'I, Daniel Blake' is available on iPlayer till the end of January. Helen

Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.

(sarabertrand47@gmail.com)

Magazine Time

Earlier this Spring.

We'd like to get the magazine out earlier this year, so could you

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

Social Events

The social events calendar for 2019 is open for your suggestions. Please do come up with ideas for fundraising, or fun-raising things we might do this year, and especially those you'd be willing to help out with. We do need your support to make these things happen! One possibility is a Gala Dinner that we've done every two years in church since the centenary, except that last year we couldn't due to building works. Would you like to help make this happen in 2019? We'd love to hear from you.

New Flower Rota

A new rota is available at the back of church. Please sign up – thank you, Anne.

Connections

Thursdays 10 – 11.30am

Connections for older people

and

Mondays 9 – 10.30am

The weekly drop-in for parents, carers and pre-schoolers.

For Our Prayers

Those who are sick:

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

For the recently departed

Michael Heavens, Anthony Nutley, Jean Johannessen, Brian Armstrong, Sybil (Beryl) Broadbent