

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk

Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 10th March
8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
Deacon Revd Pat Wallson
Preacher Fr. Martyn Hawkes
(190, 368, 343, 622, 19)

12 noon - Young people's Lent
group upstairs

This Week

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer:
Mon 10.45am & Tue – Thu 8am
Evening prayer: Mon - Thur 5pm

Monday 11th March

Stay and Play 9 – 10.30am:

Tuesday 12th March

8pm PCC meeting

Thursday 14th March

Connections for older people 10 –
11.30am.

Sunday 24th March

5pm Evensong for the Annunciation
We break our fast for the celebration
of our patron Gabriel the messenger.

Sunday 31st March

Mothering Sunday - uniform group
parade service

Confirmation

Sunday 7th July 4pm at Christ
Church Wanstead. We are planning
to run a youth group after Easter.
See Fr Martyn for more details.
Adult classes will run after Easter
separately - a great opportunity to
explore faith & take the next step.

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

Electoral Roll Revision

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

Sunday 14th April

Annual Meeting after church.
Would you like to be a PCC
member? We need to appoint new
members to the committee to help
oversee church life & direction. It's
open to everyone on the electoral
roll... so sign up and join up!

Spring Magazine Time

Please talk to Anne Dixon about
articles you would like to write for
the magazine. Deadline: 23rd March,
200 or 400 words. Thank you.

Plastic challenge for Lent

The Vicar's household is cutting
back as best we can- like to take the
challenge? A daily challenge diary is
at the back of church. Sobering fact:
a plastic-berg in the pacific is now 3
times the size of France & growing.
And it's not the only plastic island.

Save the dates:

Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th
May. House to house collection
raising money while reaching out to
our community & neighbours.
Circle the City 19th May - London
1pm to 5.30pm. A family friendly
fundraising walk.
For more details see Sue Mutter

Foodbank Update

The last few weeks have required
determination & commitment to
make food bank donations because
of scaffolding, closures & the
movement of boxes, so many thanks
to those who overcame the obstacles
to deliver goods! We should be back
to normal levels of (dis)organisation
now. You know what to do - we will
ensure donations are delivered to the
central distribution point in Ilford in
good time. Thank you, Helen

Lent course

Wednesday 13th March in church at
12 noon and Thursday 14th March at
10 Blake Hall Crescent at 7.45pm
First session will Inclusive Church
Study on Mental Health.
Each week has a different topic so
you can attend as many as you can.

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

Martyn is looking to appoint
someone for part-time hours as
deanery and parish admin support -
approx 8 hours a week. For a job
description please see him.

Saturday 16th March

Help is required between 12 pm and
3 pm to clear out the chair cupboard
in hall. Speak to Kevin for details.

Sunday 17th March

Bacon sandwiches will build toilets!
We will be selling bacon sandwiches
after the 11am mass to raise money
to twin our toilets with people who
don't have one yet. Bring your
pocket money and an appetite!
Check out www.toilettwinning.org

Saturday 30th March

2-4 pm Messy Church.
We will be hosting this time.
Volunteers to lead an activity or to
help out generally very welcome.
We also need snacks if catering is
your thing. Offers of help to Fr.
Chris or Gaynor.

For Our Prayers

Those who are sick:

Madeleine Arnold, Mark Arnold,
Frances Bonnick, Pauline
Duncombe, Peter Ellis, Chris
Johnson, Maureen Kenyon, Phyllis
Lehman, 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:

Vi Worrall, Dorothy Conoley, Celia
Cooper, Carmen Joseph