

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 17th March

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Pat Wallson
Preacher Fr. Chris Smaling

Toilet Twinning Sunday!

Please stay after the service for tasty refreshments to raise funds for toilet twinning. Thank you to Fr. Chris & his helpers for bringing this opportunity to St Gabriels

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 18th March

Stay and Play 9 – 10.30am:

Thursday 21st March

Connections for older people 10 – 11.30am.

Next Sunday 24th March

5pm Feast of the Annunciation
A special Evensong to celebrate a festival close to our heart at St Gabriel's – refreshments to follow.

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.

Electoral Roll Revision

Every 6 years we have to complete a new electoral roll - everyone must complete a new form.

Please complete and return your forms asap, especially existing PCC members (& churchwardens) & those wishing to stand. The roll needs to close on the **1st April**, 14 days before the APCM, so forms need to be returned to Sara B before that date.

Sunday 14th April

Annual Meeting after church. We need to appoint new PCC 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!

Foodbank Update

As we move through Lent we would like to focus on toiletries, and particularly feminine hygiene products in your donations. Thank you in anticipation. Helen and the team.

Lent Quiet Day – Next Saturday

10am – 3pm at St Andrew's Leytonstone, E11 1JD. We join with our friends across the MMU for this quiet day led by Rev Pat. Please speak to Pat for further details or check the poster by the door. Bring your own lunch – tea/coffee provided. Donations to cover the cost.

St Gabriel's Charity Giving

There is a sheet explaining our charity giving which is being reviewed for the coming year. Do please nominate charities and place the forms in the box by the door in the next 3 weeks

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

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

Lent course

The 2 Lent courses continue on Wednesday at 12 noon and Thursday at 7.45pm, both at church. Please note the change of venue for the Thursday course. Each week has a different topic so you can attend as many as you can.

Spring Magazine Time

Please talk to Anne Dixon about articles, 200 or 400 words, you would like to write for the magazine or email them to her on anne.dixon28@hotmail.com
Deadline: 23rd March. Thank you.

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.

St Gabriel's Celebration Dinner

This is confirmed to be taking place on Saturday 11th May! Tickets will cost £25 for a delicious meal: home-cooked pie, mash and vegetables, selection of desserts – music through the evening & a band to dance to at the end. Please do invite people & get tickets as soon as possible to assist with our planning. A sign-up sheet will be at the back of church and in the hall.

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, Pat Pratley, Christine Shannon, Norma Stevenson, Prue Tribe, Cynthia Williams, Jean Winstone & Johnno Woods