

## 2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

### St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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

#### Weekly Newsletter Sunday 6th October

8.30am Holy Communion  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
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(Hymns in booklet)

We welcome all visitors today to our Harvest Service, especially our uniform groups.

4pm Pet blessing service on Wanstead Flats – do bring a pet (or photo of them) along for this short service on Animal Welfare Sunday

Next Sunday 5pm Evensong

#### This Week

#### **Wednesday**

11am Holy Communion

#### **Morning & Evening Prayer**

Morning prayer 11am Monday and  
8.30am Tue – Thur  
No Evening prayer this week.

#### **Monday**

9am – 10:30am Stay and Play

#### **Tuesday 8th October**

Vera Wright's funeral will take place at 2pm at St Gabriel's, followed by reception at the Bowls Club.

#### **Tuesday 8th October**

7pm Service of adoration and contemplation, followed by Eucharist at 7.30pm.  
8pm PCC meeting.

#### **Thursday**

10 – 11.30am Connections Coffee morning with free 'Tai Chi' exercises between 10:15 - 11:15am.

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

Thank you for any harvest offerings – non-perishable items will support Redbridge Foodbank, perishable items will be sold and money raised added to our support of A Rocha environmental charity.

#### **Stewardship Month**

Thank you to those who returned their stewardship forms – it's not too late for you to return them in the collection or directly to Sara, Nick or Martyn  
There remains a yellow folder in the church entrance to browse through if there is something you'd like to get involved with at church. Lots of opportunities to serve.

#### **Environment**

Environment Study groups will take place over 4 sessions during November on Wednesday lunchtime (church) and Thursday evenings (vicarage) – please sign up. There will be youth sessions on Sundays after church in November  
A prayer vigil space is in the side chapel. Please take a look & you may wish to write a hope or prayer on a flag. The guides have a display to focus on plastics with an opportunity to respond.  
Please do pray for the state of our planet & the government response to the Environmental Crisis. We also invite prayers for those who have decided to protest over the coming 2 weeks. A group from Chelmsford Diocese will join them next Sunday afternoon on Lambeth Faith Bridge. If you would like to know more please speak to Lesley, Jen or Martyn.

#### **Foodbank Update**

We are making it easier in future to donate to the Foodbank! Some people said that they would prefer to make a financial contribution. If this sounds better for you, please use a labelled envelope from the table in the entrance & place your donation in the collection bag. Sums donated in this way will then be forwarded to the Redbridge Foodbank account. Many thanks. Helen and the team.

#### **Helping Hands Cream teas**

Thank you everyone who worked so hard to make this a success again. We raised £430 this year for the homeless. Brother Julian thanked everyone for their support.

Dates for the diary.

#### **Saturday 2nd November**

Messy Church for All Saint's 3-5pm St Gabriel's – offers of help most welcome!

#### **Sunday 3rd November**

5pm All Souls service - to remember loved ones departed.

#### **Saturday 10th November**

Valentine singers concert in church.

#### **Sunday 11th November**

Remembrance service and church parade.

#### **Churchwarden Vacancy**

There is now a vacancy for churchwarden following Suzanne's departure. Please consider whether God might be calling you to this role!

Healing prayers are normally offered on the first Sunday of the month and our prayer team is available to pray with you in the side chapel during communion. Anointing will be offered at the service next Sunday.

#### **For Our Prayers**

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

Madeleine Arnold, Mark Arnold, Peter Baker, Frances Bonnick, Ann Brown, Victor Christie, Pauline Duncombe, Peter Ellis, Phyllis Lehreman, Jacqueline McNie, John Mitchell, Comfort Owusu Ansah, Pat Pratley, Christine Shannon, Norma Stevenson, Revd Pat Wallson, Cynthia Williams, Jean Winstone & Johnno Woods

#### **For the recently departed**

Vera Wright

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

Sam Fallowfield