

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 24th November
Christ the King

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
(54, 327, 503, 448, 16)

5.30pm Transfiguration Service
Our MMU contemporary worship
service at Christ Church Wanstead
All are welcome – please do support
this if you can.

This Week

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer 11am Monday and
8.30am Tue – Thur
Evening prayer 5pm: Mon – Thur

Monday

9am – 10:30am Stay and Play

Thursday

10 – 11.30am Connections Coffee

The 20 weeks of free 'Tai Chi' on
Thursday have come to an end. New
sessions now at £5 per session (to
cover cost). Further information
available from Amelia.

Environment Study Group

The last sessions are on Wednesday
12 noon and Thursday 7.45pm both
in church.

2020 Retreat

There will not be a St Gabriel's
parish retreat in 2020 but there is a
joint MMU retreat, including Bishop
Stephen. We've got up to 5 places.
Responses needed by the end of
November. See flier for detail or
speak to Martyn or Amelia.

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

Thanksgiving Pot-luck Supper.

Many thanks to Jen and to the many
helpers who made last night a great
success!

Next Saturday 30th November

St Andrew's Day open mic evening
Music and song from around the
world – entry free but donations to
support our MMU refugee project.
Bring your own drinks and snacks.

Refugee Welcome

St Gabriel's has agreed to support a
Home Office scheme providing a
new start for a Syrian Refugee
Family in Wanstead. This is a major
community venture and requires a
core group of volunteers to prepare
the ground. We need 2 volunteers
for the group who will meet monthly
to plan and progress the scheme.

Next Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday – Evensong for
Advent at 5pm

Carol Singing round the Parish

Wed 18th and Thu 19th December
7pm – please sign up to come and
sing with us as we raise funds for
the Children's Society and bring
cheer to the neighbourhood.
Collectors and singers needed and
children most welcome too!

Deanery congress

Bishop Peter has invited all
interested church members, as well
as Deanery synod members, to
attend a meeting setting out the
challenges and opportunities of the
financial situation of Chelmsford
Diocese. The meeting is Mon 16th
December at 7.30pm at St Margaret,
Ilford

Foodbank Update

For the next month we will be
bringing back our special Advent
foodbank collection which we have
operated for the last few years.
There will be 4 labelled boxes by the
font and we invite you to make
special donations for families over
the Christmas period: Food,
"Smellies", Baby Bits and Christmas
Treats. This is always a successful
campaign, so do your bit again this
year! Many thanks in advance.
Helen and the team.

Advent Parish Magazine

The newly printed magazine is
available for distribution now.
Please do take round the final few
bundles for delivery.
Next week it's Christmas Cards!

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We are sending round the Holy
Family again starting on Sunday 1st
December – a sign up list is
available if you'd like to host them
for a night.

Dates for the Diary:

Christmas Market

Fri. 6th December 7pm-9pm
Sat. 7th December 12 noon to 3pm
Appeal for the following items:
Bottles for tombola, Christmas
chocolate for sweet tombola, toys
books, gifts, bric-a-brac, jewellery,
accessories etc. Items can be
delivered during open church time
during the week. Also pledges to
make cakes and mince pies
welcome. Lastly – TIME – please
volunteer to help on the two days –
many hands make light work!

Christingle Service

6.30pm Friday 20th December

Carol Service

6pm Sunday 22nd December

WOW

13th December - trip to Covent
Garden to admire the Christmas
decorations & share a glass of wine
Please speak to Gaynor for more
details on 07943 414900 or
Ghenry057@aol.com

For Our Prayers

Those who are sick:

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

For those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Iggy Ionascu, Closeta Gerald