

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May

10am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes  
*Preacher* Fr. Chris Smaling

Links to today's service:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjb0cVZA0KvLOt6TGy9rsDA?view\\_as=subscriber](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjb0cVZA0KvLOt6TGy9rsDA?view_as=subscriber)

and here:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82853154907>

### This Week

It is half-term this week and some time off definitely needed.

#### **Evening Prayer**

5pm Daily Evening prayer  
Monday to Friday

Daily Prayer will not be on Youtube this week. There will be a further notice via the update emails as to whether prayers on zoom will take place. Look out for an announcement.

If you are not receiving the regular emails and you would like to please let us know. Either contact Fr. Martyn or email Nick on [aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com)

#### **Foodbank**

Though the government's new guidance to us may seem rather confusing at times, one thing that remains clear is the continuing importance of the foodbank to enable families to survive week to week. Thank you for your continuing donations which are all much appreciated.

The front door to church remains open 10 – 12noon Mon – Fri.  
Many thanks. Helen and the team.

*Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.  
([sarabertrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sarabertrand47@gmail.com))*

#### **Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May It's Bingo Night!**

7pm on zoom.

Please sign up with an email to [andy@howdena.com](mailto:andy@howdena.com) with Bingo in the subject line.

It's a fundraiser for St Gabriel's and any support very welcome indeed.

New methods of online giving are currently being explored for this event.

#### **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June Spiritual Book Club**

We are reading 'Doctor Thorne' by Anthony Trollope and will be meeting at 8pm on 'Zoom' platform to discuss it. All are welcome.

#### **St Gabriel's Finance**

We're by no means immune to the financial hardship facing charities. We estimate that our income is taking a hit of approximately £3,500 - £4,000 for each month of lockdown. We are incredibly grateful for the regular donors whose giving means that we have a stable income base to keep us going through this difficult time. If there is anyone who gives by envelope or donates when they attend St Gabriel's and would like to explore either a standing order, or paying by direct debit through the Parish Giving Scheme you can contact Nick Riley our treasurer [aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com) for more information about giving to St Gabriel's.

Other alternatives for giving are also being considered at present and will be circulated once options have been confirmed.

Are there any activities you'd like St Gabriel's to do from our homes during the lockdown? If you've got any ideas or would like to organise something fun and creative by all means let us know! Your thoughts and input are most welcome.

#### **Christian Aid week**

A huge thank you to Sue Mutter for taking great initiative to create another way of fundraising for Christian Aid.

Thanks so all who have helped and supported. We have raised over £2600, more than last year!

#### **Lockdown community support**

At the moment St Gabriel's is strictly speaking out of bounds apart from to Fr Martyn. There will be a time when this changes and it could be helpful to have volunteer support to assist. If there is anyone who can safely offer to help in a variety of ways please speak to Fr Martyn for various opportunities.

#### **For Our Prayers**

- for all the hospitals and all those staffing and supporting them.
- for all involved in working towards safely reopening our country from lockdown
- for those experiencing financial stress or relationship troubles
- for the families and friends of recently departed as they try to cope with their loss.
- for all who have dangerous health conditions

#### **For those who are sick:**

Madeleine Arnold, Mark Arnold, Kate Arundale, Angela Bell-Tromans, Frances Bonnick, Ann Brown, Les Charles, Victor Christie, Pauline Duncombe, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, John Henry, Tony Johnson, Phyllis Lehreman, Jacqueline McNie, Yvonne Mighty, John Mitchell, Motunrayo, Christine Shannon, Norma Stevenson, Naomi Stewart, Revd Pat Wallson, Cynthia Williams & Johnno Woods

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

Marilyn McKee, Jean Winstone

#### **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Sybil Rigby