

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 14th February
Sunday next before Lent

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Preacher Fr. Mark Kenny

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82853154907?pwd=bi9SZlhCM2Q0Q1pVdEYydSs2Sjk5QT09>

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjb0cVZA0KvLOt6TGy9rsDA?view_as=subscriber

This Week

Shrove Tuesday 16th February

6pm Pancake Party
Please join, if only for a short stay to show us what you're making for pancakes, to show us your flipping skills, or to say hi on the last day before Lent begins.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82386995339?pwd=emNNWDJmeU43bzIsK2lxaFQ1TXhnZz09>

Ash Wednesday 17th February

Church will be open all day for private prayer, to collect ash, or to impose ash upon your own forehead.

Instead of an 11am communion there will be a said service at 7pm using the Wednesday Holy Communion link circulated by email. This will include the imposition of ash, which you can collect any time from Sunday.

Open Church

We will still be open for private prayer only from 10 - 12noon on Tuesday and Thursday this week. Foodbank donations can be left at the Vicarage side Church door at any other time.

Morning Prayer

No morning prayer in church during lockdown

5pm Evening Prayer

Mon – Thu on Zoom and Youtube
Friday on Zoom only

BLM Discussion Group

Next meeting is this Sunday 14th February at 2pm on Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82386995339?pwd=emNNWDJmeU43bzIsK2lxaFQ1TXhnZz09>

If you need more details please contact Lilian at
lilian_new@yahoo.co.uk

Friday 19th February

2pm Funeral service for Christine Firorczuk

Lent options

- Pope Francis's recent book *Let Us Dream* provides his reflections on how life post-pandemic might be different. There will be 3 gatherings to discuss a chapter a week, starting on Wednesday 24th Feb 7.30pm. Material is provided, so reading the book is useful but not essential.

- Fr Mark's Mondays in March.

7-8pm Falling Upwards – reflections and discussion based on the writings of Richard Rohr, starting on March 1st

- Join us for Evening Prayer during this season? 5pm Mon – Fri
More Lent opportunities to follow...

Climate Sunday 7th March

As we look ahead to a significant year for the planet, with the UK hosting an international climate conference at COP26, St Gabriel's will add its prayer and engagement with a special service. If you'd like to be involved please be in touch with Lesley, Anthony or Fr Martyn.

Foodbank Update

As we all recognise that we are in this for the long haul, it has been so encouraging to see the coming together of communities to help each other, whether the amazing donations of St Gabriel's, the local collection network or cross-borough cooperation. We are so much stronger together, and each of us plays a vital role. Thank you! Helen and the team.

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

Parish Magazine

We are hoping to produce a magazine to go out before Easter and would very much welcome your contributions, which should be emailed to Teresa Smith at teresasmith@me.com
The deadline for submissions is Tuesday 23rd February.

Finances

During lockdown, parishioners can still make donations by:

1. Bank Transfer – contact Nick Riley for details on aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com
2. Cheque – payable to “St Gabriels Aldersbrook PCC”. Post or drop it through the door at 47 Woodcote Road, E11 2QB or to the Vicarage.
3. Cash – put the cash in an envelope with your name/address and drop it through the door at 47 Woodcote Road, E11 2QB or to the Vicarage.
4. Drop in to the Church on Tuesday & Thursday mornings and use the Sumup machine.
Thank you for your support

Monday 22nd February

8pm Spiritual Book Club
We are reading 'Plainsong' by Kent Haruf. Discussion will be on Zoom. All welcome.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Madeleine Arnold, Frances Bonnick, Sara Booker, Karl Brooks, Ann Brown, Dermot Devine, Pauline Duncombe, Brenda Elliott, Peter Ellis, John Filer, Eileen Galer, John Henry, Phyllis Lehreman, John Mitchell, Motunrayo, Stephen Moule, Jean Salter, Christine Shannon, Ali Sharafnia, Jo Smith, Mariya Stoilova, Thelma Thomas, Revd Pat Wallson, Cynthia Williams, Alexandra Whitworth, Rubbecca Williams & Johnno Woods

For the recently departed

Mary Smaling, Christine Firorczuk, Arnold Gittens
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Elsie Collings, Vera Parkin, Maurice Russell, Eva Joslin