

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 7th February

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

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

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

St Gabriel's public services will be online only until further notice.

This Week

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

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion on Zoom and YouTube

Tuesday 9th February

7-7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in church

7.30pm PCC Meeting on Zoom

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.

Burns Night total raised: £1046.

Well done to Caroline for organising such a fun event and no-one had to find their way home from St Gabriel's in the dark!

Monday 22nd February

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

Shrove Tuesday 16th February

A special zoom gathering at 6pm. There will be a Pancake party on for everyone, aimed particularly at the young. Make your pancakes in advance, demonstrate your flipping prowess & compare favourite pancake toppings!

Ash Wednesday 17th February

It is likely following Tuesday's PCC meeting that St Gabriel's will still be closed to in-person services at the start of Lent this year. An online liturgy, including the marking with ash will take place at 7.30pm. Church will be open for the whole day on Ash Wednesday for private prayer, and there will be the opportunity for everyone who would like to mark themselves with ash to do so safely either in the church building or to take home. Ash can be collected from Tuesday 16th February for this purpose or at other time by arrangement.

Lent options

An attachment sent previously outlines the ways to get involved in Lenten activities, including a book study group discussing Pope Francis's publication 'Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future' on a number of Wednesday evenings and a course led by Fr Mark on Mondays in March 7-8pm entitled 'Falling Upward: Finding meaning in the difficulties of life' based on the work of Richard Rohr. Alongside prayer and food activities I hope there will be something for everyone.

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

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

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.

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, Tracey Moule, Jean Salter, Christine Shannon, Ali Sharafnia, , Jo Smith, Mariya Stoilova, Thelma Thomas, Revd Pat Wallson, Cynthia Williams, Alexandra Whitworth, Rubecca Williams & Johnno Woods

For the recently departed

Sue Gould, Kofi Manu, Mary Smaling

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Elizabeth Allan, Olive Bidmead, Thomas Gasper, Oliver Joseph, Ellen Galer