

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 21st March

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
In Church and on Zoom &
YouTube

11.30 a.m. 30min Sunday Feast

Led by Fr. Martyn Hawkes
We restart this monthly missional service to invite children and families back to St Gabriel's. Please assist by taking your notice sheet with you as you leave and enabling the smooth changeover by either helping the wardens with arranging the seating/wiping down or by departing in peace 😊

This Week

Open Church

We will be open for private prayer only from 10 - 12noon on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Morning Prayer

The Vicar is enjoying the flexibility of not fixing a time for this but it will return soon!

5pm Evening Prayer

Mon – Thu online and in person
Friday - online only

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
In Church and online on Zoom and YouTube

Foodbank Update

Thank you all for continuing to remember the foodbank when you shop. Once again the response from the Aldersbrook area has been magnificent! Now we are part of Tin in a Bin, nothing goes to waste. Sadly the need continues but we are as ever, so grateful for all you bring. Donations can be left at the Vicarage side church door when the church is closed. Thank you. Helen and the team.

*Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.
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Passiontide begins: the journey of Lent moves from the wilderness towards Jerusalem and the Cross

Monday 22nd March

7-8 pm 4th & final week of Falling Upward – a course based on the writings of Richard Rohr

Tuesday 23rd March

7.30pm Contemplative prayer – in church and on zoom

Wednesday 24th March

Let us Dream – the final session of this book study at 7.30pm on zoom

Thursday 25th March

7.15pm Quiet Evening Mass of the Annunciation in church – we celebrate this principal feast with a Eucharist

8 – 9.30pm – Fr Alex Summers will lead an MMU quiet evening on the theme of Holy Saturday People. Martyn has read his MA dissertation on this theme and it is beautiful and thoughtful. Do make space for it if you can. Both available on Zoom. Those attending the mass in church are welcome to stay in church for the quiet evening which will be shared on a large screen.

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday

Covid restrictions mean that we are unable to process through the parish, but are able to gather for worship on church property, so the service will begin in the Carpark at 10am for the blessing of the palms.

We then process in through the church garden and main doors for the liturgy of Palm Sunday. If you would like to be involved in the passion reading, please speak to Fr Martyn today. Please park on the road next Sunday if you can.

Holy week

Compline on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9pm on Zoom – a short, contemplative end to the first 3 days of Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday – Easter Sunday

See the parish magazine for service details, but do please sign up for the overnight Prayer Vigil.

More details next week.

Bereavement café

The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th April at 2pm - open to all on zoom

Monday 12th April

8pm Spiritual Book Club
We are reading 'The Keeper of Lost Things' by Ruth Hogan. Discussion will be on Zoom. All are welcome.

St Gabriel's needs you!

We have great plans for 2021 including an after-school club, after Easter, 3.30-4.30pm on Wednesdays. We need volunteers willing to offer regular help at least once a month. See Kevin or Fr Martyn for more info. Our Annual Meeting in May. We would like to fill some vacancies in our PCC. We need people to support & guide our direction as we recover from Covid & renew our vision. Find out more from Fr Martyn or the churchwardens.

Kite Fest

Unfortunately this celebration has had to be cancelled. While individuals can fly their kites on the flats the City of London have informed Anthony that an events licence would be required to hold the kite fest.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

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, George Moule, Jean Salter, Christine Shannon, Ali Sharafnia, Jo Smith, Grace Sparks, Mariya Stoilova, Thelma Thomas, Revd Pat Wallson, Cynthia Williams, Rubeca Williams, Johnno Woods & Karl.

For the recently departed

Freda Ferguson

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Frederick Mutter