

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Pentecost

10am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Fr Martyn Hawkes#  
*Preacher* Fr. Mark Kenny  
Hymns: 163, 118, 98  
In Church and online on Zoom and  
YouTube

Today is our APCM following the  
service. Do stay if you can.  
The annual report is available to  
take home with you today, or sent as  
a digital report by email

#### This Week

#### **Open Church**

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

#### **5pm Evening Prayer**

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday  
In church, on zoom & YouTube  
Tuesday & Friday  
On zoom only

#### **Wednesday**

11am Holy Communion  
In church, on zoom & YouTube

#### **Wednesday**

3.30 – 4.30pm After-School Club

#### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

7.15pm MMU partnership  
committee

#### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

7.30 – 8pm Contemplative prayer

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

7.15pm MMU ministers group

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

8pm Spiritual Book Club  
We are reading 'Candles in the  
Dark-Faith, hope and love in a time  
of pandemic' by Rowan Williams.  
Praying for good weather, meeting  
half inside - half outside on the patio  
depending on numbers with zoom  
for those who prefer!

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

#### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

10:30-11:30am Connection/Tai Chi  
Group restarting with masks and  
social distancing. £5-£6 a session to  
cover costs. All are welcome. See  
Amelia for further details.

#### **Half-term week**

Fr Martyn will be away from Mon  
- Sat

#### **Pre-school and Carer Group**

This group is back on Wednesdays,  
12noon – 1.30pm, from 9<sup>th</sup> June to  
14<sup>th</sup> July as a trial run. Thanks so  
much to Willa and Kath for  
volunteering. We could do with 1  
more person to make this sustainable  
going forward, have a think and let  
us know?!

#### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

8pm Corpus Christi – joint service  
with Wanstead Parish at St Gabriel's  
- choir needed if possible!

#### **St Gabriel's Fruit & Veg Show**

Advance notice to get your produce  
planted & photographed before it's  
eaten! Categories will be the same  
as last year. £5 for up to 5 entries  
with prizes for each category & £20  
garden voucher for best in show.  
Further details can be obtained from  
Gaynor [Ghenry057@aol.com](mailto:Ghenry057@aol.com)

#### **Annual Summer Club**

St. Gabriel's will be hosting our  
annual summer club again this year  
in July: **Tue 27<sup>th</sup> July to Fri 30<sup>th</sup>  
July.** We are also planning a Fun  
Day on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July. Please  
consider volunteering to help out at  
this exciting event. You would be  
required to help out from 9:00-  
12:30. Please contact Anthony or  
Amelia for more details.

#### **St. Gabriel's Pastoral Care Team**

Information flyers are available at  
the back of the church to find out  
more on who we are and how we  
can help.

#### **Foodbank Update**

The Trussell Trust have created a  
very moving and thought provoking  
video from a poem written by  
someone using one of their  
foodbanks, read by some of their  
volunteers. You will find it on their  
website. It is called Acceptable?  
Please do take a look. Thank you

#### **Stewardship**

Thank you to Nick, Sara and the  
team for putting this together. Do  
prayerfully consider how you can  
support St Gabriel's during a time  
of financial need, but also a time  
of great opportunity to reach out to  
our community with God's love.  
Responses are due back by 6<sup>th</sup> June

**Bishop Peter** is retiring at Bishop  
of Barking in August. If you'd like  
to contribute towards a collection  
for a retirement gift please put an  
envelope on the collection plate  
designated Bishop Peter in the next  
4 weeks please. It was lovely to  
have him at St Gabriel's for one of  
his last confirmation services in  
the area in March.

#### **Parish Magazine**

We are now collecting items for  
the June edition of the magazine. If  
you have any articles, poems etc  
then please email them to  
[teresasmith@me.com](mailto:teresasmith@me.com)  
The closing date is May 28<sup>th</sup>.  
Thank you. Teresa Smith

#### **First Communion**

There will be classes running on  
Sundays at 11.30am starting on  
13<sup>th</sup> June, concluding on 18<sup>th</sup> July  
with the celebration of First  
Communion in the Sunday Feast.  
This will be followed by a parish  
picnic on Wanstead Flats. Save the  
date!

#### **For Our Prayers**

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

Frances Bonnick, Sara Booker,  
Karl Brooks, Ann Brown, Keith  
Childs, Dermot Devine, Pauline  
Duncombe, Peter Ellis, John Filer,  
John Henry, Phyllis Lehreman,  
John Mitchell, Motunrayo, George  
Moule, Iain Palfreman, Jean Salter,  
Christine Shannon, Ali Sharafnia,  
Grace Sparks, Mariya Stoilova,  
Thelma Thomas, Revd Pat  
Wallson, Anita Watts, Cynthia  
Williams, Rubeca Williams,  
Johnno Woods & Karl.

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

Rose Ewart, Sybil Rigby