

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 2nd May

8.30 am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
Preacher Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Hymns: 9, 82, 408

In Church and on Zoom &
YouTube

We are committed to continue to stream our services. Due to the demands of this process we will be offering an order of service to download rather than screen-share from now on. This will also allow the computer technicians to participate in the worship. We would also welcome more volunteers to help with the technical side of running the service. See Fr Martyn or Jen for more details.

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

Tuesday 4th May

2pm to 3pm Bereavement Café
On Zoom.
Meeting ID: 883 9411 1083
Passcode: 12345

Wednesday

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

Wednesday 5th May

.30 – 4.30pm After-School Club
Please pray for the volunteers and children as we develop this new

venture for St Gabriels
St Gabriel's Fruit & Veg Show
It's coming soon and I wanted everyone to have advance notice so that they can get their lovely produce planted & photographed before it's eaten!

The categories will be the same; brassicas, fruit vegetables, gourds & squashes, greens & fungus, roots & tubers, pods & seeds, stems, herbs & cress and soft fruits, hard fruits

Entries will be £5 for up to 5 entries. Prizes for the winner of each category & £20 garden voucher for best in show. Further details will be circulated nearer harvest time or can be obtained from Gaynor;

Ghenry057@aol.com

Thursday 27th May

8pm Spiritual Book Club
We are reading 'Candles in the Dark-Faith, hope and love in a time of pandemic' by Rowan Williams. Discussion will be in person or on zoom.

The BLM group at St Gabriel's has been sharing the information of a crowdfunding response to support St Vincent following the volcanic eruption. It would be great if you could consider supporting this urgent need.
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/uksv-g-combined-response-to-la-soufriere-eruption>

This hasn't received as much publicity as it might, so the need might be less noticeable but it remains acute.

Foodbank Update

The Trussell Trust has announced that food bank usage increased by a third during the pandemic. My surprise was that it wasn't even more than that. Over the last year we have learnt the line between 'just managing' and 'not managing' is a very thin one. Please do continue to support the Tin in a Bin project. Thank you for all your donations. Helen and the team.

Items for weekly notices need to submitted by Thursday evening.

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St Gabriel's needs you!

Our Annual Meeting is on the 23rd 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.

The Sunday Feast Services

As we move towards greater freedom in our services it would be great to have welcomers available to stay on after the 10am service to engage with those arriving for the monthly 11.30am service. If you could offer this (you could stay on or leave just after 11.30 as you wish) it would be very welcome. Please speak to Fr Martyn or Chris if you can help for the next service on 16th May.

Electoral Roll

The annual revision of the Electoral Roll starts on the 10th April. If you have moved in the last year please let Sara know so that your details can be updated. If you would like to be added the electoral roll then please contact Sara for a form to complete & return before the 8th May

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From 9th May the roll will be closed until after the Annual Meeting.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Frances Bonnick, Sara Booker, Karl Brooks, Ann Brown, 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, Cynthia Williams, Rebecca Williams, Johnno Woods & Karl.

For the recently departed

Ted Simmonds, Rosemarie Evans, Annapooranam Muthulingam
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Gladys Nelson, May Piper