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> Weekly Newsletter Sunday 5th January

8.30am Holy Communion

10.00am Epiphany all age service Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom & in church.

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion

The Preschool Play Group and After School club will return on the 15th January 2025

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church 10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church 11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in church 1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

Saturday

12 - 1pm Open church Saturday Organ music and an invitation to stay, listen, talk, pray. All welcome!

2025 Daily Bible Reading Plan

We have started our journey through the Gospel of Matthew. Speak to Henry for more information.

Study Opportunity

Our diocese has a long history of encouraging learning through the Course in Christian Studies. If you would like to participate, including the option of Zoom learning please look at the forms online or speak to Fr Martyn.

Used Stamps

Please collect & bring your used stamps to church to put in the box at the back. These will be sent off to benefit an animal charity. Thank you. Sue Maudsley

Congratulations to our very own Helen Bonnick who has become a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in the New Year Honours list for her work for services to Families over the years.

Foodbank Update

2024 has not been an easy year for many people but as always St Gabriels folk have stepped up with incredible generosity. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a new year full of hope, from everyone at Tin in a Bin! Helen and the team

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

Saturday 25th January

This year's Burns night celebrations at St. Gabriel's will take place on the actual birthday of the Bard himself! As our regular piper, Trevor, has now retired you will be welcomed this year by a member of The Epping Forest Pipe Band. We will also continue to enjoy our local music students and their teachers. Tickets are available through SumUp at £17 for adults and £10 for primary school aged children. Speak to Caroline Ferguson for more details and to volunteer for cooking duties.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Eva Baker, Michelle Baker, Ann Brown, Ursula Christie, Rosemary Dean, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Olive Macauley, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, William Starling, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Albertine Watts, Reginald Port, Carol Wragg