

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 12th May

10.00am Dedication Festival
Celebrant Fr Martyn Hawkes

Today we celebrate the 110th birthday of St Gabriel's church building. After the service there will be bring and share snacks to accompany our coffee and cake. Do stay to enjoy the celebration.

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom & in church. No evening prayer on Friday this week.

Monday 13th May

8pm Book Club

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm-3.30pm Afternoon Social
Group in church

Tuesday 14th May

7-7.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
A time of silent prayer with the reserved sacrament on the altar

Tuesday 14th May

7.00pm Bereavement Group at Christchurch Wanstead. A new additional Group meeting for those experiencing grief who would prefer an evening meeting (round the back of the church after the Church Hall.)

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group
11am Holy Communion
12 noon The Preschool Play Group
3.30 After School club

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!

Magazine

We are collecting articles for the next parish magazine. Please send articles to teresasmith@me.com. The closing date for articles is today, Sunday 12th May.

Christian Aid week 12th-19th May

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help in advance and during this week with delivering envelopes around the parish. Do also give to our Christian aid fundraising using an envelope from church to help support some of the most vulnerable in our world through the amazing work of Christian Aid in Burundi and beyond. Online options available on the email newsletter.

Today: Sunday 12th May

You are invited to take a mini pilgrimage around the church hall after the service. The young people will have been working on prayer stations for you all to look at and try out, there will also be some fun, simple table activities to share once you're there. An excellent week to invite those friends and neighbours you keep meaning to ask!

Thy Kingdom Come

The 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost have become an invitation to pray for the coming of the kingdom and the growth of the church. Sign up here for a daily email for this short season
<https://mailchi.mp/lambethpalace/thy-kingdom-come>

Holiday Club 2024.

July 23rd to 26th. This years' theme is Joy! We are looking for volunteer leaders & young leaders as well as members of the steering and creative groups to start working on the event. If you can help, please speak to Anthony or Clare, wva.families@gmail.com / 07986180230 for more information.

Foodbank Update

Thanks to all at St Gabriel's for your generosity each week. Your donations to the Foodbank are so vital and give hope to those who are struggling at the moment. Helen and the team.

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

Next Sunday 19th May

Pentecost - it's a red day in the liturgical calendar - why not wear some red to church next week. The Annual Meeting follows the main service. There are opportunities to join the PCC if you would be interested. There is also a vacancy for Churchwarden. Please speak to any of the current PCC or office holders to know more!

Next Sunday 19th May

4pm Confirmation at Christ Church, Wanstead.

Next Sunday 19th May

5pm Woodford Singers, with Heron Quartet - fliers in church with more details. Tickets £10

For the diary:

Thursday 30th May

Our annual joint service with Wanstead for Corpus Christi this year is at St Gabriel's. This is the 'furthest up the candlestick' that St Gabriel's liturgy travels. Do come and enjoy the festivities.

Saturday 22nd June

Open Garden Event
Caroline Ferguson is opening her garden from 12 noon to 3pm
Entry will be £1, which includes one tea/coffee/soft drink. Thereafter, refreshments of tea/coffee/soft drinks and a selection of cakes will be available for folks to buy.

For Our Prayers

Please pray for Camron (Kath Thomas's great grandson) and Ben who will be confirmed next Sunday

For those who are sick:

Mr Ali, Eva and Peter Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Henry Lau, Jack Lewis, Olive Macauley, Milosh, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, Bibi Rahman, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For the recently departed

Madeline Maloney, Daniel Anjorin and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:
Joan Pugliaro, William Elvet Insley, Frank Cousins