

# St Gabriel's

## Weekly Update for Sun 3 October

Next Friday 8 Oct 7.30pm is the **CAP fundraising evening of dinner and entertainment** including live table side tricks, music, raffle and a comedy set. If you haven't already got your tickets, please get them [now](#). Tickets must be sold in advance in order for correct catering numbers, so

**if you wish to reserve a seat your last chance to do this will be at the CAP stand after our morning or evening services, card payments available.** If you are not able to come but want to help cover the costs of some of

the free places we have given to CAP clients, you can do that by making a donation using the [special link](#) on the website CAP page.



### Youth support at CAP fundraiser event

We're inviting all youth to join in by serving during the event on 8th October. This will be a great chance for youth to serve and also spend time dining together. As the event ends at 10pm,

pick-ups will need to be arranged. If your son or daughter would like to participate kindly contact Mariam. Youth arrival: 6pm Dress code: all black or black and white

Following on from these events, we are running a CAP Money Course, which runs on 3 Tuesday evenings 7-8.30pm and begins on 15 Oct. It's a really accessible course and there really is no better time to get some extra budgeting skills as the winter closes in and things are looking a little more expensive. If you would like to sign up you can do so [on the website](#).



If you would like to find out more about the work that Christians Against Poverty are doing across the UK there is a series of programmes currently running on TBN UK highlighting their work. We are particularly excited to announce that our very own Debt Centre Manager Debbie Thomas features in episode 4 some of which has been filmed inside St Gabriel's!

Go to watch.TBN.uk and search for Christians Against Poverty.



It's not too late to join Alpha: Tue 5 Oct at 7.45pm for 6 more Tuesdays - sign up on the website today. It's a great way to learn more about the Christian faith and to grapple with some tricky questions about who God is and what's it all about. Watch a short film and discuss it with others - bring your questions about faith!



Next Sunday we begin our new **sermon series** all about **Living in Love and Faith**. The sermons will aim to explore issues surrounding identity, relationships, sexuality and marriage in the context of scripture to equip us in to engage

and respond appropriately with one another and those outside the church.

Midweek we will be running the Living in Love and Faith course here at St Gabriel's on five Wednesdays in October and November. The **midweek course aims to go a little deeper** and welcomes people to come and share their thoughts, influences and experiences so that we might better understand the different perspectives within our community. The course is starting on Wed 13 October to which we are warmly encouraging as many of you to attend as possible. If you are hoping to come to this and the four sessions that follow, please let us know as soon as you can by [signing up on the website](#). More info there too.

### Ben Lindsay event for Youth and Children's team

There is a special event being organised by Stepney Area all about growing in cultural competency on 5 Oct. Details at this link: <https://stepneylives.org/event/ben-lindsay-on-growing-the-church-younger/>

## What's on?

**Sun 3 October - 10.30am CAP Sunday - All Age Worship** : Celebrating 10 years of a Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre at St Gabriel's Church - in-person all ages welcome, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

**4.30pm - Licencing of Natasha Beckles @ St Martin's Church, Gospel Oak**

**6.30pm - CAP Sunday - Evening Communion** : Celebrating 10 years of a Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre at St Gabriel's Church with Holy Communion. In-person only.

**Mon 4 Oct 8.00pm English Conversation Class**

**Tue 5 Oct 7.15am Prayer Breakfast (online)**

**Tue 5 Oct 7.45pm The Alpha Course (online)**

**Wed 6 Oct 9.15am Boogie Angels**

**Wed 6 Oct 1.00pm Wednesday Fellowship**

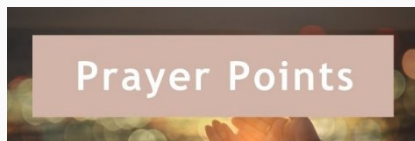
**Fri 8 Oct 7.30pm CAP Fundraising Dinner**

### Next Sunday



**Sun 10 October - 10.30am Holy Communion - Living in Love and Faith** - Learning Together New sermon series on identity, relationships, sexuality and marriage - in-person with groups for children, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

**6.30pm - Evening Worship - Living in Love and Faith** - Learning Together

New sermon series on identity, relationships, sexuality and marriage. In-person only.



**Do pray during the week for all our events at St Gabriel's, sharing the love in Cricklewood. Here are some additional topics for prayer:**

- Thank God for his love and care for all. Thank God for our Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre, and for God's provision of all the funds and people to run it over the last 10 years. Thank God that we have been able to help so many people find their way out of debt.
- Thank God for the opportunity Open Day gave for people to come in and see St Gabriel's community and join in the fun. Thank God for all who planned and welcomed and chatted and played and served and took up the tower and much more. Thank God for something you enjoyed that day, and pray for someone you met.
- Pray for the CAP Fundraising Dinner - for people to buy their tickets (now!), for all the preparations, for an enjoyable evening, for people to give and enable CAP at St Gabriel's to continue serving local people. 
- Pray for those on the Alpha course, for God to reveal himself to them as they watch the films and discuss their views and questions together.
- Pray for any you know who are in trouble or ill or sad or in some kind of need - pray for God's presence to comfort, sustain and help them. Pray too for someone you know for whom things are going well, for their faith to endure.
- Pray for our upcoming 'Living in Love and Faith' course on Wednesdays and our Sunday series. Ask God to bless us in our times together on these topical subjects. 
- Thank God for one thing each day!



The eco-group is currently working towards enabling St Gabriel's achieving Eco Church status. We would love to involve everyone at St Gabriel's in helping us to move forward with this and, especially in the Lifestyle section, there are steps that each of us can take. The area that we would encourage everyone to think about over the next week is your use of plastic. Are there any ways in which you could reduce the amount of plastic you're using, especially single-use plastic, whether you're at home, at work, at church or elsewhere? For example, do you ever get a take-away coffee in a disposable cup? Perhaps you could invest in a "keep cup" that can be reused over and over again. Could you stop using cling film and switch to re-usable stretchy covers? If you're using disposable cutlery could you choose wooden options rather than plastic? We'll continue to prompt us all to think about similar questions so keep your eyes open for these each week.



Finally, a **huge Thank You** to all those that helped with putting together the Church Open Day last Sunday. We were blessed with fantastic weather and everyone had a really great time. Well done to everyone that invited friends, family and neighbours as well, it was so good to meet some new people as well as familiar faces.