

St Gabriel's

Weekly Update for Sun 24 October



Prayer and Fasting for our Finances

We are really encouraged to see so many people back in church and to be able to reopen for more events, but we are still not quite back to normal and we have also needed to rely on our reserves and one off gifts to be able to maintain our church and ministries throughout the pandemic.

As we look to the future we are now wanting to do more and increase our impact once again but this will need funding financially. We want to be able to replenish our reserves and grow our budget to accommodate all that we believe God is calling us to do.

As well as replenishing our reserves we want to:

- complete a branding refresh and update our signage and website
- support eco projects in our grounds and expand their possible usage
- make the majority of our events free or at minimal cost for maximum inclusion
- invest in our worship team with equipment and training
- grow our staff team once again to reach more and more people with the love of Christ
- prepare for possible church planting opportunities

The first step to achieving this is to come before our Heavenly Father who loves to give good gifts to his children and to earnestly pray. If he wants us to do all we believe he is calling us to do, he will certainly provide for us, but first we must humble ourselves and be reminded that we rely on him for every good and perfect thing. **To this end - I would like to invite you all to join me in a day of fasting for our finances on Monday 15 November. We will have a zoom call 8-9pm in the evening to spend time in prayer together and share what the Lord has been speaking to us about as we have been praying throughout the day. Please put the date in your diary now and commit to spending some extra time in prayer on that day and, if you wish, join me in fasting and together let's see what the Lord will do.**



LIVING
IN LOVE
& FAITH

Our Sermon series 'Living in Love and Faith' continues this week, and the next midweek session is this Wed 3 Nov on Relationships.

Next Sunday:

All Souls Memorial Service Sun 7 Nov 4.30pm



We will be holding a special service of remembrance for anyone who has suffered a recent loss, or who would like to remember the life of a loved one at this time.

The additional trials of the last few years has led to many of us feeling disjointed about our grief. For many of us, we have been unable to attend funerals in person or to visit loved ones for the last time. In this short space, we make time to commemorate those we have lost and be lifted up in prayer to find new strength as we continue our journeys in this life without those we so dearly miss.

We will read out the names of those to be remembered. If you would like to attend, please [sign up here](#) or let James or Sarah (office@st-gabriels.org) know, telling us the names of those you would like remembered.

Tearfund Big Quiz Night Sat 20 Nov 7.30-10pm in church

We are hosting a special quiz together with churches across the country to help tackle worldwide poverty and injustice with Christian charity Tearfund. All proceeds from the event will go so supporting Christian communities in some of the poorest parts of the world that are seeking a better quality of life for themselves and those around them.

Don't worry if your general knowledge is a little lacking, there will be a broad range of questions for all and it should be a really fun night. [Sign up here](#), all tickets cost £5.



Word for Today Bible reading notes for Nov-Jan, with something to read every day to inspire you and lead you on in your walk with God. Help yourself from the table by the AV desk at the back of church. They are free, but please give £1 - £2 if you can to help with the cost of producing it. You can also access these notes for free online here.



Newcomers Lunch : Sun 14 Nov 12.30pm We will be hosting a lunch for newcomers to St Gabriel's. If you are relatively new to the church and would like to come please [sign up here](#).



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.



Traditional incandescent light bulbs consume an excessive amount of electricity and must be replaced more often than their energy efficient alternatives. Halogen incandescent bulbs, compact fluorescent lights (CFLs), and light-emitting diode bulbs (LEDs) use anywhere from 25-80 percent less electricity and last 3 to 25 times longer than traditional bulbs. Although energy efficient bulbs are more expensive off the shelf, their efficient energy use and longer lifetimes mean that they cost less in the long run.

What's on this week?

Sun 31 October - Living in Love and Faith - Sex

Continuing our sermon series on identity, relationships, sexuality and marriage

10.30am - Morning Worship - in-person and live via YouTube, also available shortly after. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680. No children and youth groups this half term week

3.00pm ☀️ Light Party Café ☀️ - tickets are SOLD OUT!

6.30pm - Evening Communion - in-person only

Mon 1 Nov 8.00pm English Conversation Class

Tue 2 Nov 7.15am Prayer Breakfast (online)

Tue 2 Nov 7.45pm Alpha Course (online)

Wed 3 Nov 9.15am Boogie Angels

Wed 3 Nov 1.00pm Wednesday Fellowship

Wed 3 Nov 7.30pm Living in Love and Faith Course

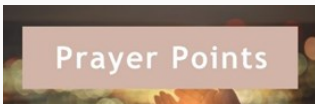
Fri 5 Nov 7.30pm Youth, with campfire

Next Sunday 7 Nov - Nothing can separate us from the love of God (Romans 8:31-39)

10.30am - All Age Communion - in person, and streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

4.30pm - All Souls Memorial Service Time to reflect and remember those we have lost and ask for God's comfort and strength. In-person only.

6.30pm - Evening Worship - 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 our Youth Group's worship night with YWAM, for meeting with God together.
- Thank God for shining light in the darkness, for Jesus being the Light of the World, for the Holy Spirit illuminating our thoughts and lives. Pray for those who feel themselves to live in darkness, or who stumble through life without the light of God.
- Pray for the preparations for our Light Party Café, for all involved. Thank God for so many families booked in. Ask God to shine brightly through the event. Pray for safety and protection, as well as enjoyment.
- Pray for our Mission Partners, for the family searching for a new house to base their mission from, and for good relationships with other Christians in the area. Ask God to help them hear his voice leading them.
- Pray for all on the Alpha course, joining others at HTB for the Holy Spirit day, for people to meet Jesus.
- Pray for us all, as we think how to make any changes in our lives as we read the weekly eco tips. Ask God to help you make any effort you need.
- Thank God for the lives of those you have loved, and pray for our All Souls Memorial Service, that God will pour out his comfort and strength as people remember loved ones.
- Pray for those who join our worship online, that God will be praised in their homes and families. Pray for God's presence by his Spirit, especially for any who are ill or low. Ask God to bring healing and comfort to all, and to strengthen us all to stay faithful.
- Pray for our ongoing 'Living in Love and Faith' sermons and discussions. Ask God to bless St Gabriel's in our times together, that we will share and listen well, and learn from God in our attitudes and lives, showing both love and faith.
- Thank God for one thing each day!

