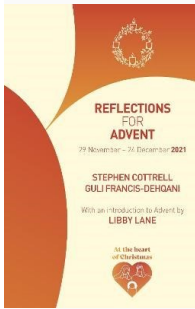


St Gabriel's

Weekly Update for Sunday 7 November



2 things to sign up for today!



* **Christmas Choir for our Carol Service on 19 Dec 6.30pm** - please tell Marcus if you'd like to join - just bring your enthusiasm to sing in worship! Rehearsals start next Sunday 14 Nov, every Sunday 12.15pm - you need to come to all rehearsals, and one in the afternoon before the Carol Service.

* **Advent booklet** with daily readings "Reflections for Advent 2021" - help yourself to focus on the coming of Jesus, amid your Christmas preparations. Please order your copy from Sarah - she has a copy to look at. £4 - pay when you receive it. Order today or next Sunday, so we can get them before Advent begins!

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.



Following the morning service the Eco Working Group will be running a stall to raise awareness of and chat about all things eco.

Over the next couple of weeks we are taking a different tack in our Eco Tip slot as our thoughts turn towards the COP 26 conference in Glasgow. From 31st October - 12th November the conference will bring together world leaders to discuss steps we can take to protect the planet. This week our tip is **please pray for the COP 26 conference!** You can find lots of resources to help you pray on the Tearfund website and on the 'Pray and Fast for the Climate' website. **A few points to get you started:**

- please ask that all leaders attending come with open minds to listen well to others and to share honestly. Pray for constructive discussions that would lead to positive action. Ask God that there would be unity across nations.
- pray that the voices of the poorest communities and those most affected by climate change would be heard and taken note of at the conference. Pray that the smaller/less developed countries would have a platform to raise their concerns and share their views.
- ask God that this would be the beginning of a significant shift in how humankind around the world looks after the amazing world that God has given us, that we would choose to care for creation rather than thinking first of our own comfort and convenience

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



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.

What's on this week?

- Mon 8 Nov 8.00pm English Conversation Class
- Tue 9 Nov 7.15am Prayer Breakfast (online)
- Tue 9 Nov 7.45pm Alpha Course (online)
- Wed 10 Nov 9.15am Boogie Angels
- Wed 10 Nov 1.00pm Wednesday Fellowship
- Wed 10 Nov 7.30pm Living in Love and Faith Course



Next Sunday 14 November - Living in Love and Faith: Life Together - continuing our sermon series on identity, relationships, sexuality and marriage

10.30am Holy Communion with act of remembrance - in-person with groups for children, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.



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 on the website.



6.30pm - Evening Worship - Living in Love and Faith - Life Together In-person only.



Prayer and Fasting for our Finances : Mon 15 Nov 8-9pm (and all day!)

We are really encouraged to see people back in church for Sunday and other events. During the pandemic we have needed to rely on our reserves and one off gifts to be able to maintain our church and ministries.

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.

The first step 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 prayer zoom call 8-9pm in the evening to spend time praying together.** 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. Zoom details [here](#).

Christians Against Poverty Prayer morning Sat 20 Nov at 10am

Join us in person for a morning of prayers for our CAP Clients and our Debt Centre. We will also be giving thanks to God for our 10 Year Anniversary and all that has been achieved this year.

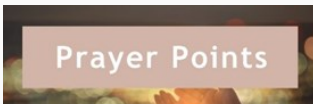


Tearfund Big Quiz Night Sat 20 Nov 7.30-10pm in church


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.



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 (as well as the Eco ones above):

- Thank God for someone who inspires you in your faith, and pray that you in turn will inspire someone else!
- Thank God for his comfort and strength in times of sadness and grief. Pray for all who have lost a loved one in recent times, for God's strong arms of love to surround and comfort them. 
- Thank God for our Light Party Café, for all who came and celebrated something of the Light of Christ. Pray for local families who come to different church events to draw closer to God, and come to know him through Jesus.
- Pray for our finances - for God to lead us in all we do as church, and to provide all we need to make him known here in Cricklewood. Thank God for the reserves we've had to carry us through pandemic times, and also for generous one-off gifts, given in very timely ways.
- Pray for all on the Alpha course, as they come near the end of the course - for good next steps for them all to continue growing in faith.
- 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. 