

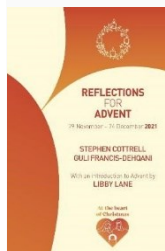
St Gabriel's

Weekly Update for Sunday 14 November

3 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 after morning service today!** Then every Sunday 12.15pm - you need to come to all rehearsals, and one in the afternoon on 19 Dec.



* **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 today!** Sarah has a copy for you to look at. £4 - pay when you receive it next Sunday.



You can now sign up to help with our **CAP Christmas presents** appeal. Each year we try to sponsor some Christmas gifts for the clients and families of our debt centre. Please contribute if you can by either letting us know you will buy a gift or by sponsoring one. You can do so by talking to Debbie or Emma, or by using the special link in the weekly email.

TODAY SUN 14 NOV: Living in Love and Faith - Life Together: Final part of the sermon series on identity, relationships, sexuality and marriage

10.30am - Morning Worship with an Act of Remembrance - in person, and streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

6.30pm - Evening Communion - in-person only



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**At the heart
of Christmas**



Here is a quick look ahead at the different Christmas events that will be taking place this year.

Please make a note in your diaries and more information will be available soon!

Decorating Church Sat 27 Nov 10am -12pm

Christingle Advent Service Sun 28 Nov 4pm-5.30pm

CAP Client Christmas Event Fri 3 Dec 2pm-5pm

Cricklewood Churches: Carols and Activities outside Matalan Sat 4 Dec

Family Carols Sun 12 Dec 3pm

Mapesbury Dell Carol Singing Tue 14 Dec

Carol Service Sun 19 Dec 6.30pm

Midnight Communion Fri 24 Dec 11.30pm

All Age Christmas Communion Sat 25 Dec 10.30am

Simple Said Communion Service Sun 26 Dec 10.30am

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.



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

Join us to pray together on zoom and, if you can, take part in fasting throughout the day as we bring before God the subject of finances for the church and ask for him to bless us as we look to the future for all that we believe he is calling us to do. more info and zoom details on the website.



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

Get your quiz night on for a good cause - 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 on the website, all tickets cost £5.

What's on this week?

- Mon 15 Nov 8.00pm English Conversation Class
- Mon 15 Nov 8-9pm Fasting and Prayer for our Finances (on zoom)
- Tue 9 Nov 7.15am Prayer Breakfast (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 (last one)
- Sat 20 Nov 10.00am CAP Prayer Meeting
- Sat 20 Nov 7.30pm Tearfund Big Quiz

Next Sunday 21 November

10.30am Holy Communion - Christ the King - with special guest, Bishop Pete Broadbent - in-person with groups for children, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live, call 020 8191 0680.

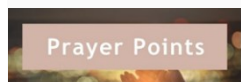
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Thanks to everyone who came and visited our Eco Working Group stall on Sunday! It was great to chat about all things eco and to get more people engaged in what we're doing. If you would like to be kept up to date with the work of the eco group at St. Gabriel's, but didn't get a chance to sign up on Sunday please email eco@st-gabriels.org.

This week we're continuing with our prayers for COP26 before returning to our usual Lifestyle tips next week. We move to more specific prayers for COP26 as the conference progresses and discussions become more focused:

- To secure global net zero by 2050 and keep 1.5 degrees within reach - including the rapid phasing out of coal, curtailing deforestation and switching to renewable sources of energy and away from fossil fuels; and for the world's largest emitters, historically and currently including the UK, to take a lead in reducing GHG emissions;
- Adapt and protect communities and natural habitats already impacted by climate change - enabling them to safeguard forests and other ecosystems and to build resilience infrastructure and adopting agricultural practices to cope with and mitigate climate change;
- Mobilise finance - for developed countries such as our own to release the 100 billion dollars a year in climate finance promised at the Paris 2015 COP but not yet fully realised, enabling developing countries to adapt and mitigate against climate change; and for those countries that have contributed most to the causes of climate change to contribute funds to compensate for loss and damage upon the least and poorest nations and communities who feel the impacts of climate change the most;
- To work together to deliver - to break through the distrust and barriers that have grown between nations over the past decade, seen in the poor global response to Covid19 and rolling out of vaccines across the world, and in the slow response so far to tackling climate change. Only by working together can nations overcome these global problems - as Jesus said, "each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others" (Phil 2v4).



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 all who have joined St Gabriel's recently, and pray for them to find friendship and fellowship in the church community.
- Thank God for the autumn colours he has so beautifully made.
- Pray for our church 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 our Christmas choir, and for all involved in planning and preparing all things Advent and Christmas. Let's already be praying for many local people to join us for an event and begin to find faith in God.

