

St Gabriel's

Weekly Update for Sunday 21 November

TODAY - SUN 21 NOV: Christ the King

10.30am - Holy Communion This morning we welcome Bishop Pete - it's good to have you with us today - in person, with groups for children, and streamed live via [YouTube](#), available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

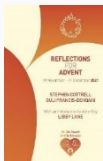
Followed by Christmas Choir rehearsal

6.30pm - Evening Worship - in-person only

It's nearly Advent!



[Can you help us decorate the church? Next Saturday 27 Nov 10am-12](#) we will be decorating church ready for Advent and Christmas, so please come and help! You can decorate a windowsill, maybe do it as a family, or perhaps you can help with some of the larger decorations (like the tree)? Just come - decorations (and tree) provided!



Today [Advent booklets](#) Please collect your ordered copies from Sarah today - £4 each. Sarah has a few spares if you didn't order one - first come, first served!



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 here](#).



[Next Sunday 28 Nov is our Christingle Advent Service 4-5.30pm](#) to celebrate the start of Advent and to learn about the message of the Christingle. It's a fun event for everyone, do come along and **bring your friends - it'll be a good taster event for our other Christmas services.**

Please note that on this Sunday there will be no children's groups in the morning service.

What's on this week?

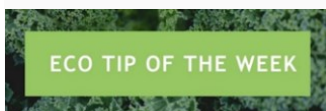
- Mon 22 Nov 8.00pm [English Conversation Class](#)
- Tue 23 Nov 7.15am [Prayer Breakfast \(online\)](#)
- Wed 24 Nov 9.15am [Boogie Angels](#)
- Wed 24 Nov 1.00pm [Wednesday Fellowship](#)
- Sat 27 Nov 10am [Decorating Church for Advent and Christmas](#)

[Next Sunday 28 November- Advent Sunday](#)

10.30am Holy Communion - in-person (no groups for children - come at 4pm!), and streamed live via [YouTube](#), available shortly thereafter. To listen live, call 020 8191 0680.

4pm - Advent Christingle Service fun for all at the start of Advent - in-person only

6.30pm - Evening Worship - Christ the King - in-person only



Thank you for all your prayers for COP 26 over the last couple of weeks. It's good to see the nations making some progress - but there is more to be done!

We're now returning to our Lifestyle tips to help us all consider how we can be more eco-friendly in our whole lives and as a community - see overleaf...

ECO TIP OF THE WEEK

Over the next couple of weeks our thoughts turn to what and how we eat, and how this impacts the environment. Foods impact on our carbon footprint. Meat and fish are near the top of the impact scale - and, unfortunately, some chocolate! Could you think about reducing how much meat you eat? Choosing to eat a wholly vegetarian diet is a big step and may seem too much, but perhaps choosing to be meat-free one day per week is a manageable ambition? Lots of households around the country participate in Meat-Free Monday and have found that this has allowed them to try different meals and can reduced their weekly grocery bill. You can find some great recipes on the Meat-Free Monday website here <https://meatfreemondays.com/our-recipes/>
If you've any queries about this or would like to find out more about the eco-group at St. Gabriel's please email eco@st-gabriels.org

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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

Prayer Points

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:

- Pray for Tearfund, at work around the world in some of the poorest countries and communities. Pray for success to projects empowering people to lift themselves out of poverty through sustainable development. Pray for enough funds to keep tackling poverty and challenging injustice. Pray for joy for all who work for Tearfund.
- Thank God for Christmas! And pray for our celebrations, starting on Advent Sunday 28 Nov. This week, pray for our Christingle Service to capture the imagination of those in touch with St Gabriel's in some way, that they will come along and take a step nearer to Jesus, the heart of Christmas. 
- Thank God for our prayer time with him about our finances. Give thanks for his continuing provision for St Gabriel's. Continue to pray 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 that he can (and does) surprise us in the ways he blesses us and provides!
- Pray for our Christmas choir, and for all involved in planning and preparing all things Advent and Christmas. Let's be praying for many local people to join us for a service and begin to find faith in God. Pray for God's Spirit to breathe through all we do and reveal the wonder of Immanuel, God with us.
- Thank God for the 'Living in Love and Faith' sermons and discussions, and ask God to bless both St Gabriel's and the wider church, seeking to follow God's leading, and for unity. 