

St Gabriel's

Weekly Update for Sunday 5 December Advent 2

SUN 5 DEC: Advent 2

10.30am: Morning Worship with Baptism - in person with children's and youth groups, streamed live via YouTube. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

6.30pm: Evening Communion - in-person only

Thank you to all who helped with the wonderful CAP Christmas Afternoon Tea on Friday - a good time was enjoyed by all. Thank you to all who came and added your presence!

Today is the last day to bring in your Christmas presents for CAP clients and their families. Please give them to Debbie or Emma. Thanks to everyone that has donated or given a gift.



Dementia Care evening with Gerrie – Tue 7 Dec at 7.30pm

Gerrie will be giving a special talk about her experience working with people suffering from Dementia. We are hosting the event at St Gabriel's as part of the Brent Deanery Synod, so there will be visitors coming from other Anglican churches across Brent.

Refreshments are served at 7pm followed by a short time of worship, a talk from

Gerrie, followed by some prayer stations about local community issues.

What's on this week?

Mon 6 Dec 8.00pm English Conversation Class

Tue 7 Dec 7.15am Prayer Breakfast (online)

Tue 7 Dec 7.00pm Deanery Synod - Dementia Care with Gerrie speaking

Wed 8 Dec 9.15am Boogie Angels

Wed 8 Dec 1.00pm Wednesday Fellowship

Sat 11 Dec 9.30-10:00am Gladstone Park Run Christmas Card Drop

Sat 11 Dec 11am Cricklewood Churches: Carols outside Co-op Cricklewood

Next Sunday 12 December - Advent 3

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

3.00pm All Age Carols - a fun service of Carols and the Christmas story for all ages (no evening service)



Our Christmas card is ready. We have arranged for every home in the parish to receive one, delivered to them. Do take cards for those you'd like to invite to join us for a Christmas service.

*** Invite your friends and neighbours to Carols (12 Dec 3pm, and 19 Dec 6.30pm with our choir)**

This year we will give our Carols offerings to GLASS DOOR - you can give on our website too - scan the QR code and follow the link. **GLASS DOOR** partners with churches and community centres to give shelter and support, because no-one should have to sleep on the streets of London. Please give generously this Christmas!



Christmas at St Gabriel's

Please visit st-gabriels.org/christmas for details of all our Christmas services or how to give to our Christmas appeal with Glass Door for a route out of homelessness.

Sun 12 Dec 3.00pm	All Age Carols Family-friendly all age carol service with an interactive telling of the Christmas Story. Dressing up encouraged!
Sun 19 Dec 6.30pm	Carol Service A service of carols and readings with a brief talk and our Christmas Choir
Fri 24 Dec 11.30pm	Midnight Communion Celebrate Christmas at the stroke of Midnight with communion
Sat 25 Dec 10.30am	Christmas Day Service Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us, all welcome, with communion

Why not try visiting online this year?
youtube.com/stgabrielscricklewood



Eco tip: Single use plastics - There can be very few of us who haven't seen, and been shocked by, Sir David Attenborough's film on the extent to which plastics are polluting the oceans and killing the wild-life that ingest



them. Something we can all do to look after our environment is to significantly cut down on buying products that involve one-use plastic. This will be the theme of our Eco-tips for this month. One of the most wide-spread, and unnecessary, uses of plastic is in bottled water. It has been quite rightly said that bottled water companies don't produce water, they produce bottles. Buying a refillable water bottle, preferably one made out of metal rather than plastic, can save using literally hundreds of plastic bottles a year. One can be bought from larger supermarkets and other out-lets for a few pounds, and considering the average bottle of water costs 50p-80p, it will soon pay for itself.



St Gabriel's Christmas events - more information at st-gabriels.org/christmas

DON'T MISS OUT – COME ALONG!

Park Run Christmas Card Drop: Gladstone Park, Sat 11 Dec 9.30am-10:00am

Cricklewood Churches: Carols outside Co-op Cricklewood Sat 11 Dec 11am

All Age Carols Sun 12 Dec 3pm

Mapesbury Dell Carol Singing Tue 14 Dec 6.30pm

Carol Service Sun 19 Dec 6.30pm

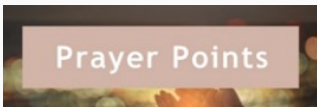
Midnight Communion Fri 24 Dec 11.30pm

All Age Christmas Communion Sat 25 Dec 10.30am


Simple Said Communion Service Sun 26 Dec 10.30am



Community Christmas Dinner at Cricklewood Baptist Church. They are again this year doing a free community dinner on Christmas Day. Folks can join for the service there at 10.30am or join for lunch at 1.00pm and stay for games, quizzes etc until 6pm. Christmas. For details of how to get involved, or to let them know you are planning to come, email Stephen at admin@cricklewoodbc.org (or talk to James or Sarah to help you get in touch).



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:

- Continue to Thank God for the successful appointment of our new Bishop. Pray for the Revd Cannon Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy as he prepares to become Bishop of Willesden in January.
- Thank God for Advent! Pray for yourself, that you will wait well through Advent, looking forward with godly anticipation to celebrating Christmas, and to Jesus' return at the end of time. 
- Thank God for Christmas! And pray for our celebrations, for our All Age Carols and Carol Services to capture the imagination of those in touch with St Gabriel's in some way, that they will come along and not be distracted by other things. Pray that all who come will take a step nearer to Jesus, the heart of Christmas.
- Pray for those Christians, our brothers and sisters, in countries where celebrating Advent and Christmas can bring persecution. Pray for them as they keep the season, that God will give them special joy and Jesus will be 'God with them' and keep them faithful.
- Pray for local people receiving our Christmas cards, this year being delivered to every house for us. Pray that God will highlight the cards as people see them, and that people will keep the cards, join us for a service and begin to find faith in God. Pray for God's Spirit to breathe through all our services and reveal the wonder of Immanuel, God with us.
- Thank God for the freedom we have to sing carols and talk to people publicly about Christmas, and for being part of Mapesbury Dell Carols. May God bring the words alive as people join in singing them! 