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# News for 6 November 2022

### 10.30am All Age Worship with Holy Communion: The Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7

in-person, all welcome, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter. To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

# 12.15pm Christmas Choir rehearsal



### 4.30pm All Souls Memorial Service

We are having a special All Souls Memorial Service 4.30-5.30pm. We have done this for the last few years and it is a quiet space where we can remember those that we have lost throughout the



year and ask for God's comfort in our loss. Please let us know the names of any that you would like remembered as part of the service.

#### 6.30pm Evening Worship in-person only.



November is here and the **Men's Curry night** is almost upon us. Please invite your friends. The event will be at church on <a href="Thursday 17 November from 7pm">Thursday 17 November from 7pm</a>. The cost is approximately £15. For more info or to say you're coming: <a href="sign up on the website">sign up on the website</a>.



Get your quiz night hat 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 here, all tickets cost £5.

#### What's on this week?

Mon 7 Nov 1.00pm **Hope Café** Mon 7 Nov 7.30pm **English Class** Tue 8 Nov 7.15am **Prayer Breakfast** Tue 8 Nov The Alpha Course 7.30pm Wed 9 Nov 9.15am **Boogie Angels** Wed 9 Nov Wednesday Fellowship 1.00pm Sat 12 Nov Alpha Holy Spirit Day



Sat 12 Nov - We would like to invite anyone who would like to join the current Alpha Group on the Holy Spirit Day to let the Alpha team know. It's a great opportunity if you previously took part in the Alpha Course but for whatever reason, missed this day which many remark as a highlight of the course. Please sign up here and we will book you in.

Sun 13 November 10.30am Morning Worship with Act of Remembrance in-person, all welcome, groups for children, streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter.
 6.30pm Evening Worship in-person only.

Many of you may wish to

Come and join us in decorating the church for Advent and Christmas! 10am on Saturday 26 November.

Decorations provided!



Then we'll be ready for . . .



Sun 27 Nov 4pm
Our first official Christmassy service starts at the very end of November on Advent Sunday, the traditional start of the Church's year and the beginning of Advent when we remember both the coming and second coming of Christ.

We will be marking this with our interactive Christingle Service where all are welcome to come and hear the story of the Christingle and what it represents.



Our <u>Christmas page</u> is now live with all the details of Christmas events and services as they become available. The events on this page will gather details over time so do check back soon for all the details. For now, feel free to update your calendars - special point of note is that the Evening Carols will be on a Saturday this year so as not to clash with the World Cup Final.

Sun 27 Nov Advent Sunday with 4pm Christingle service

Sun 11 Dec 3pm All Age Christmas Celebration

Sat 17 Dec 6.30pm Carol Service with Christmas Choir Sat 24 Dec 11.30pm Christmas Eve Midnight Communion

Sun 25 Dec 10.30am Christmas Communion with all ages together



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 rain after the drought of summer, but pray for it to fall more gently and soak into the ground, refilling the reservoirs rather than causing flooding.
- Continue to pray about the unsettled political arena, both in this country and more widely. Pray into stories in the news from around the world, especially where extremists and dictators show little care for those in their country.
- Pray for Hope Café to be a place of God's love and hope for all.
- Ask God for his comfort for those in sadness, trouble or illness for them to know God is close
  and loves them. Pray for relief, joy and healing. Name before God people you know.
- Following our Sunday series on prayer, pray that we (as a church, as well as individually) will delight to pray, to bring everything before him and seek his way.
- At this season of All Saints and All Souls, remember with God those who have died, thanking God for good memories, for faith, for any way that you were blessed by their life.
- Thank God for one thing every day!