



# St Gabriel's

## Newsletter for Sunday 17 December 2023

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### This Week – Sunday 17 December

#### Advent 3

10.30am All Age Nativity with Holy Communion

In-person, all welcome.

Streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter.

To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

6.30pm Evening Carol Service

In-person only, all welcome.

### In the Week

Monday 18 December

1.00pm – Hope Café Christmas Special

7.00pm – English Conversation Class

Wednesday 20 December

**THERE IS NO BOOGIE ANGELS**

1:00pm – Wednesday Fellowship

7:00pm – English Conversation Class (Beginner)

Thursday 21 December

**THERE IS NO BEGINNERS BIBLE REFLECTION**

### Next Week – Sunday 24 December

#### Advent 4

10.30am Christmas Eve Holy Communion

In-person, all welcome.

Streamed live via YouTube, available shortly thereafter.

To listen live instead, call 020 8191 0680.

4.30pm Crib Service

In-person only, all welcome.

6.30pm Midnight Communion

In-person only, all welcome.

### Christmas Day – Monday 25 December

#### Christmas Day

10.30am Holy Communion

In-person, all welcome.

We are pleased to be supporting Welcome Churches this year in our Christmas Appeal. There will be opportunities to give at each of our Christmas Services.



### Christmas Choir!

Our Christmas Choir is excited to be performing at our **Christmas Carol Service on Sunday 17 December at 6:30pm**, so please come along to hear them sing joyously! We will also be serving **Mulled Wine, Spiced Cordial, Mince Pies and Gingerbread Men**. Bring your friends and neighbours too! We look forward to bringing the Christmas festivities to life and sharing the love and joy with you all.



Hope Café is hosting a Christmas Special this Monday. Do come along and join us from 1pm till 3pm.



### Christian's Against Poverty

#### Christmas Present Appeal

Thank you to all who have donated to the CAP Christmas Presents Appeal.

We are delighted to announce that we have raised nearly £800 to buy gifts that will bless our CAP clients with a gift this Christmas!



## Prayer Points

Join us as we pray for:

Also keep in your prayers:

- Give thanks for a wonderful and spiritually moving performance by West End Has Faith.
- Give thanks for the generous donations that have enabled us to bless CAP clients with gifts this Christmas
- Give thanks for all our staff team and volunteers who have helped us create a wonderful place of worship and run many of our community events and social activities including Hope Cafe, CAP outreach activities, Boogie Angels, Wednesday Fellowship, Alpha, Beginner's Bible Reflections, Youth Ministry, etc.
- Our Staff Team as they continue to roll out our Christmas activities and events this season, and that they be protected from illness this winter season as they work diligently for our community.
- We remember all families this Christmas, especially those who are receiving help from CAP
- Make us instruments of your peace in this broken world and help us to pray unceasingly for an end to all conflict and strife.
- We give thanks for the recent release of hostages but continue to pray for peace and all those in war zones including Israel and Gaza but also not forgetting Ukraine and Russia
- Our Bishops Sarah and Lusa.



## The Bible Course

### The Bible Course

In the new year we are hosting a new course from the Bible Society all about the Bible! It's an 8 week course full of content to help you be more confident with scripture.

To sign up or for more info chat to Jenny.



We are excited to be welcoming Bishop Lusa to join us again soon for a service with **Baptism, Confirmation and Communion**. We all really enjoyed his last visit to us and so we are very keen to have him back, this time on **Sunday 4 February 2024**. If you or any of your children would be interested in getting confirmed, baptised or receiving communion, we would love to hear from you.



### Our Christmas Tree is now here!

Make sure you keep a lookout next time you are in St Gabriel's. We are blessed to have received a donated live Christmas tree this year. Please take extra care of your children when in the church as it is very large and could be dangerous to them.

Thank You.



### Christmas Service Dates

Head to [st-gabriels.org/christmas](https://st-gabriels.org/christmas) for all our festive season dates for your diary. We have several wonderful events throughout Advent and Christmas that you won't want to miss.



### Friday Night Youth

The next sessions will be on 12 January 2024 and 2 February 2024. (There will be no Friday Night Youth on 26 January 2024).



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