

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 1st December

Advent 1

Happy New Church Year!

8.30am Holy Communion

10am All-age Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn
Hawkes

11.30am Children's choir rehearsal
Ages from 6+, £1 per rehearsal.
They will perform on the 20th
December at the Christingle
service & again at the Carol
Service on the 22nd December

1.45pm Children's Concert in aid
of the Organ Fund. Please support
this if you can or make a donation.
Kerry, John and Amy

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on
Zoom & in church.
No evening prayer on Friday

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
No Preschool Play Group or After
School club this week

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
No Tai Chi this week
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and
Reflection in choir vestry this
week
8pm Rehearsals for the Christmas
Carol service continue in the choir
vestry. All welcome. The service
will be on Sunday 22nd December.

Saturday

12 - 1pm Open church Saturday
Organ music and an invitation to
stay, listen, talk, pray.
All welcome!

Christmas Market

All hands on deck after the service
today for moving furniture, bric a
brac from hall and getting ready
for the Christmas Market.

Friday 6th December 6.30-9pm

Saturday 7th December 12-3pm

Entry £1 adults, children free.

Thank you to everyone who has
offered to help with this important
fundraising & community event.

All help will be very welcome.

- During the week, Kevin will be
around from 6-8pm each evening
from Mon-Thurs so that volunteers
can help sort & price items,
preparing stalls for the main event.
- We welcome good quality items
including books, children's toys,
bottles for the tombola; cakes, gifts
etc. Any prizes for the raffle would
also be greatly appreciated

Church book club

Our next book will be 'Haven' by
Emma Donoghue. We will also be
reading 'Women of the Nativity'
by Paula Gooder for advent.

Our next meeting will be on 9th
December at 8pm at the vicarage
where we will discuss Haven and
the start of Women of the Nativity.
Newcomers welcome!

Wednesday 11th December

Soul Group will meet from 6.55pm
to 8.30pm in the Choir Vestry. The
theme is The Quiet Side of
Christmas. There will be a flier in
the entrance area.
Please note the later date.

All-age Service Questionnaire

At the start of a new year, please
take a moment to share your
thoughts about the service...
But, not just your thoughts - how
about getting involved and taking
part in the coming year.
We would love musicians, singers,
readers, greeters, bakers, coffee
makers to join in.
Please fill in paper copy at church
or online and return by email to
aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com

*Items for weekly notices need to
submitted by Thursday evening.
(sarabertrand47@gmail.com)*

Parish Christmas Card

The Christmas card has arrived,
hot on the heels of the magazine.
Once again if you are able to
deliver, that would be wonderful.
You know the drill by now!

The Big Give, Coffee and Cakes.

Starting Tuesday 3rd December at
noon, we have a week of giving
which will be match-funded. Our
aim is £6000 to reach our target
towards the big push for 2025 hall
works. To kick us off Lucy has
very kindly given us a starting
boost on her 16th Birthday. For this
week only any cake donations will
be diverted from our usual
charities to the Big Give, so do
give generously and enjoy!



Friends Merchandise can also be
purchased online at
[https://st-gabriels-
church.sumupstore.com/products](https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/products)

Foodbank Update

The Advent Foodbank boxes are at
the back of church now. They will
be there till mid-December. If you
would prefer to give more 'every-
day' donations, there is an up to
date shopping list in the church
foyer. Thank you as always for
your great generosity. Helen and
the team.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Eva Baker, Ann Brown, Joyce
Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen
Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly
Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye
Jackman, Janis Lalor, Henry Lau,
Jack Lewis, Olive Macauley, John
Mitchell, Marie Norman, William
Starling, Mary Watts & those on
the Prayer Board

For the recently departed

Barbara Little
**and those whose anniversaries
occur at this time:**
James Spittle, Frederick Bettis