

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Feast of Christ the King  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

10am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant:* Rev. Canon Martyn  
Hawkes  
*Deacon:* Rev. Amy Taylor  
16, 649, 683, (931), 572

The children's choir will gather in church at 11.30am for their first rehearsal.

5pm Sung Evensong  
Led by Revd Amy

### This Week

#### **Morning Prayer**

9am Monday – Thursday

In person only and all welcome  
Tuesday at Christ Church Wanstead

#### **Evening prayer**

5pm Monday – Wednesday only  
On zoom and in-person

#### **Tuesday**

10:00am – 12 noon Open Church

1.30pm Get-together group in church - a social gathering for company and conversation.  
Please note the group is having a Christmas lunch on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. - last chance to join contact [curtiscarol@sky.com](mailto:curtiscarol@sky.com)

**Deanery Synod - St Alban, Ilford.**  
For this reason please speak to Fr Martyn to check about for this month's Contemplative Prayer.

#### **Wednesday**

11am Holy Communion  
12 - 1.30pm Preschool Play Group  
3.30pm After School Club

#### **Thursday**

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church  
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church  
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in church  
1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.

*Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.  
([sarabertrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sarabertrand47@gmail.com))*

Welcome to Zael, his family & friends for his baptism this morning on this special last Sunday in the church year.

Refreshments after the service in the hall as usual & the baptism party will continue from there.

#### **Parish Magazine**

Thank you for the deliveries so far. Just a few more streets need to be covered if you can help!

#### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

7pm Bible Reading Online Catch-up via Zoom. For more details & December's plan contact Henry on [henrykolau@gmail.com](mailto:henrykolau@gmail.com) .

#### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

6pm Concert in aid of the Organ Fund in church. Students with Kerry & John Light & Amy Tolley

#### **Next Sunday: Advent Sunday**

A new Church Year begins.  
Children and Families group meets after church in Choir Vestry

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

7pm Soul Group will meet in the Choir Vestry. Our theme will be: The Creed, sharing our responses.

#### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

7pm Police Safer Neighborhood meeting - upstairs in the Hall. All welcome to learn more about crime prevention and local info.

#### **New Leaders Needed**

21st Epping Forest South Beavers group, in Aldersbrook are looking for new leaders – more details on information sheet at the back or contact Sophia at [21stefs.beavers@gmail.com](mailto:21stefs.beavers@gmail.com)

Are you missing out? There's an email with this notice sheet which arrives weekly into your inbox. If you'd like to receive it please put your email address down on the sheet by the entrance and you can start receiving it.

#### **Foodbank Update**

Advent foodbank boxes are out now at the back of church. Thank you as always for your generosity. The last date for Christmas donations will be 16<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you. Helen and the team.

#### **Christmas Market**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-9pm**

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 12-3pm**

Set-up will start taking place after church next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. if you can spare some muscle & a little bit of time. All volunteers welcome. We welcome donations of good quality items including books, bric-a-brac, children's toys, bottles for the tombola, gifts etc. which can be brought to church on Sundays or during Open Church slots. Any prizes for the raffle would also be greatly appreciated

Please note: the week of 1<sup>st</sup> December there will be no Preschool Playgroup, After school club or Tai Chi or Yoga due to Christmas market. Wednesday communion and Meditation will continue that week.

#### **Carol Singing**

Next Sunday we'll publish service dates & activities for Christmas (all are in the Magazine as well), but here's one for the diary - Mon - Wed 15-17 December from 7pm we sing in the streets of Aldersbrook and collect funds for The Children's Society. Singers & collectors needed - all abilities & experience welcome.

#### **For Our Prayers**

Joyce Beasley has made a permanent move to live with her niece. Do pray as she settles in. A card is available to sign today. For contributions to a gift from St Gabriel's please speak to Willa or Fr Martyn.

#### **For those who are sick:**

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Philip & Jennifer Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Nicky Hooper, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, William Starling, Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer Board

#### **For the recently departed**

Stephen Day

#### **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

Iggy Ionascu

## **Advance for January 2026**

### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Advanced notice: Friends of St Gabriel's event - Comedy Night. Tickets will sell fast, so do get your ticket now if you are interested - in advance only. Bit.ly/stgcomedy

### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Burns Night - save the date, and watch this space for update on getting tickets.

### **Book Club**

The next book club will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8pm at the vicarage. We will be reading 2 books, feel free to read 1 or both. For advent, 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. For fun, 'An Inconvenient Convent' by Simon Parke.