

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
4th February
2nd Sunday before Lent

8.30am Holy communion

10am All-age service
Celebrant Fr Martyn Hawkes

Bible reading & reflection, after our all-age Sundays. For half an hour a group will be reading & reflecting on scripture in the chapel.

This Week

Evening Prayer

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

Monday

Forest Philharmonic rehearsal

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm-3.30pm Afternoon Social Group in church

Tuesday 6th February

7.30pm St Gabriel's Standing committee in the vicarage

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group
11am Holy Communion
12 noon The Preschool Play Group
3.30 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.

Saturday

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

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

Messy Church

Thank you everyone who helped with yesterday's fun filled event.

Ash Wednesday 14th February

Services 11am and 8.00pm
If you have a palm cross from last year please bring it to church this Sunday or next to be made into the ash for the service.

Lent is nearly upon us!

The sign up sheets for Lent courses are finally present in the entrance lobby on the theme of wellbeing. First sessions are Tuesday 20th February 12 - 1.30 & Wednesday 21st February 7- 8.30pm - both in church.
All are welcome - do come along

Saturday 17th February

Redbride Brass concert: - see fliers for details and tickets

Church hall painting weekend

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th February 10am-4pm
An opportunity to make further progress with our church hall transformation. To offer your services contact Rusty 07764650887 ruaty@livock.com

Saturday 16th March

St Patrick's Day Ceilidh
6-10.30pm - see poster for details.
Tickets now available at £15 Adults/ £5 children over 5 years
<https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/products>

Saturday 2nd March

10 - 12.30am Charity and Community Coffee Morning in church. We welcome charities to raise profile and funds, and St Gabriel's bakes cakes and serves tea and coffee to raise funds. Are you able to help? Can you bake, or serve on the day. Please let Fr Martyn know.

Foodbank Update

Thank you to everyone for your generosity to the foodbank. Apparently they are drowning in baked beans at the moment so if you would like to make a donation please consider something else!
Many thanks, Helen and the team.

Magazine

We are collecting articles for the next parish magazine. Please send articles to teresasmith@me.com. The closing date for articles is Sunday 4th February. Thank you.
Teresa Smith

List of Church & Hall keyholders

We would like to create an up to date list of those congregation members who have keys to either the church and/or the hall in case of emergencies. Please do let Rachel know if you have a set of keys for either of these so we can compile the list

Health and Safety

We would like to invite any expressions of interest from the congregation to be responsible for health and safety in the church. It could be someone who already holds that additional responsibility in their place of work. Please speak to Martyn or Rachel for more details.

Prayer vigil for the planet

An invitation to join a prayer vigil 'No Faith in Fossil Fuels' taking place at the Houses of Parliament for 10 days, Ash Wednesday to 24th February. Essex & East London Christian Climate Action is joining on Sunday afternoon 18th February. If you'd like to be a part of that see Fr Martyn or click here for details: <https://christianclimateaction.org/>

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Mr Ali, Eva and Peter Baker, Kevin Brown, Elwin Cockett, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Margaret Filer, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell, Bibi Rahman, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kate Swain, Christine Fiedorczyk, Frederick Adams, Phil Christie, Catherine Rhys, Elizabeth Allan, Olive Bidmead, Thomas Gasper, Oliver Joseph