

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
19th November
2nd Sunday before Advent

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Mark Kenny
314, 606, 70, (123), 225

Fr Mark will preach and preside as he says a farewell to St Gabriel's after over 15 years as associate priest here.

Sunday school is back this morning

Thank you Roger Bluff who is playing the organ for us today,

This Week

Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday

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

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 Open Church

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

Tuesday 21st November

10:30 - 11:30 am Bereavement Cafe in Christ Church Wanstead for all who experiencing loss.

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

Saturday 25th November

2-4pm Messy Church The Adventure. As ever at this busy time, not everyone can be around for everything. If you might be able to give a hand this week please either let Fr Martyn know today, or Clare by email wwa.families@gmail.com
Refreshment offers are always welcome! Do invite friends along.

Children's Choir for Christmas

Once again we'll be running our choir for the two amazing services at Christingle & the Carol Service. 1st session is **next Sunday 26th November** at 11.30. Please let Fr Martyn know if you'd like to participate. Email aldersbrookvicar@gmail.com
See magazine or flier for more info.

Next Sunday 26th November

Pupils' Concert for the Organ Fund at 1.15pm in the church. If you cannot attend & would like to make a donation please let Kerry, John or Amy know. Many thanks

Next Sunday 26th November

5pm Our monthly evening service will be a Taize service of music and prayer

Tuesday 28th November

7.30pm Contemplative Prayer

Book Club

Our next church book, for advent, is "An Advent Manifesto: Daily readings and reflections from Isaiah and Luke" by Martyn Percy. If you fancy a fiction book to read along side it, we will set aside some time to discuss "In this house of Brede" by Rumer Godden. We will meet on Monday 15th January at 8pm at the vicarage.

Foodbank Update

The advent boxes have arrived and you will find them at the back of church round the font! They are labelled Festive Goodies, Smellies, and Kid's Stuff - but if you'd prefer to donate more general items then the crate in the church foyer is still available as well. If you can buy one extra item as you do your Christmas shopping we can soon have these filled, helping to make someone else's Christmas special as well. Thank you! Helen and the team.

All-age service feedback

Thank you so much for the feedback so far received - it's so helpful. If you haven't filled in a form yet, there are copies at the back of church or you can fill one in and email it back.

Christmas Market

1st/2nd December

Preparations are underway for this major fundraising event. Items needed include bottles/cans for tombola, books, toys, bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts. Cakes will also be needed for both days. Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up, running stalls on the 2 days and clearing up afterwards. Please speak to Kevin to volunteer – the more the merrier! Thank you all in advance.

The Big Give - keep the date

28th November to 5th December

St Gabriel's has secured match-funding for a fundraising drive during that week, when every £1 donated will be doubled through generous support from our pledgers & The Together Fund. Please take a card home with you to make sure you don't forget to use that opportunity to give. We can, if necessary, take cash! You can use the QR code or link to donate during the week.

Aldersbrook School

Christmas performances in church
Mon- Friday 9.30am - 10.15am (excl Wed mornings) and afternoon 2.30pm - 3.15pm during week starting December 11th. Rehearsals will be roughly the same time the week before.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

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

For the recently departed:

Terry Porter