

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 24th November
Christ the King

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn
Hawkes
54, 314, 332, (156), 695

After the service there will be a meeting in the hall upstairs of the pastoral network helpers. Anyone interested are welcome to attend.

This Week

Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday 26th November

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

7.30pm Contemplative prayer

Wednesday

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!

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!

Next Sunday: Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
10am All-age Eucharist

After church next week we really
need your help with beginning the
preparation of the church for the
Christmas Market

Sunday 1st December

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

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.

- Set up will begin on Sunday 1st
December, after the morning
service. Lots of help will be
needed to bring the items from
Hall storage into the Church, with
strong & willing volunteers for the
heavy lifting. Also help needed to
start to move furniture in church.
- 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

Foodbank Update

You will have seen the Advent
Foodbank boxes 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.

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

The Big Give

You may remember that St
Gabriel's ran this match-funding
campaign very successfully last
year and raised over £12,000
towards the hall project. We are
trying again this year and the dates
for giving are one week only, from
3-10th December.

We seek the support of the wider
community, but recognise that the
success of this campaign will
depend significantly on the
generosity of the committed.
Can you support this year? Please
consider making a donation at this
particular time as it will be
doubled through this scheme. If
you need help donating, please ask
and we can enable that to happen
with you. Cash donations are not
ideal but we can make them work!

Calling All Carol Service Singers

Rehearsals for the Christmas Carol
service start on Thursday 28th
November at 8pm. Anyone who
would like to join the choir for this
service will be more than welcome
to come along. The service will be
on Sunday 22nd December.

Children's Choir

Rehearsals start on 1st December,
11.30am for the children's choir.
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

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, Brian Tolley
**and those whose anniversaries
occur at this time:**
Iggy Ionascu, Closeta Gerald