

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 9th February
4th Sunday before Lent

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn
Hawkes
286, 347, 144, (68), 187

PCC meeting after church upstairs
in the hall

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on
Zoom & in church.

Monday 10th February

8pm Our next Spiritual book club
meeting will take place at the
vicarage. We will be discussing
'Women of the Nativity' by Paula
Gooder and 'Orbital' by Samantha
Harvey. All welcome.

Tuesday 11th February

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group
7 - 7.30pm Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament.

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!

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

New Electoral Roll 2025

Every 6 years we are required to
completely refresh our electoral
roll. This process will start shortly
with everyone needing new forms.
More details will follow shortly.

Lent

We are beginning a short season of
Ordinary Time after Epiphany is
over. It's slightly longer than
normal as we count down towards
the beginning of Lent as Easter is
late this year (April 20th).
Working back, that means Ash
Wednesday will be the 5th March.
You may wish to bring back your
palm cross, if you kept it safe at
home, and leave it in the basket at
the door. These will be burned to
make the ash for the Ash
Wednesday service.

Lent Groups this year will focus
on the book Resilient Disciple by
Justine Allain Chapman. Meeting
on Tuesdays 12.15-1.30 (bring
your lunch) – you can stay on for
the Tuesday Get-together group
and make an afternoon of it, or
Wednesday 7 – 8.30pm, with
thanks to Soul Group for being
willing to move into this change of
shape for the season. A sign-up
sheet to indicate when you'll be
joining us is also at the church
entrance.

Foodbank Update

Thank you for your continued
generosity to the foodbank & Tin
in a Bin. Please continue to do
what you can, knowing every
single item is desperately needed.
Thank you. Helen and the team.

All-age service & choir

Do you have songs or hymns that
you'd like us to consider? Please
let Fr Martyn know. We can't
promise that we'll use them, but
would love to broaden our
repertoire for our services. We
would love to share the joy of
ensemble singing with you and
welcome singers of all voices!
Give it a go? Speak to Fr Martyn
or Gigi.

Magazine

We are collecting articles for the
next parish magazine. Please send
articles to teresasmith@me.com .
The closing date for articles is
Sunday 16th February

Christian Aid Coordinator

One area of need at St Gabriel's is
a Christian Aid coordinator. This
is someone who keeps alive for us,
as Sue did for so long, informs on
the plight of the poorest and ways
in which we can support through
Christian Aid. There is an
upcoming day for learning about
the Christian Aid focus for this
year on Saturday 8th March at St
John's Waterloo in London. If
you'd be interested in attending
please speak to Sue or Martyn.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 22nd March

St Patrickstide Ceilidh: Adults
£15, Children £5 Tickets from
Sumup Friends of St Gabriel's
[https://st-gabriels-
church.sumupstore.com/product/st-
patrick-s-day-ceilidh](https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/st-patrick-s-day-ceilidh)

Saturday 5th April

A Quiet Day at St Gabriel's with
an Environmental focus

Saturday 3rd May

Sauga Plant Sale. A great
opportunity to get some expertly
grown plants into the garden,
whilst also supporting our Uniform
Groups. Time tbc.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Martin Anderson, Eva Baker,
Michelle Baker, Ann Brown,
Ursula Christie, Joyce Demetriou,
Brenda Elliott, Peter Ellis, Eileen
Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly
Harmsworth, Faye Jackman, Janis
Lalor, Jack Lewis, Olive
Macauley, John Mitchell, Marie
Norman, William Starling, Anita
Watts, Mary Watts & those on the
Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Oliver Joseph, Ellen Galer