

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
24<sup>th</sup> December  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes  
480, 182, 54, (634), 631

**Christmas Eve Services**  
4pm Nativity service  
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day  
10.00am Festive Communion

### This Week

**No Evening Prayer this week**  
There will be 5pm Evening Prayer  
Tuesday to Thursday next week  
(2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> January)

**Tuesday Boxing Day**  
No Open Church or Afternoon  
Social Group this week

**Wednesday**  
No Prayer Group or Holy  
Communion service this week  
There will be an 11am Holy  
Communion service next week on  
the 3<sup>rd</sup> January

The Preschool Play Group & After  
School club will restart again in  
the New Year

**Thursday**  
No Open Church, Tai Chi or Yoga  
class this week

Meditation and Reflection group  
will restart in the New Year

**Next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December**  
New Year's Eve - 10am service

Sunday School will resume on 14<sup>th</sup>  
January 2024.

Saturday Open Church will return  
on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

*Items for weekly notices need to  
submitted by Thursday evening.  
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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
Epiphany Sunday - All-age service  
If you are going to be at church on  
this Sunday there are a number of  
ways you can take part - take a  
look at the sign-up sheet or speak  
to Fr Martyn if you'd like to be  
involved

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**  
All-Age Bible Reading Group.  
10.30am 1st session of Bible  
reading & reflection, on our all-  
age Sundays. For half an hour a  
group will be reading & reflecting  
on scripture in the chapel. Please  
sign up to express interest, or  
speak to Henry for more  
information.

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January**  
The feast of the Baptism of Christ  
A renewal of our baptismal  
promises at the beginning of a new  
calendar year.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
In this week of prayer for Christian  
Unity we have a pulpit swap with  
Fr Martyn preaching & celebrating  
at St Mary's Woodford & Fr  
James coming here to St Gabriel's.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January**  
4.30pm Intercessors training - a  
joint session at St Mary's  
Woodford, to learn from others.  
For those who have done  
intercessions for ages, or just  
wondering if it is something to try.

**All-age Sunday support**  
We're hoping to recruit a  
completely new team for these  
Sundays and would love you to  
join in - no previous experience  
required and training offered.  
Please speak to Martyn or Gigi if  
you'd like to know more.

**Foodbank Update**  
Thank you to everyone for all your  
amazing donations over the last  
year. All the Christmas food and  
gifts have now been distributed to  
various organisations around the  
borough. Wishing you all a  
peaceful Christmas and a Happy  
New Year from everyone at Tin in  
a Bin.

Wishing you all a very Happy  
Christmas, and some rest and  
refreshment over the season

### **Thank You Everyone**

Thanks to those who helped clean  
the church and with the wonderful  
flowers, arranged on Saturday by  
Gaynor & her team, to prepare us  
for the special services ahead.

### **Carol Singing**

Thanks so much to the Carol  
Singers and Collectors - such a  
fantastic effort and we have raised  
£1300 for the Children's Society  
through our singing in the streets  
of the parish.

Anita & Hector wish all their  
friends at this beautiful church St  
Gabriels a Very Happy peaceful  
Christmas and an interesting year  
to come. Instead of sending  
Christmas cards, as usual we make  
a donation to church funds.

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

**Book Club** - The 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 too, we will also discuss  
"In this house of Brede" by Rumer  
Godden. We will meet at 8pm at  
the vicarage.

### 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:**

George Mills, Ron Pummell,  
Ramsay Richmond

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

Joan Scullion, Ellen Horsnell, Ken  
Ames, Alan Blanking