

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk

Weekly Newsletter
22nd October

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
286, 382, 552, (541), 104

After church today, we're inviting people to reflect together on the diocesan values that have been given to us to explore. We'll do this once a month as an open invite & as you chat think how the values speak to you personally & how they might connect to us as a church. First two values are: **Awareness of Grace & Valuing the small, the vulnerable & the marginal**

5pm Evensong
Our monthly evening service tonight is a special service of BCP evensong with Sharon Quilter as our guest preacher. All interested singers are very welcome to join a practice at 4pm to learn the psalm, responses and hymns.

This Week

Evening Prayer

No Evening prayer, or contemplative prayer this week due to half-term absence

Tuesday

10-12 Open 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 Organ music and an invitation to stay, listen, talk, pray. There will also be an opportunity to donate to support the organ fund. All are welcome!

Please remember that clocks go back an hour next Sunday 28/29 October

Sunday 5th November

5pm All Souls' Day Service
We have an annual service to remember loved ones departed. Names can be added to the list at the back of church to be read out in the service. Please write legibly.

Sunday 5th November

Church Hall paint day. Friends of St Gabriel's are spearheading a day to repaint parts of the church hall. If you'd be willing to get involved, come along in your paint clothes & help out after church. The more the merrier. Please let Rusty know rusty@livock.com

Thursday 9th November

6pm in church. Aldersbrook and Lake House: Who Do We Think We Are? The Friends of St Gabriel's invite you to a celebration of local history, with self-guided trails of the church, stalls & an illustrated talk about the early social history of these estates. Tickets £5 on the door or in advance: <https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/who-do-we-think-we-are>

Saturday 25th November

Messy Church The Advent-ure. We are looking for volunteers to source and/or lead crafts and activities, prepare and/or serve food and help with the setting or clearing up. All offers gratefully accepted. Contact Clare Reeves at wwafamilies@gmail.com / 07986 180 230.

Foodbank Update

A huge thank you for the generosity of all who donated to the foodbank so magnificently at the Harvest service. Your gifts will relieve the anxiety of families struggling to buy food each week, and enable them to eat in a way that we take too easily for granted. Helen and the team.

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

Magazine

We are collecting articles for the next parish magazine. Please send articles to teresasmith@me.com. The closing date for articles is Monday 23rd October. Thank you Teresa Smith

Christmas Market

1st/2nd December

Preparations are starting for this major fundraising event. Items that will be needed include bottles/cans for tombola, books, bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts. There will be a meeting after church on **Sunday 29th October** to discuss the event and all are welcome to join in – many hands make light work!

All-age Sundays

The first Sunday of each month is our all-age service and we are building a team to offer welcome, help with aspects of the service, provide refreshments etc. If you are interested in helping as we build this team please speak to Fr Martyn. The next service is All Saints' Sunday 5th November

The Poppy appeal donation has arrived at St Gabriel's and you can take a poppy/make a donation until our Remembrance Sunday service on 12th November.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Aliandra Adelin, 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, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell, Allan Sheil, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For the recently departed:

Jim Wragg

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Aaron Nash, Margaret Frost, Sylvia Parris, Florence Douglas, Vera Dady, Derek Hughes