

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 8th December
Advent 2

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn
Hawkes
527, 263, 428, (949), 503

11.30am Children's choir rehearsal

7.30pm Aldersbrook Community
Choir carol concert

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Wednesday only
on Zoom & in church.

Monday 9th December Church book club

8pm Book Club meeting at the
vicarage to discuss 'Haven' by
Emma Donoghue and the start of
'Women of the Nativity' by Paula
Gooder. Newcomers welcome!

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group
7.30pm Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament and silent prayer

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
12 noon The Preschool Play Group
3.30 After School club

Thursday 12th December

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.

4.30pm Snaresbrook Court carol
service - singers also required for
rehearsal at 4pm. All welcome.

8pm Rehearsals for the Christmas
Carol service continue in the choir
vestry. All welcome.

Christmas Market

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

For all the time, effort and love
that you put into St G Christmas
Market. We couldn't have done it
without a lot of hard work from a
lot of people.

Kevin, we're especially grateful
for everything you have done to
make it so amazing!

The morning after the Christmas
Market! If you have any energy
left after church we would
doubtless welcome help with
moving items either back to the
hall, or into your cars to take to
charity shops, or where necessary
the recycle centre.

Big Give Christmas Challenge

As I write this we are meeting the
challenge wonderfully. It's a huge
boost to the project we're working
on. Thank you for your generosity
and to the Friends of St Gabriel's
for their support in preparation of
this. If you haven't already seen
the film, do take a look and enjoy.
If you wish to give and haven't
yet, you can still do so until this
Tuesday at 12 noon.

Foodbank Update

Please note that the last collection
day for Christmas foodbank
donations is Saturday 14th
December. From then on we will
be taking donations as normal, but
it will not be possible to distribute
goods in time for Christmas after
that date. Thank you for your
generosity. Helen and the team

Carol Singing:

Mon 16th - Wed 18th December
7pm from Church we head out into
the parish to sing carols and raise
funds for The Children's Society.
We don't need professional
singers, just smiling faces & some
people willing to collect on
doorsteps. Please sign up on the
sheet to give us encouragement!

Thursday 19th December

4pm Carol singing in Hayter
Court. Come and bring cheer to
neighbours.

Wednesday 11th December

Soul Group will meet from 6.55pm
to 8.30pm in the Choir Vestry. The
theme is The Quiet Side of
Christmas. There will be a flier in
the entrance area.

Saturday Open Church

No Saturday Open Church on 7th
and 14th due to Christmas Market
and Snowman events.

12 - 1pm Open church will return
on 21st and 28th. Quiet carol music
will be playing, welcome to stay or
light a candle.

Christmas Services

Friday 20th December

6.30pm Christingle

Sunday 22nd December

6pm Carol Service

Readers needed (see Martyn), and
also help with mulled wine
(heating and serving)

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Eucharist
Full details for all these services
can be found in the magazine and
on the massive Christmas Card.

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

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

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

For the recently departed

David Edwards, Milly Paterson,
Denis Clarke

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Rose Cross, George Casey, Nell
West, Pam Gadd