

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December

10am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant:* Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes  
*Deacon:* Rev. Amy Taylor

6.00pm Carol Service  
If you are available to help serve refreshments or wash up after the carol service your help would be very welcome. Please see Martyn after church today.

#### This Week

**Morning & Evening Prayer**  
Monday and Tuesday, 9am and 5pm only at St Gabriel's this week  
5pm also on zoom.

There will be no daily prayer in church after Tuesday until Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December**  
Arranging flowers and church tidy in the morning.

No 11am Holy Communion this week  
There will be a service on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> December

4pm Crib Service  
Friendly faces to help families look for nativity costumes always appreciated

11.30pm Midnight Mass

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December**  
10am Christmas morning mass

*Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.  
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**Volunteers to support services**  
Support for the Carol service, Midnight Mass and Christmas Morning, including greeting on the door etc would be very welcome. Please see Martyn or one of the wardens Kate or Willa to offer your help.

#### **Carol Singing**

Brilliant work on the Carol Singing - we raised over £1500 on three nights singing around the parish for The Children's Society.

#### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December**

4pm Carol Singing at Hayter Court  
If you would like to sing at Hayter Court to bring cheer to the residents we will meet in church at 3.50, or go to Hayter Court to sing at 4pm.

#### **Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December**

For The Holy Innocents service our preacher and celebrant will be Revd Dr Liz Horwell  
Fr Martyn will be on leave from 25<sup>th</sup> December and Revd Amy will be on leave from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Travellers of St Gabriel's!**

Please don't forget to return your travelling angels to the foyer for their next adventures! If you're going away over Christmas or New Year please take an angel to photograph at a religious place of interest for our travel journal (see foyer poster or ask Sunday School Leaders for details) Thank you Clare Reeves, Children & Families Ministry Coordinator

#### **Used Stamps**

Please collect & bring your used stamps to church to put in the box at the back. These will be sent off to benefit an animal charity. Thank you. Sue Maudsley

#### **Foodbank Update**

Thank you for all the fantastic donations over the last few weeks. You have been truly amazing as always! Happy Christmas!  
Helen and the team

**Christmas market results**  
Our total has now exceeded £8000 including final prizes, some very diligent post-market book sales and the estate agent boards. Fantastic work!

#### **Book Club**

The next book club will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 8pm at the vicarage. We will be reading 2 books, feel free to read 1 or both. For advent, 'Listening to the Music of the Soul' by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani. For fun, 'An Inconvenient Convent' by Simon Parke.

#### **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Advanced notice: Friends of St Gabriel's event - Comedy Night. Tickets will sell fast, so do get your ticket now if you are interested - in advance only. [Bit.ly/stgcomedy](http://bit.ly/stgcomedy)

#### **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January**

Burns Night - save the date, and watch this space for update on getting tickets.

#### **For Our Prayers**

##### **For those who are sick:**

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Jennifer Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Nicky Hooper, Faye Jackman, Doreen Karsondas, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Angela Ng, Shu Fan Ng, Marie Norman, William Starling, Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer Board

##### **For the recently departed**

Philip Hale

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

Adam Robert Watts, Elizabeth Payne, Joan Scullion, Ellen Horsnell, Ken Ames