

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
12th November

10am Remembrance Sunday service
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
19, 281, 684, (554), 494

We welcome all to our service this morning including members of our uniformed groups and families.

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom
& in church.
No evening prayer on Friday

Monday 13th November

8pm – The Book Club meets to discuss Lazarus is Dead by Richard Beard. They will be selecting an advent book to be shared next week. All are welcome to join this or any future meeting.

Tuesday 14th November

10-12 Open Church
7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group
11am Holy Communion
12 noon The Preschool Play Group
3.30 After School club

Wednesday 15th November

7pm Spiritual Growth Group at 10 Blake Hall Crescent. This week's topic, for using quotes/objects to inspire discussion, is Blessedness. Next topics are Light (6/12/23) & Mind (3/1/24). All welcome. Do bring anything that inspires you.

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.

Thursday 16th November

7.45pm Deanery Synod at St Paul's Hainault

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

The Magazine has arrived.

Do please take bundles & sign for the street that you plan to deliver to, so that we know where we have reached.

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. After Church today Clare will be in the hall to talk about this & all who can help would be very welcome.

Children's Choir for Christmas

Once again we'll be running our choir for the two amazing services at Christingle & the Carol Service. 1st session is Sunday 26th November at 11.30. Please let Fr Martyn know if you'd like to participate. Email aldersbrookvicar@gmail.com
See magazine or flier for more info.

Sunday 26th November

Pupils' Concert for the Organ Fund at 1.15pm in the church. If you cannot attend & would like to make a donation please let Kerry, John or Amy know. Many thanks

Sunday 26th November

5pm A service of Taize music and prayer

Father Mark, after a period of reflection, has decided to focus his priestly ministry at his local church: St. Margaret's of Antioch. We will be, therefore, celebrating his near 16 years of ministry at St Gabriel's on the 19th November at the parish Eucharist. Father Mark leaves us with great thanksgiving but also sadness. However, he & Nick will continue to maintain his friendship with us, & will definitely be back preaching & celebrating from time to time.

Foodbank Update

As we move towards Christmas we traditionally seek a wider range of donations to help people celebrate even if only in a small way. We are all conscious of the extra costs involved in our festivities, but if you still have room in the trolley for a few bits they will be appreciated! There will be advent foodbank boxes available soon. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Saturday Open Church

12 - 1pm Open church Saturday
Organ music and an invitation to stay, listen, talk, pray. All welcome!

Christmas Market

1st/2nd December

Preparations are underway for this major fundraising event. Items needed include bottles/cans for tombola, books, toys, bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts. Cakes will also be needed for both days. Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up, running stalls on the 2 days and clearing up afterwards. Please speak to Kevin to volunteer – the more the merrier! Thank you all in advance.

The Big Give

St Gabriel's has secured match-funding for a fundraising drive on 28th November to 5th December, when every £1 donated will be doubled through generous support from our pledgers & The Together Fund. Please take a card home with you to make sure you don't forget to use that opportunity to give. We can, if necessary, take cash!

There is a 30 years old Christian Aid prayer on a notice board in St. George's cathedral in Jerusalem. *Pray not for Arab or Jew, for Palestinian or Israeli, but pray rather for ourselves that we might not divide them in our prayers but keep them together in our hearts.* Please see the e-newsletter for details about a petition to the UK Government to do all it can to protect innocent civilians & ensure aid. There is also an appeal link to make a donation to CA.

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 those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Alan Sidney Ramsey, Christine Yeomans, Joan Lewis, Joan Seeley