

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
26th November
Christ The King

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
16, 736, 21, (156), 104
11.30am St Gabriel's Children's
choir meets in church

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

5pm Taize Service: join tonight for a
contemplative time of prayer,
scripture, singing and music, in
candlelight.

This Week

There will be alterations to the
weekly schedule due to preparation
for the Christmas market:
No preschool playgroup, after
school club, Tai chi or yoga this
week.

Evening Prayer

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

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm-3.30pm Afternoon Social
Group in church

Tuesday 28th November

7.30pm Contemplative Prayer will
take place in the newly refurbished
choir vestry rather than the main
church.

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group
11am Holy Communion

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and
Reflection in the choir vestry

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

After church there will as usual be
tea and coffee in the hall.

You are invited to chat over the 2nd
set of values as you meet. We are
offering this 1 Sunday a month until
we have been through the 7 values.
This months are: Focusing outwards
and Sustaining Healthy Rhythms

Messy Church

Thank you to everyone who helped
with another fun filled event.

Next Sunday 3rd December

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am Advent All-age Service
2pm onwards Aldersbrook
Community choir rehearsing,
followed by concert in the evening -
see poster for details

Wednesday 6th December

7pm at 10 Blake Hall Crescent, the
Spiritual Exploration group meeting
All welcome, do bring anything
(quote or object) that inspires you on
the theme of 'Light'.

Christmas Choir for Carol Service

8pm Rehearsals on Thursdays
(entrance by the side door) Open
invitation for people who would like
to join up with the choir for
Christmas, weekly up to the Carol
Service on Sunday 17th December.
If you'd like to know more please do
speak John Light, the organist and
choir director at church this Sunday.

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 along side it, we
will set aside some time to discuss
"In this house of Brede" by Rumer
Godden. We will meet on Monday
15th January at 8pm at the vicarage.

Foodbank Update

The advent boxes have arrived and
you will find them at the back of
church round the font! They are
labelled Festive Goodies, Smellies,
and Kid's Stuff - but if you'd prefer
to donate more general items then
the crate in the church foyer is still
available as well. If you can buy one
extra item as you do your Christmas
shopping we can soon have these
filled, helping to make someone
else's Christmas special as well.
Thank you! Helen and the team.

Christmas Market

Friday 1st December 6.30 - 9pm

Saturday 2nd December 12 - 3pm

Items needed include bottles/cans
for tombola, books, toys, bric-a-brac
& unwanted gifts. Cakes will 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.
Do come along and support this
event - more volunteers always
welcome, but we'd be just as glad
for you to bring friends along to
enjoy the occasion.

The Big Give

28th November to 5th December

We have a great opportunity to raise
funds for the hall improvements,
focusing on a new kitchen & toilets
in the next phase. Starting on
Tuesday for one week only you can
donate through this link
<https://tinyurl.com/Hall1927> or the
QR code on the postcard available at
the back. And your donation will be
doubled. Plus gift aid on top! Please
do support this if you are able.

Aldersbrook School

Christmas performances in church
Mon- Friday 9.30am - 10.15am
(excl Wed mornings) and afternoon
2.30pm - 3.15pm during week
starting December 11th. Rehearsals
will be roughly the same time the
week before.

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:

Terry Porter

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Iggy Ionascu, Closeta Gerald, James
Spittle