

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
Sunday before Lent

8.30am Holy Communion

10am All-age Eucharist  
*Celebrant:* Rev. Canon Martyn  
Hawkes

This Week

### **Evening Prayer**

5pm Monday to Thursday on  
Zoom & in church.

### **Tuesday**

10-12 Open Church  
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

There will be two services for Ash  
Wednesday  
11am Said Service  
8pm Sung Service

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.

### **Did you get “caught”?**

Our Sunday School became fishers of men, women and children when some lucky members of the congregation were caught and given a beautifully decorated fish to look after while they took on some special challenges that were hand selected by each child. Please bring them back next week or as soon as you can so the children see their good work flourish amongst us because then it'll be your turn to “fish” for others and pass on the challenges! Thank you!

### **New Rotas**

Thank you to all of you for your help as sidespersons, making teas and/or cakes and cleaning the brass at St Gabriel's. It's these important roles that help us to continue to offer a warm welcome at St Gabriel's each week.

New rotas are now available to collect from the back of church with a copy displayed on the noticeboard. As always, please can you arrange a swap with someone else if you cannot make a date. In terms of the cakes rota, three people have asked to be temporarily taken off the rota for now for various reasons so new people are welcome. Whilst homemade cakes are lovely, shop bought ones are fine too. Many thanks to you all again, Rachel, St Gabriel's Churchwarden

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

St Patrick's Day Ceilidh  
Adults £15, Children £5 Tickets from Sumup Friends of St Gabriel's <https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/product/st-patrick-s-day-ceilidh>  
This is not a bring-your-own drinks and food, as there will be a bar as part of the fundraising effort for the hall.

### **Lent Groups**

This year will focus on the book Resilient Disciple by Justine Allain Chapman.  
You will need a book to be able to participate fully in the course so if you need any help getting hold of it please do let Fr Martyn know. Meeting on Tuesdays 12.15-1.30 (bring your lunch) or Wednesday 7 – 8.30pm. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.

### **Foodbank Update**

Thank you for your continued generosity to the foodbank & Tin in a Bin. Please continue to do what you can, knowing every single item is desperately needed. Thank you. Helen and the team.

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

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March**

Valentine Singers concert

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March**

2-4pm Lego in Church

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

10am to 12.30 Charity Coffee morning in church with many stalls, including bric a brac, refreshments, pictures, books etc Free entry - donations in aid of Tin in a Bin.

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

A Quiet Day at St Gabriel's with an Environmental focus

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Sauga Plant Sale. A great opportunity to get some expertly grown plants into the garden, whilst also supporting our Uniform Groups. Time tbc.

### **New Electoral Roll 2025**

Every 6 years we are required to completely refresh our electoral roll. This process will start shortly with everyone needing new forms. More details will follow shortly.

### **For Our Prayers**

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

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

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

Irene Collings, Ken Lang

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

John Parkin, Irene Insley, Ian Pattullo, Elsie Adams, Donald Tunbridge