

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 15th December
Advent 3

Welcome to St Gabriel's where the theme is Gaudete! - Rejoice! and we move from more sombre purple to the Rose Candle and vestments.

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes
205, 400, 480, (929), 695

11.30am Children's choir rehearsal

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Wednesday only on Zoom & in church.
There will be no evening prayer next week and Fr Martyn is on leave the following week.

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday
9.30am and 2.30pm Aldersbrook School Christmas concerts:

Tuesday

10-12 Open Church
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

Wednesday

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

Thursday 19th 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.

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

Saturday Open Church

No Saturday Open Church on 14th
12 - 1pm Open church will return on 21st and 28th. Quiet carol music will be playing, welcome to stay or light a candle.

Christmas Market Total

Current total now stands at £6290. That doesn't include any money raised by the Friends and may have a few last expenses to come off. Amazing total so well done again to everyone involved.

Carol Singing this week

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!

This Friday 20th December

6.30pm Christingle

Wednesday 1st January

At the moment there is no cover for the 11am service. Fr Martyn & Henry are both on leave. If people would like to gather, share a prayer at the beginning of the year, sing a carol or two together please speak to Martyn today so that we can notify the congregation by next Sunday.

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

Study Opportunity

Our diocese has a long history of encouraging learning through the Course in Christian Studies. If you would like to participate, including the option of Zoom learning please look at the forms online or speak to Fr Martyn.

Foodbank Update

Thank you for all the Christmas donations. We are now back to taking normal donations to be distributed after Christmas now. Thank you for your generosity. Helen and the team

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

A quieter Sunday today at church, so a great day to bring a vehicle to fill with items for the charity shops/recycling centre. It would be lovely to clear everything before Christmas!

Flowers for Christmas

Please come and help decorate the church with flowers on Christmas Eve at 10am. All welcome. Bring your own flowers and greenery and help celebrate. Please speak to Gaynor & let her know. If you need any help just ask we are all very friendly and learn from each other. Thank you.
Help cleaning the church will also be welcome at the same time.

Next Sunday 22nd December

6pm Carol Service
Help will be welcome for this service to support the welcomers, serve mulled wine, wash up etc. Readers will also be needed for the evening – please see Martyn.

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.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Eva Baker, Michelle Baker, Ann Brown, Ursula Christie, 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:

Arthur Filer