

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Baptism of Christ

10am Parish Eucharist  
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn  
Hawkes  
Deacon: Rev. Amy Taylor  
259, 552, 698, (45), 609

Today we celebrate one of the key  
Epiphany moments, when Jesus is  
baptised and the heavens are  
opened.

We have the opportunity to share  
in the words of God to Jesus that  
through baptism are given to us,  
too.

After church there will be a  
meeting of the pastoral network  
upstairs in the hall

#### This Week

##### **Morning Prayer**

9am Monday, Wednesday &  
Thursday  
In person only and all welcome

##### **Evening prayer**

5pm Monday – Thursday  
On zoom and in-person

##### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January**

10:00am – 12 noon Open Church  
1.30pm Get-together group in  
church - a social gathering for  
company and conversation.

7pm Exposition of the Blessed  
Sacrament

##### **Wednesday**

11am Holy Communion  
12 - 1.30pm Preschool Play Group  
3.30pm 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.

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**  
7.30pm PCC Meeting in Choir  
Vestry

##### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January Book Club**

The next book club will be 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.

##### **Music in February**

Yet another full month of music

##### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

5pm Forest Philharmonic - North  
and East London Young musician  
of the Year 2026

##### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February**

7.30pm Danish String Quartet

##### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

Redbridge Brass - Concert tbc  
See posters for details of booking

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

Please don't forget to return your  
travelling angels to the foyer for  
their next adventures! 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**

Thank you to everyone who has  
donated their used stamps – please  
keep them coming! Just bring them  
to church to put in the box at the  
back. These will be sent off to  
benefit an animal charity. Thank  
you again. Sue Maudsley

##### **Foodbank Update**

A happy new year from everyone  
at Tin in a Bin, and many thanks  
for the incredible generosity of all  
at St Gabriels at Christmas and  
over the whole of 2025. Wishing  
you all well in the year ahead.  
Helen and the team.

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

The Funeral of Eileen Galer will  
take place at St Gabriel's on  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm,  
followed by committal at the City  
of London.

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

Friends of St Gabriel's event -  
Comedy Night. Tickets selling  
fast, so do get your ticket soon - in  
advance only. [Bit.ly/stgcomedy](https://bit.ly/stgcomedy)

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

Burns Night  
7pm for 7.30pm start.  
Price: £17.50 adults, £10 (primary  
school) children  
The evening includes a belly-  
filling 2 course meal, live  
entertainment (fiddles and  
bagpipes), ceilidh, raffle ... and  
one of Ron's famous quizzes!  
Book online at:  
[https://st-gabriels-  
church.sumupstore.com/products](https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/products).  
Tickets are going fast but some  
still available on Sumup or see Fr  
Martyn if you need help.

##### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

2-4pm Messy Church - our next  
love offering to the community

##### **For Our Prayers**

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

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker,  
Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis,  
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, Jean Umoh,  
Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-  
Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts,  
Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer  
Board

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

Eileen Galer, Ron Finch

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

Vic Joslin, Brian Armstrong, John  
Holdsworth