

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 11th 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 13th 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 12th January

7.30pm PCC Meeting in Choir Vestry

Tuesday 13th 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 1st February

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

Saturday 7th February

7.30pm Danish String Quartet

Sunday 15th 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 be submitted by Thursday evening.
(sarabertrand47@gmail.com)*

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

Saturday 17th January

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

Saturday 24th 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>.
Tickets are going fast but some still available on Sumup or see Fr Martyn if you need help.

Saturday 14th 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