

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
17th December
3rd Sunday of Advent

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
259, 613, 264, (83), 687

There will be Sunday School today

6.00pm Carol Service

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday, Tuesday and
Thursday on Zoom & in church.
No evening prayer Wed or Friday

Monday 18th December

Final Aldersbrook School
Christmas concerts
9.30am and 2.30pm

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group
11am Holy Communion

The Preschool Play Group & After
School club will restart again in
the New Year

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
10:15 - 11:15 am Tai Chi in church

Meditation and Reflection group
will restart in the New Year

The Big Give!

It's been amazing - we reached our
target, & then more. With Gift Aid
we have raised £12,432 towards
the hall improvements! Thank you
to Rusty from the Friends for all
the work put into making this such
a success and to all the generous
donors and pledgers.

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

Carol Singing

7pm on Monday 18th December,
Tuesday 19th December and
Wednesday 20th December
Singers and collectors to raise
money for The Children's Society
- sign up on the sheet if you can
help.

Thursday 21st December

4pm Carol Singing at Hayter Court
next door to St Gabriel's. Bring
cheer to the residents there.

St Gabriels' Christmas Services Christmas Eve

4pm Nativity service
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10.00am Festive Communion

Christmas Flowers

On Saturday 23rd December we
will be decorating the church with
flowers ready for Christmas Day.
All are welcome from 10am to
take part with a small or large a
display as you like. Please bring
your own flowers and greenery
although there will be some
greenery to share. If you need any
equipment or help just ask.
It would be lovely to see you.
Thank you all. Gaynor.

For any who aren't doing flowers,
there's a great opportunity to do
some tidying, dusting,
decluttering. If you can help, just
show up and we'll find you a job.

Foodbank Update

A huge thank you to all who have
donated to the special Foodbank
appeal this advent. Because of the
logistics of distributing goods, we
will revert back to regular
collections from this coming week.
All your gifts are very welcome
and very much appreciated. Thank
you. Helen and the team.

Sidespersons

Are you going to be at Crib service
or Midnight mass? Can you get
there 20 mins early to be on hand
to help? We definitely need you
☺. Speak to one of the wardens
today

Sunday 7th January

11.30am 1st session of Bible
reading & reflection, on our all-
age Sundays. For half an hour a
group will be reading & reflecting
on scripture in the chapel. Please
sign up to express interest, or
speak to Henry for more
information.

All-age Sunday support

We're hoping to recruit a
completely new team for these
Sundays and would love you to
join in - no previous experience
required and training offered.
Please speak to Martyn or Gigi if
you'd like to know more.

Monday 15th January

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 too, we will also discuss
"In this house of Brede" by Rumer
Godden. We will meet at 8pm at
the vicarage.

Sunday 21st January

4.30pm Intercessors training - a
joint session at St Mary's
Woodford, to learn from others.
For those who have done
intercessions for ages, or just
wondering if it is something to try.

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:

George Mills, Ron Pummell,
Ramsay Richmond

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Adam Robert Watts, Elizabeth
Payne