

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant:* Rev. Canon Martyn  
Hawkes  
*Preacher* Henry Lau  
642, 487, 746, (622), 12

#### This Week

#### **Evening Prayer**

5pm Monday, Tuesday &  
Thursday only this week on Zoom  
& in church.  
No evening prayer on Wednesday  
or Friday this week

#### **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**

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.

#### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

12 - 1pm Open church Saturday  
Organ music and an invitation to  
stay, listen, talk, pray.  
All welcome!

#### **Next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November Christ the King**

After the service there will be a  
meeting in the hall upstairs of the  
pastoral network helpers. Anyone  
interested in this work is also  
welcome to attend.

4pm Service of welcome for  
Archdeacon Mike Power

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

Today we will also be marking  
Safeguarding Sunday.  
In the light to the publication of  
the Makin Review and the  
subsequent resignation of  
Archbishop Justin this theme takes  
on particular poignancy.  
We commit ourselves as a church  
to be a place where a culture of  
safeguarding is central to our way  
of life.  
We give grateful thanks to  
Caroline our Parish Safeguarding  
officer for all that she does to keep  
this at the forefront of our thinking  
and acting.

#### **Church book club**

Our next book will be 'Haven' by  
Emma Donoghue. We will also be  
reading 'Women of the Nativity'  
by Paula Gooder for advent.  
Our next meeting will be on 9<sup>th</sup>  
December at 8pm at the vicarage  
where we will discuss Haven and  
the start of Women of the Nativity.  
Newcomers welcome!

#### **Calling All Carol Service Singers**

Rehearsals for the Christmas Carol  
service start on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>  
November at 8pm. Anyone who  
would like to join the choir for this  
service will be more than welcome  
to come along. The service will be  
on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

#### **Children's Choir**

Rehearsals start on 1<sup>st</sup> December,  
11.30am for the children's choir.  
Ages from 6+, £1 per rehearsal.  
They will perform on the 20<sup>th</sup>  
December at the Christingle  
service & again at the Carol  
Service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### **Foodbank Update**

November is here and Christmas  
soon upon us! Extra boxes will be  
at the back of church soon for  
anyone who would like to give  
extra festive donations to the  
foodbank at this time. Please don't  
leave it to the last minute as it is  
difficult then to distribute to  
people in time for Christmas day.  
Thank you. Helen and the team.

#### **Parish Magazines**

Please do help with the delivery of  
the magazines this week if possible  
so that we can publicise everything  
going on in Advent.

#### **Christmas Market**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 6.30-9pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 12-3pm  
Entry £1 adults, children free.  
Thank you to everyone who has  
offered to help with this important  
fundraising & community event.  
**All help will be very welcome.**  
- Set up will begin on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>  
December, after the morning  
service. Lots of help will be  
needed to bring the items from  
Hall storage into the Church, with  
strong & willing volunteers for the  
heavy lifting. Also help needed to  
start to move furniture in church.  
- During the week, Kevin will be  
around from 6-8pm each evening  
from Mon-Thurs so that volunteers  
can help sort & price items,  
preparing stalls for the main event.  
- We welcome good quality items  
including books, children's toys,  
bottles for the tombola; cakes, gifts  
etc. Any prizes for the raffle would  
also be greatly appreciated

#### **For Our Prayers**

For the victims and survivors of  
abuse, particularly those who have  
suffered at the hands of John  
Smyth and others through the  
church.

For Archbishop Justin, his family  
and the whole Church of England

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

Eva Baker, Ann Brown, Joyce  
Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen  
Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly  
Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye  
Jackman, Janis Lalor, Henry Lau,  
Jack Lewis, Olive Macauley, John  
Mitchell, Marie Norman, William  
Starling, Mary Watts & those on  
the Prayer Board

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

Joyce Filer, Brian Tolley  
**and those whose anniversaries  
occur at this time:**

Joan Lewis, Joan Seeley