

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Advent Sunday
Sunday 30th November

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes
Deacon: Rev. Amy Taylor
Preacher: Henry Lau

After church today all help is welcome to start the set-up for the Christmas market

The children and families group will be meeting downstairs in the choir vestry

This Week

Morning Prayer

9am Monday – Thursday
In person only and all welcome
Tuesday at Christ Church Wanstead

Evening prayer

5pm Monday – Thursday
On zoom and in-person

Tuesday

10:00am – 12 noon Open Church

The Get-Together group meets for lunch at the Golden Fleece this week but the church will be open for those who may drop-in from 1.30 - 3pm

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
No Preschool Play Group or After School Club this week

7pm Soul Group will meet in the Choir Vestry. Our theme will be: The Creed, sharing our responses.

Thursday

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church
11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and Reflection in choir vestry
No Tai Chi or Yoga this week.

Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.
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Christmas Market

Friday 5th December 6.30-9pm

Saturday 6th December 12-3pm

Set-up starts after church today!

All volunteers welcome.

We welcome donations of good quality items including books, bric-a-brac, children's toys, bottles for the tombola, gifts etc. which can be brought to church during Open Church slots. Any prizes for the raffle would also be greatly appreciated

Next Sunday 7th December

8.30am Holy Communion
10.00am All-age Eucharist
11.30am Children's choir rehearsal
7.30pm Aldersbrook Community Choir concert

Wednesday 3rd December

7pm Police Safer Neighbourhood meeting - upstairs in the Hall. All welcome to learn more about crime prevention and local info.

Book Club

The next book club will be on Tuesday 13th January 2026 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.

Saturday 17th January

Advanced notice: Friends of St Gabriel's event - Comedy Night. Tickets will sell fast, so do get your ticket now if you are interested - in advance only. [Bit.ly/stgcomedy](http://bit.ly/stgcomedy)

Saturday 24th January

Burns Night - save the date, and watch this space for update on getting tickets.

Foodbank Update

Advent foodbank boxes are out now at the back of church. Thank you as always for your generosity. The last date for Christmas donations will be 16th December. Thank you. Helen and the team.

Today we begin a new church year, and a new lectionary year, with the Gospel of Matthew our main accompaniment to Sunday mornings. However, if you'd like to read a whole gospel though during Advent, do follow the bible reading plan for Mark's gospel (sheets at the entrance)

Christmas services and events

Mon - Wed 15-17 December

7pm - 8.30pm Carol Singing around the parish for The Children's Society. Singers & collectors needed - all abilities & experience welcome.

Friday 19th December

6.30pm Christingle Service

Sunday 21st December

6.00pm Carol Service

Wednesday 24th December

Morning flowers and church clean (no 11am communion)

4pm Crib Service

11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25th December

10am Christmas morning mass

Open Church on Tuesdays

If you can help with keeping the church open on Tuesday mornings please do sign up to cover either a regular slot or to fill in one off gaps. The more our doors are open, the more people will see St Gabriel's is alive!

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Saadia Akmal, Michelle Baker, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Philip & Jennifer Hale, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Nicky Hooper, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, William Starling, Kamalasan Vilait, Julie Waite-Wilson, Anita Watts, Mary Watts, Shirley Yick & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Closeta Gerald, James Spittle, Frederick Bettis