St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk

Weekly Newsletter 7th January

Epiphany Sunday

8.30am Holy communion

10.00am All-age Eucharist *Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.30am 1st session of Bible reading & reflection, on our allage Sundays. For half an hour a group will be reading & reflecting on scripture in the chapel.

This Week

Evening Prayer

5pm Monday to Thursday on Zoom & in church. No evening prayer on Friday

Tuesday

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

Tuesday

7 - 7.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

9.30am Prayer Group 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

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

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.

Next Sunday 14th January

The Baptism of Christ A special service to include renewal of our baptism and an opportunity to reflect on the gift of ourselves offered as beloved children of God.

Take a moment this week to reflect on the things you do, or would like to do this year - personally, at church, or in the wider world and we will offer these together in thanksgiving and commitment.

Next Sunday 14th January

11.30am PCC meeting upstairs in the hall.

Monday 15th January

Book Club - The church book for advent is "An Advent Manifesto: Daily readings and reflections from Isiah 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.

Foodbank Update

Thank you to everyone for all your amazing donations over the last year. All the Christmas food and gifts have now been distributed to various organisations around the borough. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year from everyone at Tin in a Bin.

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

Sunday 21st January

In this week of prayer for Christian Unity we have a pulpit swap with Fr Martyn preaching & celebrating at St Mary's Woodford & Fr James coming here to St Gabriel's.

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.

Saturday 27th January. Burns Night

Tickets are now available - Adults £16 Children (12 and under) £9. Once they are gone, they are gone. Speak to Caroline Ferguson to reserve a place. Your ticket is for main course with dessert. Bring your own bottle, bring your own glasses. Raffle tickets also available - £2 per strip.

Tickets at: https://st-gabriels-church.sumupstore.com/

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, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Milosh, John Mitchell, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Susan Garrett, Patrick Brownfield, Harry Parkin, Albertine Watts, Reginald Port, Carol Wragg