

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
Mothering Sunday

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant:* Rev. Canon Martyn  
Hawkes  
Hymns in service book

A very warm welcome to all who  
are joining us for Mothering  
Sunday this morning, particularly  
our uniform groups. Do feel free  
to stay for refreshments after the  
service in the hall.

6.30pm Forest Philharmonic  
concert

### This Week

#### **Evening Prayer**

5pm Monday to Thursday on  
Zoom & in church.

#### **Tuesday**

10-12 Open Church  
12.15-1.30pm Lent Course at Jan  
Smith's home  
1.30pm Afternoon Social Group

#### **Wednesday**

11am Holy Communion  
12 noon The Preschool Play Group  
3.30 After School club  
7-8.30pm Lent Course in the Choir  
Vestry

#### **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.

*Items for weekly notices need to  
submitted by Thursday evening.  
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A big thank you to all those who  
made the Ceilidh such a great  
success, particularly Rusty and  
Willa and the Friends - £2400 was  
raised, which is a great result.

#### **Annual Charity Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who helped  
at this great community event  
yesterday.

#### **Next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

10am-3pm a different event during  
the day as we gather for a Quiet  
Day with a focus on the  
environment led by the Diocesan  
Environmental Officer, Rev.  
Sandra Eldridge will be leading  
this. Why not set aside the time for  
peace, stillness and reflection -  
there really will be a visible sign-  
up sheet for those who wish to  
come, but you can also let us know  
by email  
[aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com)

#### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

2pm Breast Cancer Awareness  
talk. Please come along this affects  
men & women and we are working  
with The Aldersbrook Medical to  
promote this. Refreshments  
available. Any enquiries please  
call Carol on 07811 662297

#### **Foodbank Update**

Spring seems to be finally here. If,  
like me, you are starting to think  
about planting seeds for a harvest  
of fruit & veg, then please think  
about what you can drop off in the  
food bins around the area. Small  
things can make a huge harvest for  
those less fortunate. Thank you.  
Helen & the team.

Next week we move from the first  
part of Lent into Passiontide, and  
start to prepare ourselves for Holy  
Week.

There are lots of opportunities to  
read in services in the coming  
weeks, and if you'd like to, don't  
hesitate to ask Fr Martyn.

#### **New Electoral Roll 2025**

Don't forget to fill in your  
Electoral Roll forms and  
Stewardship offers - paper copies  
in church, online also available.  
We'd love to have them back from  
everyone. Thank you to everyone  
who has already completed forms.  
Every 6 years we are required to  
completely refresh our electoral  
roll so everyone will need to  
complete a new form and return  
them to Sara Bertrand, Electoral  
Roll Officer.

#### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

Sauga Plant Sale. A great  
opportunity to get some expertly  
grown plants into the garden,  
whilst also supporting our Uniform  
Groups. Time tbc.

#### **For Our Prayers**

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

Saadia Akmal, Martin Anderson,  
Eva Baker, Michelle Baker, Ann  
Brown, Ursula Christie, Joyce  
Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen  
Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly  
Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye  
Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis,  
Olive Macauley, Sue Maudsley,  
John Mitchell, Marie Norman, Jan  
Smith, William Starling, Maria  
Varga, Anita Watts, Mary Watts &  
those on the Prayer Board

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

Vera Kimpton, Norman

##### **and those whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

John Bertrand, Michel Glautier,  
Kathy Christie, Joe Watts