

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**Candlemas**

10am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Fr. Mark Kenny

240, 379, Longing for light, 157,  
Of the father's love, When I  
survey

This Week

**Evening Prayer**

5pm Monday to Thursday  
No evening prayer on Friday

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

7pm Forest Philharmonic rehearsal

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

7.30pm Standing committee  
meeting at the vicarage

**Tuesday**

10-12 Open Church for private  
prayer

1 30pm Knit and natter in church.  
Speak to Ron Filer for details.

**Wednesday**

No weekly Prayer Hour until  
February

11am Holy Communion

12 noon Pre-school carers group  
3.30pm After-school club

**Thursday**

10:00 - 11:45 am Open Church for  
private prayer

10:15 - 11:15 am Connection/Tai  
Chi. All are welcome.

11:45am – 1pm. Meditation and  
Reflection in church followed by  
tea and coffee. All welcome

1 - 2.15pm Yoga class in church.  
No other access during this time.

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

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**

7pm The spiritual growth and  
development group will meet at  
Amelia's house - 48 Dover Road  
during the month of February. All  
are welcome.

**Next Edition of our Magazine**

We need copy for the next  
magazine by 6<sup>th</sup> February Please  
send items to Teresa at  
[teresasmith@me.com](mailto:teresasmith@me.com)

**Next Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

8.30am Holy Communion - first  
Sunday of the month for early  
birds

10am All - Age Eucharist - the  
pop-up church comes to 10am.

**Children's Choir**

Starting on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February a  
new children's choir project begins  
11.30am - 12.15 preparing for  
Mothering Sunday.  
Please spread the word - fliers are  
available to give to interested  
parents/carers.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**

Ash Wednesday - services at  
11.00am and 7.30pm

**New Monthly Worship Pattern**

1st Sunday:

8.30am Holy Communion  
10 am All-age Eucharist

2nd/3rd Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist

4th Sunday

10am Parish Eucharist  
5pm Evening service with  
refreshments

**Foodbank Update**

It is hard to avoid the daily  
reporting of the cost of living crisis  
and increasing foodbank use, and  
many people will be struggling  
even more at present in this  
freezing weather. Thank you for  
all you are doing to support local  
families at this time.

Items that are particularly  
requested this week are as follows:  
cereals (no porridge), small bags  
of pasta and rice, tins of fruit,  
beans and veg (no peas), jam and  
spreads.

Thank you. Helen and the team.

**Burns Night**

Huge thanks to Caroline and her  
team for the work which went into  
another sociable fun evening.

**Flower Arranging**

There is a list for flower arranging  
in the church entrance and it would  
be lovely to have more volunteers.  
Anyone can make a beautiful  
arrangement as a celebration,  
anniversary, thank you to God etc.  
Just choose a date and add your  
name If you want some help speak  
to Gaynor or Anita. Thank you

**Crowd-funding Update**

This appeal has been a far greater  
success than we could have  
imagined, raising over £5,700 exc.  
Gift Aid. If anyone still wishes to  
donate to this fund please drop an  
email to  
[aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com)  
to find out how to make a  
restricted donation. Once again  
we're overwhelmed by the  
generous support, and look  
forward to providing a warm and  
well-lit welcome to all who visit us  
over the coming year.

**Prayer Circle**

For requests for those who wish  
for timely, short-term prayer of  
one week or less, please contact  
Amelia on 07534411745.

**For Our Prayers**

**For those who are sick:**

Frances Bonnick, Joyce  
Demetriou, Brenda Elliott, Peter  
Ellis, Margaret Filer, Ronney  
Glad, Ray Green, Martin Griffiths,  
Sylvia Hawkes, Ann Kirby, Phyllis  
Lehman, Patricia Lipman, John  
Mitchell, Tony Nairn, Darren  
O'Brien, Mariya Stoilova, Mary  
Watts & for all those named on the  
Prayer Board who wish for our  
prayers.

**For the recently departed**

Doreen Williams, Bola Masha

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

Kate Swain, Christine Fiedorczyk