

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
5<sup>th</sup> November

8.30am Holy Communion

10am All-age service  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes  
Hymns in service book

We started this service earlier in 2023 and are looking for some feedback to guide us. Please take the time to fill in the very short questionnaire after church today

5pm All Souls' Service

### This Week

#### **Evening Prayer**

5pm Monday to Wednesday on  
Zoom & in church  
Thursday on Zoom only due to the  
history event in church  
No evening prayer on Friday

#### **Tuesday**

10-12 Open Church

#### **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.

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

6pm Friends of St Gabriel's History event. This promises to be a fascinating evening, do come along to learn more about the history of Aldersbrook and the history of St Gabriel's too. Tickets £5 on the door

#### **Saturday Open Church**

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

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

#### **All Saints and All Souls Sunday**

Today we celebrate two significant occasions in the church's year. This morning at 8.30 & 10.00am we have the Feast of All Saints', which marks the countless 'ordinary' followers of Christ who are part of a fellowship spanning time & eternity. This evening in a more sombre gathering we commemorate especially those whom we love but see no longer and light a candle in their memory. It is not too late to add names to the sheet by the main entrance this morning.

#### **Today Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

The hall painting project - don't forget after church today the hall will be painted. Any offers of help and time are welcome. Great to know in advance but any spare hands are welcome on the day.

#### **Next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

10.00am Remembrance Sunday. This will be a service with uniform groups invited to share. The Poppy appeal donation box is at St Gabriel's and you can take a poppy/make a donation until after this service.

#### **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Messy Church The Advent-ure. We are looking for volunteers to source and/or lead crafts and activities, prepare and/or serve food and help with the setting or clearing up. All offers gratefully accepted. Contact Clare Reeves at [wwafamilies@gmail.com](mailto:wwafamilies@gmail.com) / 07986 180 230.

#### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Our 4th Sunday of the month evening service this month will be a Taize service

#### **Foodbank Update**

As we move towards Christmas we have traditionally sought a wider range of donations to help people celebrate even if only in a small way. This year we are all conscious of the extra costs involved in our festivities, but if you still have room in the trolley for a few more bits they will be very much appreciated! There will be boxes at the back of church for the advent foodbank collection. Thank you. Helen and the team.

The next parish magazine will be arriving this week, so do come ready to take a bundle for your street in the parish next Sunday.

Father Mark, after a period of reflection, has decided to focus his priestly ministry at his local church: St. Margaret's of Antioch. We will be, therefore, celebrating his near 16 years of ministry at St Gabriel's on the 19<sup>th</sup> November at the parish Eucharist. Father Mark leaves us with great thanksgiving but also sadness. However, he & Nick will continue to maintain his friendship with us, & will definitely be back preaching & celebrating from time to time.

#### **Christmas Market**

##### **1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Preparations are underway for this major fundraising event. Items needed include bottles/cans for tombola, books, toys, bric-a-brac & unwanted gifts. Cakes will also be needed for the two days. Volunteers will be needed to help with setting up for the event, running stalls on the two days and clearing up afterwards. Please speak to Kevin to volunteer your help – the more the merrier!  
Thank you all in advance.

#### **All-age Sundays**

We are building a team to offer welcome, help with aspects of the service, provide refreshments etc. If you are interested in helping build this team please speak to Fr Martyn.

#### **For Our Prayers**

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

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 the recently departed:**

Alan Shiel

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

Roy Turp