

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 16th December
Advent 3

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Revd Pat Wallson

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Preacher Revd Pat Wallson
Deacon Fr. Chris Smaling
(172, 198, 522, 334, 362)

This Week

Wednesday

11.00 am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer:

Monday 10 am in the vicarage

Tuesday – Thursday 8 am

Evening prayer:

Monday & Tuesday 5pm

No evening prayer on Wednesday or
Thursday

Monday 17th December

11am Funeral of Lily Cater

Aldersbrook School is preparing for Christmas concerts this week: Likely to be in 9.30am & 2pm Mon – Fri for an hour or so. Next week the same timings for performances. Church will be open as normal. Thank you for your understanding.

Messy Church

A week off after Christmas for good behaviour and then we go again with Messy Epiphany on Saturday 12th January at the Aldersbrook Baptist Church. Start thinking of some fun light-themed activities to share on that event. Speak to Fr Chris to confirm availability.

WOW

We are meeting on 19th December at 6pm Wanstead or 6.10pm Leytonstone for London walk to see lights. If anyone wants to join us please let me know then we'll wait for you. Gaynor 07, Ghenry057@aol.com

Christmas/Advent Events

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December at 7pm

Carol Singing in the Parish
Calling all carol singers: we need you on Tuesday and Wednesday. It's a key fundraiser for the Children's Society and brings joy to our neighbours... but we need you to come! Volunteers are also needed each evening for collecting donations door to door.

Children Society Boxes

Can anyone with one of these boxes please return it to Margaret Filer as soon as possible. Thank you.

Thursday 20th December

Carol singing in Hayter Court at 4pm.

Friday 21st December

6.30pm Christingle Service for all ages, with candlelit oranges – thanks to SAUGA.

Sunday 23rd December

6.00pm Service of Lessons and Carols by candlelight, with choir and orchestra.

In faith that we'll have a full house for our wonderful Carol Service, volunteers are needed to serve a bumper batch of mulled wine. Please speak to Martyn today if you can help.

Foodbank Update

Very many thanks to those who have already donated to our special Christmas collections. We took another load this week & hope to take one more in the next two weeks. A number of people have apologised to me recently that they have left food instead in the Tesco collection. No need to apologise! Please make use of whichever method of donating best suits you, whether in church, at the supermarket, with a financial donation or by volunteering. And thank you again. Helen and the team.

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

Christmas Flowers

Main theme is gold, white and green. All welcome to help with arrangements from 10am on

Monday 24th December. Any queries please speak to Anne Bertrand.

New Year – New Invitations:

Mondays 9 – 10.30am

Parent/carer and toddlers starting 14th January

Thursdays 10 – 11.30am

Connections for older people starting 10th January.

Who will you be inviting?

Follow the Star(s)

This is the Cof E initiative to encourage people to connect with churches this Christmas. We are inviting you to use a star as a symbol of prayer for someone or something close to your heart this Christmas and make a donation for Richard House. The tree and the stars at the back of church.

St Gabriel's Posada

We are focusing this year on sending a cuddly holy family on their journey around Aldersbrook, particularly aimed for youngsters but no one is excluded from taking part! If you'd like to be a host for them please sign up on the sheet by the church door and/or email fionalaw@hotmail.co.uk

For Our Prayers

Those who are sick:

Madeleine Arnold, Mark Arnold, Frances Bonnick, Katie Cooper, Pauline Duncombe, Peter Ellis, John Holdsworth, Maureen Kenyon, Phyllis Lehreman, Jacqueline McNie, John Mitchell, Comfort Owusu Ansah, Carol Perryman, Maija Pettit, Christine Shannon, Prue Tribe, Cynthia Williams & Johnno Woods

For the recently departed:

Teresa Younis, Dennis SurrIDGE, Thelma Matthew, Lily Cater

and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Arthur Filer