

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 23rd December
Advent 4

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Revd Pat Wallson
Preacher Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Deacon Fr. Chris Smaling
(467, sheet, sheet, 471, 395)

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

Thanks for the offers of help with
mulled wine for the carol service -
this is now covered.
Additional help with sidespersons
for this service and midnight mass
always welcome.

This Week

Monday 24th December

9 am Morning prayer
No evening prayer due to the Crib
Service
4pm Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

10am Family Eucharist service.
No contemplative prayer in the
evening.

Wednesday – St Stephens Day

11.00 am Holy Communion
service only

Thursday 27th December

No morning or evening prayer

Carol Singing

Sadly, due to the weather we only
managed one night of Carol
Singing. On the plus side we raised
an amazing £383 for the
Children's Society on Wednesday.
A great night, and well done to all
the singers and collectors.

Children Society Boxes

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

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

Gaynor has a spare ticket for Panto
on 3rd January 7.30pm. Sleeping
Beauty at Stratford. The ticket
costs £27 if anyone would like to
join us? Speak to Gaynor if you
are interested.

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
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?

Stars on the Tree

If you would like to write a prayer
for the tree and make a donation to
Richard House one easy way to
make your donation is put it in an
envelope with the collection
marked with the words Richard
House. Envelopes and pens are
available. That way we don't leave
cash lying around.

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:

Janet Marten, Teresa Younis

and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Elizabeth Payne, Joan Scullion,
Ellen Horsnell, Ken Ames, Alan
Blanking