

# St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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## Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December  
Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist  
*Celebrant* Fr. Chris Smaling  
*Preacher* Fr. Martyn Hawkes  
*Deacon* Revd Pat Wallson

(358, 196, 209, sheet, 307)

5pm Advent Evensong

### This Week

#### **Wednesday**

11.00 am Holy Communion

#### **Morning & Evening Prayer**

Morning prayer:

Mon. 10 am & Tue. – Thur. 8 am

Evening prayer:

Mon. – Thur. 5pm

#### **Next Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

We welcome Leander Donnacha Johnson into the church by baptism.

#### **Sunday 2nd December**

7.30pm Community Choir annual Christmas concert. A selection of wintry & Christmassy music – more details on the poster outside. Tickets £7 adult/£1 child on the door or £6/£1 in advance from choir members.

The MMU churches plan to create a worship band. If you play an instrument or sing, and would like to be involved, please see Martyn, or our youth worker Becca. A service on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March will be the first opportunity for them to play.

Reminder that we have a parish retreat in May led by Revd Liz Horwell. 3-5<sup>th</sup> May at Pleshey Retreat House. Sign up list will be available in January.

#### **Messy Church**

A week off after Christmas for good behaviour and then we go again with Messy Epiphany on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Christmas Market 2018**

Huge Thank You and Well Done to Kevin, Gaynor, Caroline and everyone who helped pull out the stops (again) to make this event a fun & successful (if exhausting!) event. Even with a few familiar helpers missing this year was once again a wonderful event.

#### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

7.30 pm Advent Quiet Evening – The Mindful Way of Christ Mindfulness and the Christian Tradition. Led by Fr. Mark.

#### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Wanstead Parish Quiet Day.  
10am – 3pm Canon Ann Clarke  
From Darkness to Light.

#### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

7pm Carol Singing around the Parish

#### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

6.30pm Christingle

#### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

6.00pm Carol Service

#### **Foodbank Update**

For Advent we are repeating last year's arrangement: 4 boxes at the back, for Christmas food, treats, baby things and 'smellies'. You choose what to bring! The boxes will be there up to Christmas but we will plan to take the donations in time for distribution. Thank you for your support. Helen

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

#### **St Gabriel's Christmas Card**

One more street delivery for the year!

The Christmas card is here – let's share it to invite everyone to our Christmas services – tick off if you are covering a street and take a bundle or two with you today, or latest next week.

#### **Website and Social Media**

St Gabriel's has an updated web presence with thanks to Teresa, Rachel and now Fiona.

You can find our notice sheet, rotas etc. on the website [stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk](http://stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk)

You can also find photos of our posada travelling around Aldersbrook on Twitter

@StGAldersbrook and Instagram

@StGAldersbrook please check them out, follow them, make friends!

#### **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 sign up for an overnight stay at your place please sign up on the sheet by the church door and/or email [fionalaw@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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:**

Lily Cater, Alan Ramsey, Clara Browne

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

James Spittle, Frederick Bettis