

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter Sunday 9th December Advent 2

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
Preacher Fr. Mark Kenny
Deacon Fr. Martyn Hawkes
(401, 98, 372, 73,529)

We welcome family and friends from far and wide especially this morning to the baptism of Leander Donnacha Johnson.

This Week

Wednesday

11.00 am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer:

Mon. 10 am & Tue. – Thur. 8 am
Evening prayer: Mon. – Wed. 5pm
No evening prayer on Thursday

Tuesday 11th December

7 – 8pm Adoration of the blessed sacrament and Eucharist

Thursday 13th December

4.30pm Snaresbrook Court carol service. A call on your goodwill and singing voices to anyone who is free to form an ad-hoc choir. Please do come at 3.45pm for a 30 min rehearsal. No special ability required!

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.

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

Worship Rotas available

Please collect worship rotas today if you have an email address and

didn't get one by email let Martyn know.

St Gabriel's Christmas Card

In this our year of invitation please take a bundle of cards to deliver, being sure to mark your name against the street so we don't duplicate or miss anyone. Many thanks!

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.

Saturday 15th December

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

Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th December

Carol singing: Let's make more noise this year!

Please sign up to indicate that you can sing with us from 7- 8.30pm to raise money for the Children's Society

We will also be singing carols in Hayter Court on **Thursday 20th December** 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.

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

Christmas Market marvels

Thanks again to everyone who played a part in what for me was simply the most enjoyable and buzzing celebration we've had - a footfall of 400 adults and many

children across the two days (some twice of course) and we raised £4650. Well done!

Follow the Star(s)

This is the CofE 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

Whatever your view on Brexit, let us pray for wisdom this week for our parliament & government and peace amidst the demonstrations taking place today, that through the chaos the Spirit may point us to a unifying way forward.

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:

Dennis Surridge, Thelma Matthew, Lily Cater

and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Rose Cross, Nell West, Pam Gadd