

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 1st December
Advent Sunday

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
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(480, 227, sheet, sheet, 405)

Fr. Chris is covering at St Margaret
Leytonstone today

5pm Evensong for Advent
Start the New Year with some
Advent hymns and the good old
Book of Common Prayer

This Week

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer 11am Monday and
8.30am Tue – Thur

Evening prayer 5pm: Mon – Thur

Monday

9am – 10:30am Stay and Play

Thursday

10 – 11.30am Connections Coffee

The 20 weeks of free 'Tai Chi' on
Thursday have come to an end. New
sessions now at £5 per session (to
cover cost). Further information
available from Amelia.

Christmas Services

Christingle Service

6.30pm Friday 20th December

Carol Service

6pm Sunday 22nd December

Nativity Service

4.00pm 24th December

Midnight Mass

11.30pm 24th December

Christmas Day

10.00am 25th December

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

Open Mic Evening

This has had to be postponed until
February 1st.

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We are sending round the Holy
Family starting today. There may
still be room for people to host them
if you'd like to sign up today –
check the sign up list.

Deanery congress

Bishop Peter has invited all
interested church members, as well
as Deanery synod members, to
attend a meeting setting out the
challenges and opportunities of the
financial situation of Chelmsford
Diocese. The meeting is Mon 16th
December at 7.30pm at St Margaret,
Ilford

Next Sunday 8th December

7.30pm Aldersbrook Community
Choir Concert. Tickets available
next Sunday morning or on the door.

WOW

13th December - trip to Covent
Garden to admire the Christmas
decorations & share a glass of wine
Please speak to Gaynor for more
details on 07943 414900 or
Ghenry057@aol.com

Refugee Welcome

St Gabriel's has agreed to support a
Home Office scheme providing a
new start for a Syrian Refugee
Family in Wanstead. This is a major
community venture and requires a
core group of volunteers to prepare
the ground. We need 2 volunteers
for the group who will meet monthly
to plan and progress the scheme.

Foodbank Update

For the next month we will be
bringing back our special Advent
foodbank collection which we have
operated for the last few years.
There will be 4 labelled boxes by the
font and we invite you to make
special donations for families over
the Christmas period: Food,
"Smellies", Baby Bits and Christmas
Treats. This is always a successful
campaign, so do your bit again this
year! Many thanks in advance.
Helen and the team.

Parish Christmas Card

Our Christmas card has arrived for
distribution around the parish –
please take a bundle today. Thank
you.

Christmas Market

Fri. 6th December 7pm-9pm

Sat. 7th December 12 noon to 3pm

Appeal for the following items:
Bottles for tombola, Christmas
chocolate for sweet tombola, toys
books, gifts, bric-a-brac, jewellery,
accessories etc. Items can be
delivered during open church time
during the week. Also pledges to
make cakes and mince pies
welcome. Lastly – TIME – please
volunteer to help on the two days –
many hands make light work!

The plan is to start the set up in the
church this Sunday. If anyone is
available to move chairs and to
bring things in from the hall attic
into the church plus to set up some
tables please see Kevin.

The church will be open from
Monday from 3pm so by all means
pop in anytime to help in any way
possible.

Thanking you all in advance.

Carol Singing round the Parish

Wed 18th and Thu 19th December
7pm – please sign up to come and
sing with us as we raise funds for
the Children's Society and bring
cheer to the neighbourhood.
Collectors and singers needed and
children most welcome too!

For Our Prayers

Those who are sick:

Madeleine Arnold, Mark Arnold,
Frances Bonnick, Ann Brown,
Victor Christie, Pauline Duncombe,
Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Phyllis
Lehman, Jacqueline McNie, John
Mitchell, Comfort Owusu Ansah,
Christine Shannon, Bill Starling,
Norma Stevenson, Revd Pat
Wallson, Cynthia Williams, Jean
Winstone & Johnno Woods

For those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

James Spittle, Frederick Bettis