

2019 St Gabriel's Year of Invitation

St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook

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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 8th December
Advent 2

8.30am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10.00am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
Preacher Fr. Mark Kenny
(527, 655, 259, 156, 221)

This Week

Wednesday

11am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Stephen Pugh
Martyn is attending a funeral.

Morning & Evening Prayer

Morning prayer 11am Monday and
8.30am Tue – Thur
Evening prayer 5pm: Mon – Thur

Monday

9am – 10:30am Stay and Play

Tuesday 10th December

7pm Prayer and Adoration with
Eucharist at 7.30pm.
Cup of tea, followed by Advent
short meditation and music at 8pm.
Make an Advent evening of it as
we prepare our hearts for
Christmas

Thursday

10 – 11.30am Connections Coffee

Thursday

10:15 - 11:15am Tai Chi sessions
Now at £5 per session (to cover
cost). Further information
available from Amelia.

Advance Date Update

The 2020 Burns Night will be on
the 18th January. Please let
Caroline Ferguson know if you
would like to reserve a place –
more details will follow.

Sunday 8th December

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

Christmas Card distribution

There are more streets left, if
you've got the time and energy
this week (!) then please help
deliver the remaining cards to the
parish.

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!

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

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

Many thanks for all the
contributions to our special
Christmas collection for the
foodbank. We have 4 boxes round
the font during Advent, but if you
would prefer to make other
donations then there is a box in the
porch as usual. Helen and the
team.

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

Christmas Market

Massive thank you to everyone
who helped over the weekend for
this big event. Wonderful work by
so many St Gabriel's people –
thank you, thank you, thank you.
Special thanks to Kevin for pulling
everything together.
Final task will be to clear away the
leftover goods in an eco way.
Please volunteer a car run or two
to a charity shop this coming week
and we'll have the church back in
shape for Christmas.

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

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

For Our Prayers

Those who are sick:

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

For the recently departed

Evadne Muirhead

and those whose anniversaries of death occur at this time:

Rose Cross, Nell West, Pam Gadd