

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 13th December
3rd Sunday in Advent

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Chris Smaling
Preacher Fr. Martyn Hawkes

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82853154907?pwd=bi9SZlhCM2Q0Q1pVdEYydSs2Sjk5QT09>

All services that are included on YouTube use the same link below:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCjb0cVZA0KvLOt6TGy9rsDA?view_as=subscriber

Rules for services are same as before lockdown – we limit our interactions for the safety and well-being of all.

This Week

Open Church

We will be open for private prayer only from 10 - 12noon on Tuesday and Thursday this week.

Morning Prayer

8.30am Mon-Thu in church

5pm Evening Prayer

Mon – Thu in church and on Zoom and Youtube
Friday on Zoom only

Wednesday

11am – Holy Communion and on zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89864906034?pwd=N21rcXptZ0FWcEtPa1FQRWFPQnhHdz09>

Foodbank in Advent

This year we are keeping things a little simpler due to circumstances! If you would like to donate something special for Advent we invite you to bring “smellies”, chocolates or treats. If you would prefer to continue with more usual donations that would also be very welcome! Thank you. Helen and the team

New Rotas

The new rota for readers, altar party etc is available – if you need a hard copy, or haven't received yours by email please see Kevin

Christmas Services

Carol Service Readers Needed

If you have a ticket to the carol service & would like to do a reading please speak to Martyn.

Sidesperson assistance needed

This year we need more help than ever to keep everyone safe and avoid congestion on arrival and departure from church. If you can help with this for any of our services please be in touch with Rachel or David our wardens. We intend to stream services for those who continue to stay away from gatherings at this time.

Refugee Welcome Wanstead

St Gabriel's has contributed to the project to welcome a refugee family fleeing the crisis in Syria. Now that resettlement flights can recommence the project has reached the point of a family arriving. We have been asked for 1 or 2 people, with willingness and time, to be on hand to assist a family with young children in the 1st part of their time in Wanstead after their quarantine ends in early Feb. You'd be part of a wider core group team. Please speak to Martyn if you could help this immensely rewarding ministry.

Save Your Stamps

Please collect your used postage stamps over Christmas & pass them on to Sue Maudsley. She will then donate them to an animal charity for horses & donkeys.

Christmas Greetings

To let all our Church friends know that this year we shall be making a donation to church funds instead of sending Xmas cards but we want you to know we appreciate your friendship and we are thinking of you all. Anita & Hector

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

Christmas Mini-market

We have done amazingly well with donations of clothes and presents, and have raised approximately £1,300 towards church funds. Thank you again everyone.

Mon-Wed 14-16th December. 7pm Carol Singing

We've promised the people of Aldersbrook some cheer and encouragement through carol singing on the streets. Now it's time to deliver on that promise. Please come and join us. Bring a torch (head torch ideal), and face mask, especially for collectors.

Mon. 14th December

Visiting Outside Hayter Court, Brading Crescent, Alders Close and St Gabriel's Close

Tue. 15th December

Visiting Park Road, Woodland Ave, Lake House Estate

Wed. 16th December

Visiting Dover Road, Herongate Road, St Margarets Road

Date for your diary

Monday 11th January 2021

Spiritual Book Club

We are reading 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo. Discussion on Zoom. All welcome.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Frances Bonnick, Sara Booker, Ron Bowman, Ann Brown, Elizabeth Burden, Rev Robert Burden, Dermot Devine, Pauline Duncombe, Brenda Elliott, Peter Ellis, John Filer, Eileen Galer, John Henry, Phyllis Lehreman, John Mitchell, Motunrayo, Jean Salter, Christine Shannon, Mary Smaling, Juliet Smith, Mariya Stoilova, Thelma Thomas, Revd Pat Wallson, Alexandra Whitworth, Cynthia Williams, Rebecca Williams & Johnno Woods

For the recently departed

Sylvia Jones

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Pam Gadd, Arthur Filer