

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 20th December
4th Sunday in Advent

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

<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

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 – Wed in church and on Zoom and Youtube

With apologies for ongoing intermittent problems with wifi. The zoom link is more secure than youtube at this time.

Wednesday

11am – Holy Communion

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.

Items for weekly notices need to be submitted by Thursday evening.
[sabertrand47@gmail.com](mailto:sarabertrand47@gmail.com)

All Zoom links to services are published in Fr Martyn's email to the parish and on the website. If you don't receive it and would like to please let him know.

20th December – Tonight!

Carol services 5pm and 6.30pm.

Please check with David and Rachel to see if they need any more support tonight on the door. The 5pm service will be on zoom and youtube for those without tickets or unable to attend.

Crib Services

Christmas Eve at 3pm and 4pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Eve 11.30pm

This service will be on zoom and youtube for those without tickets or unable to attend.

Christmas Day

10.00am Service

Monday 11th January 2021

Spiritual Book Club

We are reading 'Girl, Woman, Other' by Bernardine Evaristo.

Discussion on Zoom. All welcome.

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

Foodbank Update

A massive THANK YOU for all the donations over the last year. The response to the crisis brought about by Covid has been overwhelming & Redbridge Foodbank is extremely grateful for the generosity of so many people in the area. It is a reminder that we are all one community & one family as we support those around us. Thank you!

Huge thanks to Sauga for helping make our Christingle service possible. And to those who helped to make it safe for all attending.

Flowers for Christmas

Flower arrangers are welcome to add an arrangement to the church on the morning of Christmas Eve or on Wednesday if more convenient. Please bring your own flowers and greenery. Speak to Claire B if you have any questions.

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.

Carol Singing

There was an utterly brilliant response to this. We raised over £1400 for the Children's Society and brought some much needed comfort and joy to the people of Aldersbrook. Thank you so much to those who came out to sing or collect. A huge highlight of the Advent season.

There's one more chance to sing carols in the streets on Monday 21st December evening at 6.30pm starting in Clavering Road.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Frances Bonnick, Sara Booker, Karl Brooks, 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, Cynthia Williams, Alexandra Whitworth, Rubecca Williams & Johnno Woods

For the recently departed

Christine Little, Ron Bowman, Sylvia Jones,
and those whose anniversaries occur at this time
Elizabeth Payne, Joan Scullion, Ellen Horsnell