

St Gabriel's Church,  
Aldersbrook  
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Weekly Newsletter  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November  
Christ the King

8.30 am Holy Communion  
*Celebrant* Fr. Chris Smaling

10am Parish Eucharist  
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580, 382, 683, (649), 449

11.30am: Sunday Feast Service  
*Celebrant* Fr. Martyn Hawkes  
Help is always welcome with setup  
and greeting for this service.  
Please stay on after 10am to help if  
you can.

#### This Week

**5pm Evening Prayer**  
Monday to Thursday  
in person and on online  
Friday - On zoom only

**Open Church**  
10 - 12noon Open for private  
prayer on Tuesday and Thursday

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**  
7.30pm Contemplative prayer in  
church

**Tuesdays**  
1.30 to 3 Knit and Natter in the  
Hall

**Wednesdays**  
9.30 am Weekly Prayer Hour

11am Holy Communion

12 – 1.30pm Preschool Carers and  
Toddlers Group

3.30 – 4.30pm After school Club

**Thursdays**  
10:30-11:30am Connection/Tai  
Chi £5 a session to cover costs. All  
welcome. See Amelia for details.

12.30 - 2pm Meditation and  
Reflection in church followed by  
tea and coffee. You are welcome  
to bring your lunch. Contact  
Lesley or Heather for more info.

#### **Father Chris**

After church there will be tea and  
coffee in the hall, followed by a  
bring and share lunch in church as  
a farewell to Fr Chris whose last  
Sunday is today. Do come back at  
12.15pm for lunch or stay to  
celebrate together.

It's also **David Thomas's 90<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday** so we will raise a glass  
with him as well today!

**Thanksgiving Dinner**  
**Next Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November**  
Doors open at 7pm.

Please do sign up to indicate  
attendance to help with planning.  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/thanksgiving-dinner-tickets-199756435877> .  
Donations on the door.

#### **St Gabriel's magazine**

The parish magazine has arrived:  
many thanks to Chris Wilcox and  
Teresa for their work in putting  
this together. Please do help us to  
get it out to parishioners as soon as  
possible, especially to advertise  
upcoming events. Don't forget to  
sign legibly to indicate a street.

#### **Friends of St Gabriel's:**

The Friends are getting active.  
There is now a regular Thursday  
meditation group and the first  
Friends event is scheduled for  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December with a  
luxury Christmas table  
centrepiece-making workshop with  
Daisy the Florist. Cost £40.  
Tickets are limited. See the  
website for details.

#### **Foodbank Update**

As in previous years you are  
invited to make more festive  
donations to the foodbank for the  
next month - instead of or as well  
as normal donations. Chocolates,  
biscuits and all other treats will be  
very welcome and much  
appreciated by those we support!  
Thank you as always for your  
generosity. Helen and the team

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

#### **Next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November**

Sunday school  
11.30am Junior Christmas Choir  
rehearsal  
5pm Advent Evensong and service  
of light - celebrate the return of  
evensong next Sunday.

#### **Renewal of Ministry Forms**

You have this Sunday and next to  
complete and return them. Either  
by email to Rachel in person or  
[aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com](mailto:aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com)  
Every person helps and every role  
matters.

#### **Choir Practice for Christmas**

8pm on Friday's, the choir will be  
practicing ready for Christmas.  
Anyone who is interested in  
joining please speak to John Light  
or just join us for choir practice.

#### **St Gabriels Christmas Market Friday and Saturday 3/4th December**

Please volunteer to help on the two  
days – many hands make light  
work so don't wait to be asked!  
Kevin is leading again this year so  
let him know how you can help.  
Donations to sell can now be  
brought to church. Items to find,  
make or buy for the event include  
raffle prizes, bottles, xmas  
chocolate, toys, books, gifts, bric-  
a-brac, jewellery, accessories,  
cakes and mince pies.

#### **For Our Prayers**

##### **For those who are sick:**

Mr Ali, Mim Bonin,  
Frances Bonnick, Karl Brooks,  
Ann Brown, Jane Chesters, Ray  
Dyke, Evangaline Ekanayake,  
Peter Ellis, Joyce Filer, Ray Green,  
Martin Griffiths, Gaya  
Jayasooriya, Phyllis Lehreman,  
John Mitchell, George Moule, Iain  
Palfreman, Jean Salter, Christine  
Shannon, Hasumati Sonagara,  
Thelma Thomas, Revd Pat  
Wallson, Mary Watts, Rubecca  
Williams, Johnno Woods & Karl.

##### **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Iggy Ionascu