

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 28th November
Advent Sunday

8.30 am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10am Parish Eucharist
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480, 282, 303, (128), 405
Sunday School this morning

11.30am Junior Choir for
Christmas today

5pm Advent Evensong

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

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.

Spiritual Book Club

'The Whole Christmas Story' by Jo
Swinney is the chosen book for
Advent. We will be meeting on
Monday 10th January to discuss it.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Thank you to everyone involved in
organising yesterday evening, with
special thanks to Jen.

St Gabriel's magazine

Magazine distribution has gone
well. Thank you so much! The last
areas are Brading Crescent and
Queenswood Gardens - if 1 or 2
people are able to deliver early
morning to gain access to
communal blocks that would be
much appreciated.

The Christmas Cards will be
arriving for delivery this coming
week. If you'd like to help with
distribution before next Sunday
you can collect from church from
Thursday 10 - 12pm or other times
by arrangement with Fr Martyn.

Friends of St Gabriel's:

The 1st Friends event is scheduled
for Thursday 16th 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 for the next month,
instead of or as well as normal
donations. Chocolates, biscuits &
all other treats will be very
welcome & much appreciated by
those we support! Thank you as
always for your generosity. Helen
and the team

Renewal of Ministry Forms

Every person helps & every role
matters. You have this Sunday to
complete and return them to
Rachel in person or email to
aldersbrookstgabriels@gmail.com

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.

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

St Gabriels Christmas Market

It's all about the Christmas Market
this week - an opportunity for
everyone to get involved and
support. Please join the meeting
after church today for those who
can. See Kevin if you want a job to
do! Please volunteer to help on
**Friday 3rd & Saturday 4th
December** – many hands make
light work so don't wait to be
asked!

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.

Fr Chris writes...

Thank you so much for such a
wonderful 'send off' last week. I
couldn't have wished for a better
church family to be with and begin
my ministry and will miss being
with you regularly. I'm not very
far away though so I'm sure our
paths will find many opportunities
to cross. I will treasure the
memories.

My licensing at St Giles in the
Fields will be on Sunday 12th
December at 11:00 am. Not the
evening service we had hoped for
but Bishop Sarah wants to lead the
service and this fits with her diary.
You would be most welcome but I
realise it will be difficult for most.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Mr Ali, Mim Bonin, Frances
Bonnick, Karl Brooks, Ann
Brown, Jane Chesters, Ray Dyke,
Evangeline Ekanayake, Peter Ellis,
Joyce Filer, Ray Green, Martin
Griffiths, Gaya Jayasooriya, Philip
Jones, 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

Closeta Gerald, James Spittle