

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 12th December
3rd Sunday in Advent

No 8.30 am Service today

10am Parish Eucharist
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes
Preacher The Ven. Elwin Cockett,
Archdeacon of West Ham
263, 580, 485, (691), 695

This Week

5pm Evening Prayer
Monday to Thursday
in person and on online

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

Tuesdays
No Knit and Natter this week
They hope to restart on 11th
January 2022

Tuesday 14th December
7.00pm Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament

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.

Friday 17th December
6.30pm Christingle Service

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

St Gabriels Christmas Market
A huge thank you for everyone's
help with the Christmas market.
We raised just over £3,795

There will be a debriefing meeting
after the Sunday service to discuss
how the event went and what we
could change for future years.

Carol Singing in the Parish
On Wed 15th, Mon 20th, Tue 21st
December. More details to follow.

Thursday 16th December
Friends of St Gabriel's event in
church. Luxury Christmas table
centrepiece making workshop with
Daisy the Florist. Cost £40.
Tickets are limited. See the
website for details.

Thursday 16th December
4.30pm Snaresbrook Crown Court
Carol Service. If you'd like be part
of a choir for this service please
see Martyn.

Next Sunday 19th December
6.00pm Carol Service
Our own choir supported by extra
singers, flute, harp and brass.

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.

New Bishop of Barking
Barking Area has a new bishop:
Rev'd Lynne Cullens will be
consecrated in January and will
begin her new ministry as bishop
in the Spring. You can find out
more about her from this short
video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KY416bE5o9s>

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

The Christmas Cards
Thank you for all your hard work
delivering magazines and
Christmas cards. There's just a few
roads left to do - the printed sheet
is there for you today!

Recommendation from Fr. Martyn
and PCC in absence of guidance
from Church of England
*Masks are now mandatory for all
over secondary age in church
services where social distancing
cannot be maintained unless
exempt. This would apply to the
10am service except when reading
or leading worship and the choir
who are able to maintain 2m
distancing.*

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:
Baby Elias, 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, Philip Jones, Phyllis
Lehman, 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**
Pam Gadd, Arthur Filer