

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 19th December
4th Sunday in Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10am Parish Eucharist
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631, 656, 411, (634), 406

6.00pm Carol Service
Our own choir with extra singers,
flute, harp and brass.
Please support this service if you
can.

Some help with serving mulled
wine and mince pies outside (as a
covid measure) after the service
would be very welcome.

This Week

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

Wednesday
11am Holy Communion

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

Tuesdays
Knit and Natter hope to restart on
11th January 2022

Thursdays
The Meditation and Reflection
sessions and Tai Chi will resume
again in the New Year.

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.*

Carol Singing in the Parish
Brilliant success on Wednesday
with approximately £450 raised.
Continues at 7pm on Monday 20th
and Tuesday 21st December.
Aiming to cover Park Road,
Woodlands & Lake House on
Monday, followed by more roads
on the Aldersbrook side on
Tuesday. Spreading seasonal joy
and raising money for the
Children's Society.

Children Society Boxes
If anyone still has a Children
Society Box then please bring
them in to Margaret Filer as soon
as possible. If you would like to
have one of these Boxes please
speak to Margaret.

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.

Message from Anita & Hector
They wish all their friends at St
Gabriel's a very Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year. In lieu of
cards they will make a donation to
their favourite charity – St
Gabriel's Church!

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=KY4l6bE5o9s>

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

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

Christmas Week

Christmas Eve
Flowers for Christmas
If you wish to contribute a flower
arrangement to the church for
Christmas please bring your
arrangement to church on the
morning of the 24th December,
either for a pedestal or a shelf. All
arrangements will be most
welcome. Thank you

As well as flowers it would be
great to have any offers of help
with a spot of cleaning and tidying
up about the place before the
services.

4pm Crib Service
The rest of the Hawkes family will
be absent for this service, so
additional support would be very
welcome from anyone & everyone
who is planning to attend.

Midnight Mass
11.30pm More welcomers would
definitely be helpful for this
service – please step in to help

Christmas Day
10am Service for Christmas

Next Sunday: St Stephen
10am service only

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, Rubeca
Williams, Johnno Woods & Karl.

For the recently departed
Mary Enright, Farida Beverly,
Allan Tuffin
**and those whose anniversaries
occur at this time**
Elizabeth Payne, Joan Scullion,
Ellen Horsnell