

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter

Sunday 25th December
Christmas Day

10am Service for Christmas Day
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

Sunday 26th December
St Stephen's Day

10am Parish Eucharist with carols
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

This Week

Fr. Martyn will be on leave this week.

Evening Prayer

There will be no zoom prayers this week - they will back on Tuesday 4th January at 5pm

Wednesday

Please note that there will be no 11am service this week

The weekly Prayer Hour will resume on 5th January 2022.

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.

Pastoral Care

If there are urgent pastoral care needs or concerns please call 07743 785884 and leave a message.

Carol Singing in the Parish

Carol Singing: what an amazing response: we have smashed the previous record of last year by raising over £1400, with a little more still to be counted. Together with Christingle offering we will be donating around £1500 to The Children's Society. Huge thanks to all who participated and supported from church & wider community.

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!

Foodbank Update

Thank you as always for your support and generosity. Helen and the team

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

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.

Next Sunday 2nd January

10am Parish Eucharist Epiphany

Tuesday 4th January

7.30pm Standing Committee (zoom and in-person)

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, 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 the recently departed

Adam Watts, Mary Enright, Farida Beverly, Allan Tuffin

and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Ken Ames, Alan Blanking, Susan Garrett, Patrick Brownfield, Harry Parkin

*May the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the perseverance of the wise men,
the obedience of Joseph and Mary,
and the peace of the Christ child
be yours this Christmas, now and always.*