

St Gabriel's Church,
Aldersbrook
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Weekly Newsletter
Sunday 5th December
2nd Sunday in Advent

8.30 am Holy Communion
Celebrant Fr. Martyn Hawkes

10am Parish Eucharist
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527, 428, (949), 646

There will be the opportunity to receive anointing and prayer for healing at the Eucharist. The MC will distribute communion to the congregation to enable this to happen.

Martyn is at St Mary's Wanstead at 11.15am this morning, so do come early if you wish to catch up with him today.

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.

St Gabriels Christmas Market

A huge thank you for everyone's
help with the Christmas market.
Despite many challenges it has
been impressive to see how it
came together, with special thanks
to Kevin who held everything in
place (and is still smiling!)

The Christmas Cards

The parish Christmas card has
arrived - please do help to get it
circulated to share our Christmas
services and take one for yourself.

Tuesday 7th December

2-3pm Bereavement Café at St
Mary's Woodford

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: 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.

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=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

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.*

Thanksgiving

The thanksgiving event went off
very well with lots of lovely food
provided by all and we managed to
raise £410. Many Thanks to Jen
for organising this enjoyable event.

Next Sunday:

We will have Archdeacon Elwin as
preacher at St Gabriel's.
This is also the Sunday when Fr
Chris will be licensed at St Giles at
11am service and supporters from
St Gabriel's are very welcome.

Fr Chris writes...

Thank you so much for such a
wonderful 'send off'. 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.

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 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

Frederick Bettis, Rose Cross, Nell
West

*Items for weekly notices need to
submitted by Thursday evening.
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