St Gabriel's Church, Aldersbrook www.stgabrielsaldersbrook.org.uk

Weekly Newsletter Sunday 22nd December **Advent 4**

10am Parish Eucharist Celebrant: Rev. Canon Martyn Hawkes 631, 654, 411, (634), 408

6pm Carol Service All welcome to this joyous event

This Week

Evening Prayer

There will be no evening prayer this week.

Christmas Eve

4pm Crib Service 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day

10am Christmas Day Service

The Preschool Play Group and After School club will return on the 15th January 2025

Thursday

Meditation and Reflection in church will return on the 9th January 2025

Saturday Open Church

12 - 1pm Open church Quiet carol music will be playing, welcome to stay or light a candle. Fr Martyn is on leave from Boxing Day for a week

Next Sunday 29th December

Revd Liz will be our priest next week while Martyn is away

Wednesday 1st January

There will be no Wednesday service on this day.

Used Stamps

Please collect & bring your used stamps to church to put in the box at the back. These will be sent off to benefit an animal charity. Thank you. Sue Maudsley

Study Opportunity

Our diocese has a long history of encouraging learning through the Course in Christian Studies. If you would like to participate, including the option of Zoom learning please look at the forms online or speak to Fr Martyn.

Foodbank Update

2024 has not been an easy year for many people but as always St Gabriels folk have stepped up with incredible generosity. Wishing you all a merry Christmas and a new year full of hope, from everyone at Tin in a Bin! Helen and the team

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

This Sunday 22nd December Carol Service

Any additional welcomers for the carol service are welcome for this significant community event.

Please see Rachel if you can help.

Servers and washers up for the mulled wine would also be welcome - please see Fr Martyn if you can help.

Flowers for Christmas

Please come and help decorate the church with flowers on Christmas Eve at 10am. All welcome. Bring your own flowers and greenery and help celebrate. Please speak to Gaynor & let her know. If you need any help just ask we are all very friendly and learn from each other. Thank you. Help cleaning the church will also be welcome at the same time.

For Our Prayers

For those who are sick:

Eva Baker, Michelle Baker, Ann Brown, Ursula Christie, Rosemary Dean, Joyce Demetriou, Peter Ellis, Eileen Galer, Martin Griffiths, Kelly Harmsworth, Sylvia Hawkes, Faye Jackman, Janis Lalor, Jack Lewis, Olive Macauley, John Mitchell, Marie Norman, William Starling, Mary Watts & those on the Prayer Board

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Adam Robert Watts, Elizabeth Payne, Joan Scullion, Ellen Horsnell, Ken Ames