



Raising Concerns ("Whistleblowing") Policy

We want Elmdon Church to be a place where it is safe to raise any concerns. To enable everyone at Elmdon to take responsibility for raising matters or unacceptable practice of behaviour, the PCC have approved a Raising Concerns ("Whistleblowing") Policy. We hope that this policy will provide encouragement and reassurance to raise any concern you may have. Please do familiarise yourself with the policy and please do not hesitate to speak with Bekah or any member of the PCC if you have any questions. The policy is available on the church website, and there is a copy on the notice board in the entrance corridor.

Archdeaconry Explore day:

Saturday, 14th October, 1pm-5pm, St Barnabas Erdington

Designed to help us all explore our vision for "more ministry not less", and what God may be calling each of us to. There will be opportunity to worship, pray and meet with others from across the CofE Birmingham, and to explore the wide range of callings that God is nurturing in our parishes and oversight areas. The session will begin with food and fellowship, followed by worship. We will then hear from six practitioners of key ministries important to our shared life and mission, who will encourage exploration of our own vocations. There will also be a marketplace where a wider range of opportunities to learn about different mission and ministry offerings can be encountered. You can sign at

<https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ArchdeaconryExploreDays2023>

God, Sex and Marriage: Does it really matter? Tuesday 17th October, 7.30-9.15pm, St John's Harborne, B17 9PT:

The Bible's story of marriage is rich, varied and above all good. It is central to creation and redemption, so what we believe and teach about it matters. Vaughan Roberts (Rector, St Ebbe's Church, Oxford) will help and encourage us to explore why. There is no charge to attend this event. Refreshments will be available from 7pm. For more information:

<https://birminghamdef.info/1396/vaughan-roberts-on-marriage/>

Please let Bekah know if you're planning on going so that we can arrange to share lifts and sit as a group.

24th September 2023

"But Ruth replied, 'Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God.'"

(Ruth 1, verse 16)

The Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.

Welcome to Elmdon Church!

10.30am All Age Baptism and Harvest

Jamie Oldham will preach on Ruth 1:1-18

2.00pm-4.00pm: Open Church

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 26th September at 2.00pm

We continue to provide material on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel, accessible at www.elmdonchurch.org

**We preach Christ crucified
Nobody and nothing but Him**

Readings:

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| Mon | 25 th September | 1 Kings 20:35-21:29 |
| Tue | 26 th September | 1 Kings 22:1-28 |
| Wed | 27 th September | 1 Kings 22:29-53 |
| Thu | 28 th September | 2 Kings 1:18 |
| Fri | 29 th September | 2 Kings 2:1-25 |
| Sat | 30 th September | 2 Kings 3:1-27 |
| Sun | 1 st October | Ephesians 2:1-10 |

Please pray for:

- Residents of Lingham Close and Luddington Road.
- Farmers and all those who produce and distribute our food.
- Food banks, including Helping Hands that they would receive sufficient food donations, and that they would be able to respond to every person who needs their support with sensitivity and kindness.
- Rob Dean preaching on Sunday.

Monthly Prayer Meeting, St Mary's Hobs Moat Wednesday 4th October, 7.30pm:

Please join us as we pray for the world, the local community and the work of our churches. First Wednesday of the month, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Team: The believers of Elmdon **Rector:** Revd Bekah Clark

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Next Sunday – 1st October

**10.30am Holy Communion with
Kids in Christ**

Rob Dean will preach on

Ephesians 2:1-10

2.00pm-4.00pm: Open Church

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 3rd October at 2.00pm

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Midlands Women's Convention | Saturday 21st October, 9.15am - 3.30pm. The Ruddock Performing Arts Centre, King Edward VI Boys School, Edgbaston Park Road, B15 2UA:

An encouraging day of singing, praying and listening to God's Word with other women. This year's theme is 'God so loved' and Clare Heath-Whyte will be speaking on Jesus' words of life and truth in John chapters 3 and 4. The venue is The Ruddock Performing Arts Centre, King Edward VI Boys School, Edgbaston Park Road, B15 2UA. Tickets cost £15 each, £10 concessions and can be booked online. Refreshments are provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Please book your own ticket online and then let Bekah know you are going. If either cost or booking online are a problem, please speak to Bekah. For more information: <http://midlandswomensconvention.org.uk>