



A service to celebrate Black History Month:

The Diocesan Racial Justice Reference Group invite all to attend the service on Saturday 28th October 2023, 4pm, at St Martin in the Bull Ring. The theme of the service is 'Valuing Our Contributions - Marking 75 years of the Windrush pioneers'. Please see the St Martin in the Bull Ring Facebook page for any updates.

After the Flood: As part of Black History Month, the Church of England is providing a unique opportunity for its members, individually and collectively, to watch *After the Flood: The Church, Slavery and Reconciliation*. The 67-minute documentary aims to be educational and redemptive, addressing the historical neglect of slavery in British Christian history. It explores biblical principles for racial reconciliation in our churches today.

Watch online at www.vimeo.com/churchofengland/bhm2023

Elmdon Church Light Party: Tuesday, 31st October, 4.45-6pm. Come and enjoy a fun-filled time celebrating the **Light of the World**. Crafts, games, baby and toddler zone, party tea, Bible talk and light trail! Fancy dress competition – come dressed in your **LIGHTEST** and **BRIGHTEST** outfits, you could win a prize. Numbers are limited for this event. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Book online: <https://bit.ly/ElmdonLightParty>

We need clean glass jars to make lanterns. If you have any, please bring to church and leave in the Poplar Room, ideally by 22nd October.

Annual Memorial Service: Elmdon Church, Sunday, 5th November at 4pm, a reflective service to remember and give thanks for those whom we have loved but see no longer. Refreshments after the service. The service is for everyone, to remember anyone, no matter how long ago they died. Invites available in the Wilberforce Hall; please take one and give to someone else.

Christian Resources Exhibition: The exhibition is being held this year in Cranmore Park, Cranmore Avenue, Shirley B90 4LE, on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th November, 10 am - 4.30 pm. Free tickets available. Contact creonline.co.uk or Christine Arnsby for programme details and free ticket code. Talks on a variety of topics including Rick Wakeman and the BIG Sing Choir, racial justice, climate change, Saltmine Theatre performances, puppetry and creative arts, syllabus-friendly way to inspire children (from Walk Through The Bible), how to support mental health in your church, where are your young people?, key steps for successful fund raising ... and much more.

15th October 2023

"While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.'"

(Matthew 17, verse 5)

The Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.

Welcome to Elmdon Church!

10.30am Morning Worship, with Kids in Christ

Karen Matthews will preach on

Matthew 17:1-13

2.00pm-4.00pm: Open Church

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 17th October 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:

Mon	16 th October	2 Kings 17:7-41
Tue	17 th October	2 Kings 18:1-37
Wed	18 th October	2 Kings 19:1-28
Thu	19 th October	2 Kings 19:29-20:21
Fri	20 th October	2 Kings 21:1-22:10
Sat	21 st October	2 Kings 22:11-23:18
Sun	22 nd October	Exodus 18:1-27

Please pray for:

- Residents of Meriden Rise and Merryfield Close.
- Those suffering in body, mind or spirit. People awaiting results of medical tests.
- Bekah preaching on Sunday.
- The innocent victims of the fighting between Israel and Hamas.

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

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Next Sunday – 22nd October

10.30am All Age Holy Communion

Rev Bekah Clark will preach on

Exodus 18:1-27

2.00pm-4.00pm: Open Church

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 24th October at 2.00pm

News

Midlands Women's Convention | Saturday 21st October, 9.15am - 3.30pm: An encouraging day of singing, praying and listening to God's Word with other women. This year's theme is 'God so loved'. 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>

Shine Youth: Is holding a pizza and quiz fundraiser at St Philip's Church Centre, Manor Road, Dorridge, B93 8DX, on Saturday, 21st October to raise funds for their vital work. Showcase your knowledge and skill completing the challenges, enjoy some pizza (inc gluten free options), or take your own snacks. Bar available. The tables seat 8, or smaller groups can join together to form a team/table on the night. Book tickets on Eventbright (£13 + Eventbright fee). Shine Youth is a local Christian charity where volunteers from different churches support the mental and emotional wellbeing of teenagers in Solihull, through 1:1 mentoring and wellbeing group courses in schools and community venues.