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News for the 17th December edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 13th December.

We preach Christ crucified

Nobody and nothing but Him



"The Church in the Park"

10th December 2023

*"You will be with child and give birth to a son,
and you are to give him the name Jesus."*

(Luke 1, verse 31)

The Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.

Welcome to Elmdon Church!

**10.30am Family Nativity Service
& Christmas Jumper Day**

**Revd Bekah Clark will preach on
Luke 1:26-38**

2.00pm-3.30pm: Open Church

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 12th December at 2.00pm

Readings:

Mon	11 th December	2 Chronicles 26:1-27:9
Tue	12 th December	2 Chronicles 28:1-27
Wed	13 th December	2 Chronicles 29:1-36
Thu	14 th December	2 Chronicles 30:1-27
Fri	15 th December	2 Chronicles 31:1-32:9
Sat	16 th December	2 Chronicles 32:10-33
Sun	17 th December	Matthew 1:18-25

Please pray:

- For residents of Spooners Close and Springfield Crescent.
- That as we await the birth of Jesus, this Church may be a beacon of light to the local community.
- Victims of the floods and landslides in Tanzania.
- For Bekah Clark preaching on Sunday.

News

Cold weather alerts: When necessary, UKHSA and the Met Office will issue cold weather alerts. Such weather could increase the health risks to vulnerable people and disrupt the delivery of services. There is useful information in the Council's 'Here2Help this Winter' booklet which can be accessed on <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/here2help>. Please contact Bekah if you are struggling to heat your home or access warm food and drinks or medical care.

Domestic Abuse Contact: Sarah Leckie has taken on the role of our Domestic Abuse Contact. You can go to her with any concerns, and she will listen or signpost people to relevant organisations as appropriate. Her contact details are on the Safeguarding poster on the notice board in the corridor.

A big thank you to the team who've decorated the church for Advent and Christmas so that Elmdon Church shines out with the joy, light, love and hope that Jesus came to bring. This year, there are a number of stations engaging with the events leading up to Christmas through interaction and reflection. Please do spend some time enjoying these and please do be praying that our decorations and the 'Experience Christmas' journey would help all who enter our building this Advent and Christmas to experience the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Donations of mince pies needed for the Christmas services. Please ensure that the 'best before date' covers the whole of the Christmas period.

Next Sunday – 17th December

10.30am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ

Revd Bekah Clark will preach on

Matthew 1:18-25

2.00pm-3.30pm: Open Church

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 19th December at 2.00pm

Vision Survey: Please pick up a Vision Survey from the Wilberforce Hall; the deadline for responses is **today**, 10th December. The survey can also be completed online: <https://forms.gle/1Q2Q5wUWyeV2FwiZ6>.

Birmingham Concert Band: Monday, 11th December at 7.45pm. The Band's concerts are always great fun, and there will be an opportunity to sing along with some of the well-known Christmas favourites. £5 admission on the door, to include mince pie and hot drink.

Hatchford Brook Churches Together: Carol singing at Tesco, Sheldon on Saturday, 16th December, starting at 11am, for about an hour. Please join us if you can as we seek to bring the real meaning of Christmas to people going about their ordinary lives.

Funeral of Alison Whitehead: Alison's funeral is on Tuesday 19th December at 10.30am at Elmdon Church, followed by a private committal at Robin Hood. The family have requested that you wear colourful clothing.

Funeral of John Horton: John's funeral is on Thursday, 21st December, 12 noon at Elmdon Church. The committal is at Robin Hood at 1.30pm. The family has requested that black be worn.

If you have enjoyed the **friendship sermon series** or want to further about friendship, you may like to take a look at Phil Knox's video series and/or the small group questions, either on your own or with your Connect Group. The videos and questions can be found here: <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/initiatives/friendship/the-best-of-friends-video-series>.