

## Christmas message from Bekah:

***But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.'***  
~ Luke 2.10 (NIV) ~

As we prepare to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, 'good news that will cause great joy for all people', I just wanted to thank you all for your joyful Christmas greetings and say what a privilege it is to be your Rector, joining with you in sharing the Good News of Jesus with all people.

I am really glad to be here and look forward to continuing to serve with you as we seek to point to the source of joy, shining with the light of Christ, sharing the love of Christ and holding out the hope of Christ in Elmdon parish and beyond.

May you know afresh the love of God that comes near to each one of us this Christmastime.

We continue to provide material on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel, accessible at [www.elmdonchurch.org](http://www.elmdonchurch.org)

The service is available on DVD too: please ask!

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**We preach Christ crucified**

**Nobody and nothing but Him**



“The Church in the Park”

## Christmas 2023

**(24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December)**

*“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders.”*

*(Isaiah 9, verse 6)*

*The Elmdon Church Christmas verse*

**Welcome to Elmdon Church, in person or online!**

**10.30am All Age Carol Service**

Rob Dean will preach on  
Luke 1:57-66

**Open Church: 2.00pm-3.30pm**

**6.00pm Traditional Carol Service**

Preacher: Richard Huss

**11.00pm Midnight Communion**  
***at St Mary's, Hobs Moat***

**Christmas Day at Elmdon Church**

**10.30am All Age Holy Communion**  
Revd Bekah Clark will preach on Isaiah 9:2-7 & Luke 2:1-7

## Please pray for

- Our Christmas services that many people will meet Jesus.
- The victims of the earthquake in China and the volcano in Iceland.
- Residents of Streamside Way and Studley Croft.
- Those travelling to see family over Christmas.
- Peace and goodwill between people of the world.
- Homeless people enduring life on the streets.
- Bekah preaching on Christmas Day, Karen preaching on 31<sup>st</sup> December and Jamie preaching on 7<sup>th</sup> January.
- Residents of Tait Croft and Tanford Road.
- Those grieving for loved ones at Christmas.

## News

**Midweek service:** There will be no midweek service on the following Tuesdays: 26<sup>th</sup> December and 2<sup>nd</sup> January. The next midweek service will be on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January.

**News & prayer sheet:** The next news & prayer sheet will be issued on 7<sup>th</sup> January.

**Message from Gill Carter and her family:** To our many friends at Elmdon church. We the family of Allison Whitehead (daughter of Gill Carter) wish to send our grateful response and heartfelt thanks for the many cards and tributes over the months of Allison's illness. Your countless prayers have provided a great comfort to Allison and all our family during that difficult time. We wish you all a very peaceful Christmas. Our prayer for you all is that God will bless you with his presence.

*News for the 7<sup>th</sup> January edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January.*

## Readings

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ezra 6:13-7:28</b>
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ezra 8:1-36</b>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ezra 9:1-10:6</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Ezra 10:7-44</b>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Nehemiah 1:1-2:10</b>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Nehemiah 2:11-3:27</b>
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Luke 2:8-20</b>

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Nehemiah 3:28-4:23</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	<b>Nehemiah 5:1-6:14</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	<b>Nehemiah 6:15-7:56</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Nehemiah 7:57-8:18</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Nehemiah 9:1-27</b>
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Nehemiah 9:28-10:39</b>
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Matthew 2:1-12</b>

**Sunday – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

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

Jamie Oldham will speak on Matthew 2:1-12

**2.00-4.00pm Open Church**