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*News for the 4<sup>th</sup> February edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January.*

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

**Next Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**with Kids in Christ**

Rob Dean will preach on Numbers 14:1-9

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

**Midweek service:**

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm**



*"The Church in the Park"*

**28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

*"At the LORD'S command the Israelites set out, and at his command they encamped. As long as the cloud stayed over the tabernacle, they remained in camp."*

*(Numbers 9, verse 18)*

*The Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.*

**Welcome to Elmdon Church!**

**10.30am All Age Morning Worship**

Richard Huss will preach on Numbers 9:15-23

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

**Midweek service:**

**Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm**

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

## Readings:

Mon	29 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Job 19:1-20:19</b>
Tue	30 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Job 20:20-21:34</b>
Wed	31 <sup>st</sup> January	<b>Job 22:1-23:17</b>
Thu	1 <sup>st</sup> February	<b>Job 24:1-26:14</b>
Fri	2 <sup>nd</sup> February	<b>Job 27:1-28:28</b>
Sat	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	<b>Job 29:1-30:31</b>
Sun	4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Numbers 14:1-9</b>

## Please pray for:

- Residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove.
- Bekah and the PCC as they prepare to launch the new vision for Elmdon Church.
- Victims of knife crime as cases escalate in the West Midlands.
- Gift and Kathryn Asiku and their sons James and Simon Peter.
- Rob Dean preaching on Sunday.

## News, and dates for your diary:

**Praying Together:** For the world, the local community, our churches and those in any kind of need.

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February at St Mary's, Hobs Moat, 7.30 - 8.30pm.

**The Bible Course:** Bekah is hoping to run this on Tuesday evenings in 8 sessions from 16<sup>th</sup> April and will run 7.30pm - 9pm (in person) or just an hour on Zoom (no session on 14<sup>th</sup> May, the Elmdon APCM). The course combines video teaching, group discussion, personal reflection and daily readings. It will help you explore the BIG story and will increase your confidence, equip you to read the Bible better and help you to see its relevance to daily life. It provides a birds-eye view of the world's bestselling book.

What would really help Bekah at this stage is for people to let her know if they are interested and whether they would prefer in person or online, and if in person, whether it would be more accessible run at Elmdon or at St Mary's.

**Vision Survey:** Thank you for the really helpful responses to the vision survey. The PCC have now agreed a new vision, which will be launched in the morning service on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February.

### Lift to church needed from Damsonwood area.

Email [contact@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:contact@elmdonchurch.org) or speak to Bekah for full details

**Friendship First Course:** Deanery Mission Enablers, Matt and Andrea Vaughan, will run a Friendship First course at Christ Church, Burney Lane, B8 2AS. This is a 4-week programme designed to help Christians build relationships with their Muslim neighbours. Please contact Matt at [mattjvaughan@gmail.com](mailto:mattjvaughan@gmail.com) to register your interest and for more details, dates and times, etc.

### Prayers of Love and Faith Q&A Evening - Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30pm at St Mary's Hobs Moat:

As you will likely be aware, in December 2023 the House of Bishops commended the Prayers of Love and Faith, for use with and for same-sex couples in regular services. The Church of England is in agreement that we have often failed LGBTIQ+ individuals, but there continues to be deep division at every level as to whether the Church of England's teaching should be changed and on what is permissible within its current teaching. Such profound disagreement around such personal questions continues to be a source of great pain for many. This evening is an opportunity to hear where the Church of England is at, where Bekah is at and to ask any questions. Everyone welcome.

Bekah can also be contacted directly by email ([revbekahclark@gmail.com](mailto:revbekahclark@gmail.com)) or mobile (07462 038151) about any concerns or questions you may have, or anything we can do to support you.

**Message from Kathryn Asiku:** Happy New Year to you. We were happy to receive the beautifully hand-made card signed by members of Elmdon Church. Please pass on our thanks to the craft group.

I hope your new shared vicar is settling in well. I try to pray for Elmdon and your church leadership once a week. Do let us know how we can pray for you too. Thank you for reading our newsletters with interest and for your prayers for us and the work we are involved in.

A prayer request: Please pray for good communication and healthy relationships, for better teamwork amongst us and our colleagues to help the work move forward effectively. Pray for good health for all staff, especially the translation teams and their families.