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News for the 18th February edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 14th February

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

Next Sunday, 18th February

10.30am Holy Communion

with Kids in Christ

Revd Bekah Clark will preach on Numbers 20:1-13

Open Church: 2.00pm-3.30pm

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 20th February at 2.00pm



"The Church in the Park"

11th February 2024

"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

(1 Peter 2, verse 10)

The Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.

Welcome to Elmdon Church!

10.30am Family Service

Revd Bekah Clark will preach on 1 Peter 2:4-10

Open Church: 2.00pm-3.30pm

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 13th February at 2.00pm

Ash Wednesday – Holy Communion

10.30am, 14th February at Elmdon Church

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

Readings:

Mon	12 th February	Job 41:1-42:17
Tue	13 th February	Psalms 1:1-4:8
Wed	14 th February	Psalms 5:1-7:17
Thu	15 th February	Psalms 8:1-9:20
Fri	16 th February	Psalms 10:1-12:8
Sat	17 th February	Psalms 13:1-16:11
Sun	18 th February	Numbers 20:1-13

Please pray for:

- Residents of Walsgrave Drive and Wells Road.
- Revd Bekah Clark preaching on Sunday.
- King Charles and those who have recently received a cancer diagnosis.
- Bekah and the PCC following the launch of the new vision for Elmdon Church.

News, and dates for your diary:

Service on Ash Wednesday, 14th February: Holy Communion, 10.30am.
Joint service with St Mary's **at Elmdon Church**.

Lift to church needed from Damsonwood area.

Email contact@elmdonchurch.org or speak to Bekah for full details.

Measles in Solihull:

The Director of Public Health at SMBC has written to us to advise that there are cases of measles in Solihull and asks us to promote MMR vaccination, which gives the best protection. More information on the vaccine is available on the [Birmingham and Solihull Integrated CareSystem](#) website, as well as the [NHS England website](#).

The Bible Course (update): Bekah is hoping to run this on Tuesday evenings in 7 sessions from 16th April, 7.30pm-9pm (in person) or just an hour on Zoom. (No sessions on 7th May – PCC, or 14th May - 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.

Green ideas for Lent: We have received an email from Eco Church with a link (below) to a web site that you may find helpful. There are ideas for every day throughout Lent to help us notice nature and use it to link with God, like "Hug a tree. Remind yourself that God made this tree and He loves it, just as he loves you." Once on the Arocha site, click on "Get outside in Lent": <https://arocha.org.uk/connect-with-our-creator-and-gods-creation-during-lenten/>

There are also lots of ideas on how to make changes to help the environment on: "Read our green ideas for Lent" that includes a link to recipes for 'Meat Free Monday' (the healthier option for you and the planet!), also a weekly prayer guide, at <https://meatfreemondays.com/our-recipes/>
In a quiet moment during Lent you may wish to think about our connection with our creator and God's creation.