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News for the 25th February edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 21st February

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

Next Sunday, 25th February

10.30am All Age Morning Worship

Karen Matthews will preach on Numbers 24:1-14

Open Church: 2.00pm-3.30pm

Midweek service:

Tuesday, 27th February at 2.00pm

18th February 2024

“But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you did not trust in me enough to honour me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them.’”

(Numbers 20, verse 12)

The Elmdon Church ‘verse of the week’.

Welcome to Elmdon Church!

**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

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

Readings:

Mon	19 th February	Psalms 17:1-18:24
Tue	20 th February	Psalms 18:25-19:14
Wed	21 st February	Psalms 20:1-22:21
Thu	22 nd February	Psalms 22:22-25:22
Fri	23 rd February	Psalms 26:1-28:9
Sat	24 th February	Psalms 29:1-31:24
Sun	25 th February	Numbers 24:1-14

Please pray:

- For residents of Whar Hall Road and Warton Avenue.
- For Karen Matthews preaching on Sunday.
- As members of the worldwide Church, pray for those who are persecuted for our shared faith.
- That the Lord will provide people to do the work that needs doing in this Church.

News, and dates for your diary:

Shoebboxes with lids required: Bekah has requested shoebboxes with lids for a project she is working on to help children to participate more fully in our worship. Please hand to Bekah if you have one.

Lift to church needed from Damsonwood area.

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

Vision launch and Sunday service arrangements: Bekah launched the vision for Elmdon Church at last Sunday's service. Rooted in the Bible and renewed by the Holy Spirit, our vision is to be a thriving Jesus-centred community playing our part in giving every person the opportunity to encounter, belong and grow in the love of Christ.

From Sunday, 14th April our time together on a Sunday morning will begin with refreshments at 10.30am, followed at 11am by a time of worship.

For further information, please pick up a vision summary flyer and a new Sunday service arrangements flyer from the Wilberforce Hall.

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 or 7th May – PCC or 21st 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 Aroche 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.

Basic Digital Skills Course for members of St Mary's, Hobs Moat and Elmdon Church, run by Solihull College Community Education team, hosted by The Courtyard Day Centre for Young Adults

Where? The Courtyard, 30 Hob's Meadow, Solihull, B92 8PN (The Scout HQ building between the church hall and the Vicarage.)

When? Monday afternoons, 1-3pm, starting Monday 11th March for 6 weeks (11th, 18th, 25th March, a week's break for Easter, 8th, 15th, 22nd April)

What? The course will cover staying safe online, being aware of scams, and practical skills to help with everyday life, basic email, accessing useful information online, e.g. finding out what is going on locally, online shopping, moving between web pages.

Participants can bring their own device, e.g. smartphone, tablet or laptop, or we have 6 Chromebooks available to borrow.

Please let Bekah know if you are interested in taking part in this really exciting community opportunity, which is about building new relationships as well as learning new skills.