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News for the 3<sup>rd</sup> March edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

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

**Next Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**with Kids in Christ**

Rev Bekah Clark will preach on Numbers 32:1-23

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

**Midweek service:**

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm**



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**25<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

*“Now when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not resort to sorcery as at other times, but turned his face towards the desert.”*

*(Numbers 24, verse 1)*

*The Elmdon Church ‘verse of the week’.*

**Welcome to Elmdon Church!**

**10.30am All Age Morning Worship**

Karen Matthews will preach on Numbers 24:1-14

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

**Midweek service:**

**Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm**

## Readings:

Mon	26 <sup>th</sup> February	Psalm 32:1-33:22
Tue	27 <sup>th</sup> February	Psalm 34:1-35:28
Wed	28 <sup>th</sup> February	Psalm 36:1-37:26
Thu	29 <sup>th</sup> February	Psalm 37:27-39:13
Fri	1 <sup>st</sup> March	Psalm 40:1-41:13
Sat	2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Psalm 42:1-44:16
Sun	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Numbers 32:1-23

## Please pray for:

- Residents of Whar Hall Road and Warton Avenue.
- Rev Bekah Clark preaching on Sunday.
- The family of Moyra Bate whose funeral is on 29<sup>th</sup> February.
- Our local emergency services: police, ambulance and firefighters.

## News, and dates for your diary:

**Sound system:** One of the main amplifiers for our sound system has developed a fault, and has been sent away for repairs. While these repairs are underway, there will unfortunately be **no sound amplification** in the overflow/extension/"upstairs" area of the church building, and you are invited to join us downstairs in the main part of the building, or as close as you feel comfortable sitting. Thank you for your understanding.

**Moyra Bate:** Moyra's funeral will be at 1.45pm on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February at Elmdon Church, and 3pm at Robin Hood Crematorium. The wake will be at Old Sils, 3.45-4pm. Any donations to St Basil's homeless charity. If you hope to come to the wake, please sign the sheet in the Wilberforce Hall to give the family a rough idea of numbers.

**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.

**The Bible Study course - final arrangements:** The sessions will be in person at St Mary's, 7.30pm-8.45pm, on the following Tuesdays: April 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, and June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to those who advised Bekah what they would prefer, which was helpful.

**Vision launch and Sunday service arrangements:** 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.