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**Next Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May**

(Refreshments 10.30am)

**11.00am Family Service**

Revd. Bekah Clark will preach on Romans 8:1-17

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

**Midweek service:**

**Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm**

*News for the 12<sup>th</sup> May edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May.*



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**5<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

*“Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved.”*

*(Romans 10, verse 1)*

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

**Welcome to Elmdon Church!**

**Elmdon Church exists for you. Because Christ loves you. Whoever you are, whatever your story, we'd love to get to know you.**

(Refreshments 10.30am)

**11.00am Holy Communion**

**with Kids in Christ**

Revd. Bekah Clark will preach on Romans 10:1-15

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

**Midweek service:**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> May at 2.00pm**

## Readings:

Mon	6 <sup>th</sup> May	Proverbs 16:1-17:7
Tue	7 <sup>th</sup> May	Proverbs 17:8-18:24
Wed	8 <sup>th</sup> May	Proverbs 19:1-20:6
Thu	9 <sup>th</sup> May	Proverbs 20:7-21:15
Fri	10 <sup>th</sup> May	Proverbs 21:16-22:16
Sat	11 <sup>th</sup> May	Proverbs 22:17-23:35
Sun	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Romans 8:1-17

## Please pray for:

- Residents of Croftdown Road and Dalecote Avenue.
- Bekah Clark preaching next Sunday.
- Carol Janes and Rod Janes.
- Wisdom and discernment for those who have been successful in the local elections. Pray also for our communities that they will be transformed, and areas of social injustice will be addressed.
- Our brothers and sisters throughout the world who remain faithful to the teachings of Jesus Christ, despite persecution.

## News, and dates for your diary:

**PCC:** If you would like to consider joining the PCC (Parochial Church Council), or to explore what this would entail, please speak to Bekah.

The **Electoral Roll** is being revised as usual. If you would like to add your name to the Electoral Roll to reflect your being part of God's family at Elmdon Church, or to check if your name is listed, please see Jamie Oldham. **The deadline is today, 5<sup>th</sup> May.**

### **Birmingham Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship Annual Meeting:**

Bishop Michael Volland, the new Diocesan Bishop, will speak at the meeting on Tuesday 4 June, on 'The joy of the Lord is your strength: Christian witness in an age of rapid change'. Venue: Gas Street St Luke's, Great Colmore Street, B15 2AT. Guests are welcome to join the AGM (although they are unable to vote); otherwise, refreshments from 7pm. Bishop Michael will speak at 7.30pm, beginning with worship, and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. The evening will close at 9pm. Please do join the meeting to hear Bishop Michael's vision and passion for mission in these times and in this place. The DEF are praying it will be a precious time of expressing our unity in the gospel, as well as a valuable time of teaching and equipping for the work God is calling us to partner in. Further information available at:

<https://birminghamdef.info/1456/michael-on-christian-witness-with-agm/>

**Elmdon - Community cycling hub:** The container, located next to the church, is full of bikes that people can borrow (free of charge) whilst taking part in the guided rides. The rides on offer cater for those just starting out or returning to cycling after a long time. The pace will be slow and relaxed – the ride leaders will keep the group safe.

The next rides coming up in Elmdon Park are as follows:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 1 pm

<https://www.letsride.co.uk/rides/beginner-friendly-bike-ride-from-elmdon-park-fp49x>

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 1 pm

<https://www.letsride.co.uk/rides/beginner-friendly-bike-ride-from-elmdon-park-d4oho>

**Dementia Information Event - Marie Curie Hospice:** Go along to their free Dementia Action Week information event for the chance to speak with professionals from a range of organisations. Wednesday 15 May, drop in between 10-3pm at Marie Curie West Midlands Hospice, Marsh Lane, Solihull, B91 2PQ. For more details contact Sarah Tambie on [sarah.tambie@mariecurie.org.uk](mailto:sarah.tambie@mariecurie.org.uk) or call **0121 703 3634**.

At the event there will also be a free interactive information session from the Alzheimer's Society to learn how dementia affects a person and what you can do to make a difference. Anyone of any age can become a Dementia Friend. The session will run at 1pm for 1 hour. For more information about the Dementia Friends session, please contact David Rees-Jones at [david.rees-jones@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:david.rees-jones@alzheimers.org.uk)

**Lichfield Cathedral is hosting 'Threads through Creation'**, an uplifting bible-based textile art exhibition, on show from now until 2nd June, expressing God's love!. Touring 20 cathedrals, it consists of 12 beautiful silk panels, each nearly 3m high, re-imagining the story of creation from the Bible. It appeals to people of all ages and backgrounds and is very family friendly. If you've read Genesis in black and white, see the truly breathtaking story in glorious colour with dramatic and complex designs. It's one of the largest textile art projects ever undertaken by a single artist and took Christian artist Jacqui Parkinson 3 years and 8,000,000 stitches to complete.

See also [www.lichfield-cathedral.org](http://www.lichfield-cathedral.org) and [www.creation-threads.co.uk](http://www.creation-threads.co.uk)

**Take a moment to walk in the churchyard**, where you will see beautiful wild flowers. Some are obvious, others are harder to spot, just peeping out of the grass. Flowers include Bluebells, Daisies, Forget-Me-Nots, Germander Speedwell, Herb Robert, Lady's Smock, Primroses, Violets, Wild Strawberries. *"Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: and yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."* Matthew 6:28-33 (KJV)