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Next Sunday, 29th September

**Celebration Sunday joint service at St Mary's
10.30am All Age Holy Communion**

Bekah Clark will preach on Colossians 1:13-23

Refreshments after the service

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two:

1st October at 2pm

News for the 29th September edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 25th September.

**Elmdon Church**
Sharing the Love of Christ

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"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth."

(Genesis 1: 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.

Our time together begins with refreshments at 10.30am

11.00am All Age Morning Worship

Paul Moores (Wycliffe) will preach on Genesis 1:1-2:3

Service followed by Bring-Your-Own lunch

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two:

24th September at 2pm

Readings:

Mon	23 rd September	Ezekiel 5:1-6:14
Tue	24 th September	Ezekiel 7:1-8:18
Wed	25 th September	Ezekiel 9:1-10:22
Thu	26 th September	Ezekiel 11:1-12:16
Fri	27 th September	Ezekiel 12:17-13:23
Sat	28 th September	Ezekiel 14:1-16:8
Sun	29 th September	Colossians 1:13-23

Please pray for:

- Residents of Marling Croft and Maywell Drive.
- Bekah Clark preaching next Sunday.
- Gift and Kathryn Asiku of Wycliffe Bible Translators in their various translation projects. Pray for the Lord's encouragement and protection for all translation teams and support staff.
- Emi and Tore Fernandez of Crosslinks. Give thanks for the joyful news they have shared with us and ask for the Lord's protection as they continue their studies and await the birth of their twins.
- The people of eastern and central Europe affected by severe flooding, and for the relief and aid agencies as the clean-up begins.

News, and dates for your diary:

News from Emi and Tore Fernandez, Crosslinks:

"We hope you are well and that the gospel continues to flourish in your life. We wanted to write to share some very joyful news with you: we are going to be parents of twins! We are truly grateful to our Lord for the gift of children and pray that God will strengthen and equip us with His Word to guide our children in the gospel. Our plan for this year is for Emi to attend a few classes as an auditor, and for me (Tore) to continue with the seminary as usual. God willing, our twins will be born in February, and we would appreciate your prayers for us during this time."

Celebrating Generosity: Collect a Celebrating Generosity letter, Sweet Spot Survey and Financial Giving Response form from the "giving" table in the Wilberforce Hall if you are a regular church member at Elmdon and have not received these by email. There should be a named letter for those on the Electoral Roll who have not provided an email address and then blank copies available for anyone not on the Electoral Roll, or people who've received the information by email but would prefer a paper copy.

Refreshments: Just a reminder, we start serving refreshments at 10.30am on a Sunday morning - everyone's welcome in the church building once it's unlocked, but the team then need time to set up and if we put the kettle on too soon, the tea will be stewed!

Celebration Sunday joint service at St Mary's, Hobs Moat: We will be joining together for worship-at St Mary's next Sunday, 29th September. The service will start at 10.30am followed by refreshments. We'd love you to join us! St Mary's car park can be very busy on a Sunday morning, so people may wish to walk, cycle or car share, arrive early, or leave additional time to park and walk from nearby roads.

"A Day in His Presence":

(joint St Mary's & Elmdon Retreat Day led by Roger Jones), at Elmdon Church, Saturday, 12th October, 10am-3pm (children's work 10.30am-12.30pm). Refreshments provided, but bring your own lunch. **Booking required.** Scan the information card available on the welcome desk in the Wilberforce Hall, or visit <https://elmdon.churchsuite.com/events/hm5jtvgz>. The vision for the day is a time to be refreshed and restored by being together and being with the Lord, so Bekah's prayer is that it doesn't feel like an extra thing for people to fit into their busy lives, but an opportunity within the busyness to take some time out and just receive.

Midland Women's Convention: Saturday 19th October at Renewal Conference Centre, Lode Lane, Solihull, B91 2JR. Sing, pray, listen to God's word and enjoy a great day out together with other women. Doors open at 9.15am, the Convention closes at 3.30pm. Tickets £18, £15 concessions (full time students, those on benefits, pensions). Please take your own lunch; refreshments will be provided on arrival and in the breaks. Book online at midlandswomensconvention.org.uk, or speak to Sue Kimber if you need any help.