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### Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Second Sunday of Advent**

*Our time together begins with refreshments at 10.30am*

#### **11.00am Family Service: Nativity Service**

Bekah Clark & Eliabeth Smye will preach on 'Good News of great joy' (verses from Luke 1 & 2, Matthew 2)

#### **Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm**

**Tuesdays at Two:** 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

*News for the 8<sup>th</sup> December edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December.*



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## **1<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

*"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."*

(Luke 15, verse 20)

*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.**

### **First Sunday of Advent**

*Our time together begins with refreshments at 10.30am*

#### **11.00am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ**

John Tsipouras will preach on Luke 15:11-32

#### **Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm**

#### **Advent Adventure: 2-3.30pm**

**Tuesdays at Two:** 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 2pm

## Readings:

Mon	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Amos 5:14-6:14
Tue	3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Amos 7:1-8:14
Wed	4 <sup>th</sup> December	Amos 9:1-15
Thu	5 <sup>th</sup> December	Obadiah 1:1-21
Fri	6 <sup>th</sup> December	Jonah 1:1-2:10
Sat	7 <sup>th</sup> December	Jonah 3:1-4:11
Sun	8 <sup>th</sup> December	'Good News of great joy' (verses from Luke 1&2, Matthew 2)

## Please pray for:

- Our Christmas services, that all may meet Jesus.
- Residents of Stockwell Rise and Stoney Close.
- Bekah Clark and Elizabeth Smye preaching next Sunday.
- Christian pastors, evangelists and other believers imprisoned in many countries around the world, simply for following Jesus Christ.
- The homeless and people not able to pay their heating bills in the present cold weather.

***Donations of mince pies for the various activities in the church over the Christmas period and for the Band Concert would be very much appreciated. Please check the sell-by dates on the boxes!!***

**Christmas Star Tree:** It's been agreed to have the Star Tree this year for those who like to share their Christmas greetings in this way, in support of our mission partners.

## News, and dates for your diary:

**Val Williams' funeral:** On Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 1pm at Elmdon Church.

**Praying Together:** For the world, the local community, our churches and those in any kind of need. Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December at St Mary's, Hobs Moat, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

**Birmingham Concert Band Christmas Concert:** Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 7.45pm, at Elmdon Church. Festive music and carols, hot drinks and mince pies! Adults £5, accompanied children go free.

Solihull Cineworld is showing a Christian Christmas concert **A Drummer Boy Christmas Live: The Cinematic Concert Experience** (U) on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. For details, trailer and to book visit: [kovareleasing.com](http://kovareleasing.com). A 5-minute extract can be viewed at [youtube.com/watch?v=HFeltEvYfQM](https://youtube.com/watch?v=HFeltEvYfQM). *It can also be seen as a live performance at Indigo at the O2, Greenwich on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.*

**Christmas Jumper Sunday:** Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December. Wear a Christmas jumper, or any other Christmas garment!! All donations will go to Save the Children, the charity supported by the event.

**Allan Jones' funeral:** Elmdon Church, 11am on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, followed by a short service at Robin Hood Crematorium at 12.30pm. All welcome. Pauline and the family extend an invitation to join them afterwards at Moseley Cricket Club (opposite Robin Hood) for refreshments and to share memories of Allan. To help with catering, if you wish to join them please add your name to the list provided in the Wilberforce Hall.

**Hatchford Brook Churches Together:** Carol singing at Tesco, Sheldon on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 11am, for about an hour. Please join us if you can as we seek to bring the real meaning of Christmas to people going about their ordinary lives.