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“Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain..”

(1 Corinthians 15, verse 58)

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.**

Next Sunday, 22nd December

Last Sunday of Advent

*Our time together begins with
refreshments at 10.30am*

**11.00am All Age Morning Worship:
Café Carols**

Bekah Clark will preach on Luke 2:1-16

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

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Tuesday, 24th December - 6pm Carol Service

**Wednesday, 25th December - 10.30am
All Age Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion**

**Sunday, 29th December – 10.30am
Celebration Sunday: Joint All Age Holy Communion**

**Third Sunday of Advent
(Christmas Jumper Sunday)**

*Our time together begins with
refreshments at 10.30am*

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

Karen Matthews will preach on 1 Corinthians 15:35-58

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two: 17th December at 2pm

Readings:

Mon	16 th December	Nahum 3:1-19
Tue	17 th December	Habakkuk 1:1-2:11
Wed	18 th December	Habakkuk 2:12-3:19
Thu	19 th December	Zephaniah 1:1-2:5
Fri	20 th December	Zephaniah 2:6-3:20
Sat	21 st December	Haggai 1:1-2:23
Sun	22 nd December	Luke 2:1-16

Please pray for:

- Elmdon brothers and sisters no longer able to get to church and receiving visits/Communion at home.
- The residents of Tait Croft and Tanford Road.
- Bekah Clark preaching next Sunday.
- That despite all the problems in the world, we may be bearers of the good news of Jesus to those around us.
- Hermon Mar Thoma, a church congregation who share St Mary's building. Bekah is preaching at their carol service on 21st December.

News, and dates for your diary:

****Elmdon Park Support Group:** *Christine Rumney, Defibrillator "Guardian" and EPSG member will be around during refreshments before today's service to answer questions about the defibrillator located in the church courtyard and to sell the EPSG calendar. Buying a calendar, which includes lovely pictures of the park, will enable the group to pay the ongoing defibrillator costs.***

Donations of mince pies for the various activities in the church over the Christmas period 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.

Scammer – Hobs Moat Road shops: Solihull Police have had recent reports of a scammer in our area, operating at the Hobs Moat Road shops. He is described as mixed race between 30-40 years of age. quite tall and usually wearing dark clothing and a plain high visibility jacket/vest. He pretends to be a parking attendant, targeting mainly elderly females, convincing them that they need to pay to park at the location, and produces what looks like a card reader in order for them to pay. This enables him to clone bank cards to access their bank account. *If you are approached by this male, please call 999. Contact: PCSO Mike Beard 31795.*

Selection boxes for renewal food bank: Renewal have confirmed they are happy to receive donations of selection boxes for Christmas, preferably in time to send out with their last parcels on 23rd December. If it's easier for you and to speed things up, please give Sarah Leckie the cash and she will purchase the selection boxes for you.

Allan Jones' funeral: Elmdon Church, 11am on Wednesday, 18th 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, 21st 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.

Tuesdays at Two: Please note, Tuesdays at Two will not meet on 24th and 31st December.

News for the 15th December edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 11th December.