

**David Maguire's funeral:** Monday 18th August, 1pm at Elmdon Church, followed by a private family-only committal. Everyone who knew and loved David is welcome to attend. David loved colour, so in his memory please be bright and colourful, fancy dress is optional! If you like, please bring an individual stem flower (this can be picked from your own garden) which will be added to his coffin in a way that is as unique and individual as David. David's family would welcome any tributes, words of remembrance and stories about him, so do feel free to leave any messages on this webpage: <https://www.anaturalundertaking.co.uk/davidmaguire-2/>.  
(Please note comments are moderated so do not go live immediately.)

**Hearing Me, Hearing You, an interactive hearing course:** For anyone who would like to be a better listener at home, work, with friends or in a pastoral role. Place: Shirley Baptist Church, Family Support Centre. Time: 9.15am – 4.15pm. Cost £30. Dates: Saturdays 27 September, 4<sup>th</sup> & 15 October and 15<sup>th</sup> November. Please speak to Lesley Huss for more information.

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

**Team:** The believers of Elmdon    **Rector:** Revd Bekah Clark

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**17<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**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*

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**11.00am All Age Holy Communion**

**Bekah Clark will preach on Luke 9:21-27**

*Verse of the week: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (verse 23)*

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

**11.00am All Age Morning Worship**

**Karen Matthews will preach on Luke 9:28-36**

*Verse of the week: "A voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.'" (verse 35)*

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### **Celebration Sunday – 31<sup>st</sup> August**

**Joint Service at St Mary's:**

**Start time: 10.30am All Age Holy Communion**

*Refreshments will be served after the service*

## Please pray for:

- Karen Matthews preaching on 24<sup>th</sup> August.
- Residents of Lingham Close and Luddington Road.
- The wild fires caused by high temperatures across the world.
- All going on holiday, that they may travel and return home in safety.
- Gift and Kathryn Asiku, James and Simon Peter in Uganda and the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- The Joint Celebration Service on 31<sup>st</sup> August at St Mary's.
- Residents of Markham Crescent and Marlbrook Close.
- That we may be a witness to the light and love of Jesus.
- All those suffering in body, mind or spirit.
- Tore Fernandez, his wife, Emi, and the work of Crosslinks.
- Karen Matthews preaching on 7<sup>th</sup> September.
- Residents of Marling Croft and Maywell Drive.
- All nations caught up in conflict.
- The work of Ripple Effect in rural Africa.
- The 321 course and Zoom Morning Prayers starting shortly.

## Daily Bible readings:

Having reached the end of Revelation in the daily Bible readings, new Bible readings, or possibly even a slightly new approach, are being explored - the plan going forward is under discussion!

## News and dates for your diary:

Please note, the next **news and prayer sheet** will be issued on 7th September.

There will be a **Joint Celebration Service** at St Mary's on 31<sup>st</sup> August starting at 10.30am, refreshments after the service.

**Got questions about God, the world and you? Thinking about baptism or confirmation? Join one of the 321 courses starting in September to discover life according to Jesus.**

The 321 course invites you to see life the way Jesus does. Over the course of 4 sessions, Glen Scrivener presents Jesus' vision for life through interactive videos that help us better understand God, the world and ourselves.

The course considers God's Three-ness, the world's two-ness and your one-ness. Each session begins with a thoughtful question followed by stunning storytelling and compelling commentary.

Begin 321 here. Engage in thoughtful conversation as part of a small group hosted in a friendly environment. Interact with the videos then share your thoughts and experiences with others.

- Tuesdays, 2-3.15pm at Elmdon Church, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> September, for 4 weeks
- Thursdays, 7.30-8.45pm online via Zoom, starting on 11<sup>th</sup> September for 4 weeks

Speak to or email Bekah ([revbekahclark@gmail.com](mailto:revbekahclark@gmail.com)) for more details or to sign up.

**Zoom Morning Prayer:** From September 8th, Bekah will be starting Zoom Morning Prayer on Mondays 9.30-9.50am. Anyone who thinks they might like to join this prayer time, even just occasionally, should email her ([revbekahclark@gmail.com](mailto:revbekahclark@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link. Receiving the link doesn't commit people to coming every week.

We will pray for our parishes the 5 things which our bishops are encouraging us to pray for the city and region:

- that God would have mercy on our parishes
- that God would give us great love for the people of our parishes
- that God would break the power of evil in Jesus' name
- that God would bring many to faith in Christ
- that God would provide workers for the harvest