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“As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven,
Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.”

(Luke 9, verse 51)

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, 14th September 2025

*Our time together begins with
refreshments at 10.30am*

11.00am Family Service

Led by Bekah Clark and Richard Huss

Bible reading: 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two: 16th September at 2pm,
alongside the **321 course**.

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11.00am All Age Holy Communion

Karen Matthews will preach on Luke 9:51-61

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two: 9th September at 2pm,
alongside the **321 course**.

Please pray for:

- Bekah Clark and Richard Huss leading the service next Sunday.
- The residents of Meriden Rise and Merryfield Close.
- Helping Hands and other food banks in our locality.
- School children and students in higher education, at the start of the new term.
- The rescue efforts in Afghanistan following the deadly earthquake.
- The 321 course and Zoom Morning Prayer commencing this coming week.
- The members of Elmdon and St Mary's PCCs meeting shortly.

News, and dates for your diary:

***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) 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

***Tuesdays at Two:** Will recommence on 9th September at 2pm, alongside the **321 course**.

***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 9th September, for 4 weeks
- Thursdays, 7.30-8.45pm online via Zoom, starting on 11th September for 4 weeks

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

***Tony and Val Shaw** will be providing cake during refreshments next Sunday (14th September) to celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with their church family.

***Sunday 14th September: Psalm Roar**, 5-8pm at Holy Trinity Church, West Bromwich. Join your voice to that of Jesus Christ; experience the unity of the Spirit and the encouragement of God's word as we sing the psalms together. More details from Richard Huss.

***Saturdays 27th September, 4th & 15th October and 15th November: 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. Shirley Baptist Church, 9.15am – 4.15pm. Cost £30. Speak to Lesley Huss for more information.

***New 24/7 Mental Health Text Service for Birmingham and Solihull:** This service is run by Shout, the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging service for anyone who is struggling to cope. Just text 'Space' to 85258 to start a conversation with a mental health professional. To find out more visit www.bsmhft.nhs/space.

***New Solihull Memory Café:** Unique Senior Care in collaboration with Solihull indoor bowls, invites local residents to the launch of the new Solihull Memory Café, supporting people living with dementia and their carers. The first session will be a special drop in event (and every Thursday thereafter) on Tuesday 18 September from 10.30 to 12.30 at Brick Kiln Lane (off Widney Lane), Solihull, West Midlands, B91 3LE.

News for the 14th September edition of the news sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 10th September.