

# 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025

## Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

### Verse of the Week

“I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15, verse 5 (*NIV*)

### Collect

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat**

9.30am Holy Communion  
followed by refreshments

*Bekah Clark will preach on Acts 9:1-20*

#### **Elmdon Church (Harvest)**

10.30am Refreshments  
11am Family Service

*Bekah Clark will preach on John 15:1-8*

### Coming up this week

Sunday, 2-4pm

Tuesday, 2pm

Wednesday, 1-3pm

Thursday, 9.30am

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**Open Church** at Elmdon Church

**Tuesdays at Two** at Elmdon Church

**Knit and Natter** at St Mary's

**Refresh** at St Mary's

**Craft group** at St Mary's

## Please pray for...

- Bekah Clark preaching next Sunday.
- The residents of Oakfield and Oakham Way.
- The first phase of the Gaza ceasefire deal.
- The families receiving our Harvest gifts via Helping Hands.
- The management and employees of JLR as they return to work.
- Persecuted Christians throughout the world.

## Dates for your Diary

**Mondays at 9.30am: Zoom Morning Prayer.** Email [revbekahclark@gmail.com](mailto:revbekahclark@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

**Quiet Reading Party:** Monday - 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30am–12noon at Elmdon Church. An opportunity to “unplug” in the company of others in an hour of silent reading (or listening to an audiobook) followed by an optional discussion time. Refreshments will be provided. This could be the ideal time to get into reading the Bible or a Christian book, but what you read is entirely your choice!  
Also, Mondays 10<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December.

**Confirmation service at St Alphege** at 5pm on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October; the Elmdon church family are invited to come to support the person from our church family being confirmed or if anyone is interested in seeing what a confirmation service is like before taking this step on their own faith journey.

**Save the date - Light Party**, crafts, games, baby and toddler zone, Bible talk, party tea and light trail, celebrating Jesus the Light of the World, for under 11s and their parents/carers, Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 4.30-6pm, more details coming soon.

**Annual Memorial Service:** Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3pm. Elmdon Church, Elmdon Park, Solihull, B92 9EJ. A reflective service to remember and give thanks for those whom we love but see no longer. Booking not required, simply join us on the day. Refreshments will be served from 2.30pm.

## This week's Discovery Bible Study

Bible passage: Acts 9:1-20 / John 15:1-8

- Review how you did with last week's passage: What changes did you make in your life? Who did you tell?
- Read this week's passage again.
- Retell the passage in your own words.
- Reflect on the questions below.
- Pray for God's help.

<p>What does the story tell me about God?</p>	<p>If this is really God's word, what changes would I have to make in my life?</p>
<p>What does the story tell me about people or myself?</p>	<p>Who am I going to tell?</p>

## Next Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

### St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat

9.30am Holy Communion  
followed by refreshments

*Bekah Clark will preach on Acts 10:1-11:18*

### Elmdon Church

10.30am Refreshments  
11am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ

*Bekah Clark will preach on Acts 10:1-11:18*

## Contact Details

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### St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat

Hobs Meadow, Solihull, B92 8PN

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## News Sheet

News for the 19<sup>th</sup> October edition of the news sheet should be sent to  
[news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October.