

2nd November 2025

Fourth Sunday before Advent

Verse of the Week

"The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord." Acts 11, verse 21 (NIV)

Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat

9.30am Holy Communion
followed by refreshments

Toby Crowe will preach on Acts 11:19-30 & 13:1-3

Elmdon Church

10.30am Refreshments
11am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ

Karen Matthews will preach on Acts 11:19-30 & 13:1-3

Coming up this week

Sunday, 3pm	Memorial service at Elmdon Church
Tuesday, 2pm	Tuesdays at Two at Elmdon Church
Wednesday, 1-3pm	Knit and Natter at St Mary's
Thursday, 9.30am	Refresh at St Mary's
Thursday, 1.30pm	Craft group at St Mary's

Please pray for...

- Karen Matthews, Richard Huss & Rob Dean preaching next Sunday.
- The residents of Onslow Crescent and Pardington Close.
- The devastation and human cost following Hurricane Melissa.
- Our armed forces and emergency services as we commemorate Remembrance Sunday on 9th November.
- Peace, justice and reconciliation in Sudan.
- The COP30 meeting in Brazil where world leaders will gather for their annual meeting on how to tackle climate change.

Dates for your Diary

Mondays at 9.30am: Zoom Morning Prayer. Email revbekahclark@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

St Mary's Hobs Moat & Elmdon Church, *Praying Together* for the world, the local community, our churches and those in any kind of need. Wednesday, 5th November, 7.30pm – 8.30pm at St Mary's.

Quiet Reading Party: Monday, 10th November, 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!

Church of England Safeguarding Survey: We want our churches to be places of welcome and safety. Please could you take a few moments to complete a short survey about how welcome and safe you feel at your church? The survey is open until 14th December and is available at <https://www.cognitofirms.com/Cofebirmingham/ParishSafeguardingSurvey2025> or ask Lesley Huss for a paper copy.

Age UK Solihull Winter 2025 Newsletter: Find out about recent and upcoming activity from Age UK Solihull, including fundraising, volunteering and services for older and vulnerable Solihull residents. Read the newsletter and sign up to receive future updates at [Age UK Solihull | Newsletter](#)

Solihull's Community Development Team Mental Health and Wellbeing marketplace: This event is open to residents and any groups or organisations who would like to find out what support and activities are available for adults in Solihull. There will be a range of organisations & services providing information, support & signposting. Thursday 13 November, The Core Library, Homer Road, Touchwood, Solihull, B91 3RG, 1-3pm. If you have any questions about the event, please email cdt@solihull.gov.uk

This week's Discovery Bible Study

Bible passage: Acts 11:19-30 & 13:1-3

- 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.

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

Next Sunday, 9th November - Remembrance Sunday

St Mary's Church, Hobs Moat

9.30am All Age Worship
followed by refreshments

Rob Dean will preach on Revelation 21:1-7

Elmdon Church

10.30am Refreshments
10.50am Family Service

*Karen Matthews and Richard Huss will preach on
Revelation 21:1-7*

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News Sheet

News for the 9th November edition of the news sheet should be sent to
news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 5th November.