

30th November 2025

The First Sunday of Advent

Verse of the Week

"Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life". Jude verse 21 (NIV)

Collect

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

10.30am Celebration Sunday Holy Communion
with Bishop Esther and a special Advent Kids in Christ session

Refreshments after the service

Bishop Esther will preach on Jude 17-25

Coming up this week

Sunday, 2-3.30pm
Tuesday, 2pm
Thursday, 1.30pm

Open Church at Elmdon Church
Tuesdays at Two at Elmdon Church
Craft group at St Mary's

Please pray for...

- Bekah Clark preaching next Sunday.
- The residents of Spooners Close and Springfield Crescent.
- The schoolgirls abducted in Nigeria's Kebbi State.
- Our parish community, family and friends: that we may be kind and generous to others as we prepare for the coming of Christ.
- Victims of the fire in the Hong Kong tower block.

Dates for your Diary

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

Monthly Prayer Meeting 3rd December: In December our Wednesday evening prayer gathering will be held on Zoom at 7.30pm, for around 30 minutes. We will have an Advent and Christmas focus as we pray for the needs of the world, our community, our church and one another. Please email Bekah for the Zoom link.

CPAS survey: CPAS, our patron and a leading and highly respected provider of support to parishes, is leading a parish development review for Elmdon Church to enable us to flourish in our future mission and ministry. This is under the title of the **4-Ms: Mission, Ministry, Motive, Mechanisms**. If you are a regular worshipper, you are encouraged to complete the short survey at

<https://forms.gle/pzE8GTN3KSKBARjC6>

Paper copies will also be available in the Wilberforce Hall. Closing date 15th December.

Mince pies required: Please can you help in supplying mince pies for the forthcoming Carol Service and Birmingham Concert Band concert. Please check sell by date!

Christmas Jumper Sunday: 14th December. Wear a Christmas jumper, or any other Christmas garment! All donations will go to Save the Children.

Birmingham Concert Band Christmas Concert: Monday, 15th December, 7.45pm, at Elmdon Church. Festive music and carols, hot drinks and mince pies! Adults £5, accompanied children go free. Pay at the door.

Elmdon Park calendar 2026: The calendar will be on sale before the Nativity and Carols service on 14th December and also during the interval at the Birmingham Band Concert on 15th December. Price £8 each, proceeds towards the defibrillator & bleed kit and other projects in the park.

This week's Discovery Bible Study Jude 17-25

- 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, 7th December

The Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am Refreshments

11.00am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ

Bekah Clark will preach on Isaiah 11:1-10

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News Sheet

News for the 7th December edition of the news sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 3rd December.