



# 14<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Verse of the Week

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.” Matthew 11, verse 11 (NIV)

## Collect

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER SUNDAY

10.30am Refreshments

11.00am All Age Holy Communion

*Rob Dean will preach on Matthew 11:2-11*

## 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 and Elizabeth Smye preaching next Sunday.
- The residents of Streamside Way and Studley Croft.
- The Relaxed Carols service on 16<sup>th</sup> December.
- The NHS struggling with the current flu outbreak.
- Gift and Kathryn Asiku and their sons, James and Simon Peter.
- The work of Wycliffe Bible Translators.

## Dates for your Diary

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

**Birmingham Concert Band Christmas Concert:** Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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 service today and also during the interval at the Birmingham Band Concert on 15<sup>th</sup> December. Price £8 each, proceeds towards the defibrillator & bleed kit and other projects in the park.

**Good Conversations - tips and techniques for volunteers:** practical training opportunity designed to support anyone volunteering to host welcoming community spaces. It's run by Warm Welcome, who we are registered with. A friendly 2 hour online session packed with useful tools to help volunteers feel more confident, communicate more effectively. Dates: 16 December, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 10<sup>th</sup> February. More information at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/good-conversations-tips-and-techniques-for-volunteers-tickets-731055435487?>

**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 survey. Paper copies are available in the Wilberforce Hall. Closing date 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

# **This week's Discovery Bible Study**

## **Matthew 11:2-11**

- 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?

## **SERVICES NEXT WEEK**

**Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**

11.00am Relaxed Carols for those with additional needs

**Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> December**

10.30am Refreshments

11.00am Carols Around the Manger (Nativity and Carols)

Bekah Clark and Elizabeth Smye will preach on  
Matthew 1:18-25

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## **News Sheet**

News for the 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> December edition of the news sheet should be sent to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) by 7pm on Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December.