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Next Sunday, 6th October

Our time together begins with refreshments at 10.30am

11.00am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ

Bekah Clark will preach on Luke 1:26-38

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two:

8th October at 2pm

News for the 6th October edition of the news & prayer sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 2nd October.



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"Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation."

(Colossians 1: verse 15)

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.

Celebration Sunday joint service at St Mary's

10.30am All Age Holy Communion

Bekah Clark will preach on Colossians 1:13-23

Refreshments after the service

Open Church (Elmdon): 2.00pm-4.00pm

Tuesdays at Two:

1st October at 2pm

Readings:

Mon	30 th September	Ezekiel 16:9-43
Tue	1 st October	Ezekiel 16:44-17:24
Wed	2 nd October	Ezekiel 18:1-32
Thu	3 rd October	Ezekiel 19:1-20:20
Fri	4 th October	Ezekiel 20:21-49
Sat	5 th October	Ezekiel 21:1-32
Sun	6 th October	Luke 1:26-38

Please pray for:

- Residents of Meriden Rise and Merryfield Close.
- Bekah Clark preaching next Sunday.
- The work of Ripple Effect as they reach out to the most vulnerable people in rural Africa, and for people who fund projects, that God would give them generous hearts to support the charity's amazing work.
- St Mary's and Elmdon Retreat Day that the Lord may be glorified.
- People being forced to leave their homes in war-stricken parts of the world.

News, and dates for your diary:

Praying Together: For the world, the local community, our churches and those in any kind of need. Wednesday, 2nd October at St Mary's, Hobs Moat, 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Celebrating Generosity: Collect a Celebrating Generosity letter, Sweet Spot Survey and Financial Giving Response form from the "giving" table in the Wilberforce Hall if you are a regular church member at Elmdon and have not received these by email. There should be a named letter for those on the Electoral Roll who have not provided an email address and then blank copies available for anyone not on the Electoral Roll, or people who've received the information by email but would prefer a paper copy.

Refreshments: Just a reminder, we start serving refreshments at 10.30am on a Sunday morning - everyone's welcome in the church building once it's unlocked, but the team then need time to set up and if we put the kettle on too soon, the tea will be stewed!

“A Day in His Presence”:

(joint St Mary's & Elmdon Retreat Day led by Roger Jones), at Elmdon Church, Saturday, 12th October, 10am-3pm (children's work 10.30am-12.30pm). Refreshments provided, but bring your own lunch. **Booking required.** Scan the information card available on the welcome desk in the Wilberforce Hall, or visit <https://elmdon.churchsuite.com/events/hm5jtvgz>.

The vision for the day is a time to be refreshed and restored by being together and being with the Lord, so Bekah's prayer is that it doesn't feel like an extra thing for people to fit into their busy lives, but an opportunity within the busyness to take some time out and just receive.

National Week of Prayer – 12-20th October: NWOP is a partnership of Christian ministries from across traditions, denominations and communities, brought together by the Holy Spirit with a united vision, committing to pray for our leaders, our nation and the whole world, and for lives to be transformed by Jesus. It is a week to remember the good things God has done and is doing in this country, with thanksgiving, worship and praise as we return to Him. Visit www.nationalweekofprayer.uk for further information.

Harvest service – 13th October: You are invited to bring items for Helping Hands food bank to the Harvest service, giving thanks to the Lord for everything He has provided for us. Based at Renewal Church, Helping Hands has a heart to give and support the most vulnerable within the Solihull locality, believing that *Jesus met the most vulnerable where they were, providing what they needed and sending them on their way. This truly is love in action.* Helping Hands supplies those who are most in need with food, toiletries and other essentials. Contributions of food and finance help to feed the most vulnerable across the borough. The food bank is committed to ensuring they work with other agencies so that a full package of support can be provided.

Midland Women's Convention: Saturday 19th October at Renewal Conference Centre, Lode Lane, Solihull, B91 2JR. Sing, pray, listen to God's word and enjoy a great day out together with other women. Doors open at 9.15am, the Convention closes at 3.30pm. Tickets £18, £15 concessions (full time students, those on benefits, pensions). Please take your own lunch; refreshments will be provided on arrival and in the breaks. Book online at midlandswomensconvention.org.uk, or speak to Sue Kimber if you need any help.