

Team: The believers of Elmdon **Rector:** Revd Bekah Clark

Connect with us contact@elmdonchurch.org | 0121 743 6336
www.elmdonchurch.org | www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch | [@elmdonchurch](https://www.instagram.com/elmdonchurch)

We continue to provide material on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel, accessible at www.elmdonchurch.org



Post code: B92 9EJ

22nd and 29th December 2024

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.**

Sunday, 5th January

**Our time together begins with
refreshments at 10.30am**

11am Holy Communion with Kids in Christ

Bekah Clark will preach on Matthew 2:1-12

Open Church: 2.00pm-4.00pm

*News for the 5th January edition of the news & prayer
sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org
by 7pm on Friday, 3rd January.*

**On Sundays our time together begins with refreshments at
10.30am, unless otherwise stated**

**SUNDAY - 22nd DECEMBER: 11am All Age Morning
Worship: Cafe Carols**

Bekah Clark will preach on Luke 2:1-16

TUESDAY - 24th DECEMBER: 6.00pm – Carol Service
Preacher: Richard Huss

11.00pm Midnight Communion at St Mary's Hobs Moat
"The Word Made Flesh" Rob Dean will preach on
Isaiah 52.7-10 and John 1.1-14

**CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.30am All Age Christmas Day
Celebration with Holy Communion**

Bekah Clark will preach on Isaiah 9.2b-7 and Matthew 1.18-25

**SUNDAY – 29th DECEMBER: 10.30am Celebration Sunday:
Joint All Age Holy Communion**

John Tsipouras will preach on Luke 2:21-38
(Refreshments after the service)

Readings 23rd December – :

Mon	23 rd December	Zechariah 1:1-2:13
Tue	24 th December	Zechariah 3:1-5:11
Wed	25 th December	Zechariah 6:1-8:13
Thu	26 th December	Zechariah 8:14-9:17
Fri	27 th December	Zechariah 10:1-11:17
Sat	28 th December	Zechariah 12:1-13:9
Sun	29 th December	Luke 2:21-38

Please pray for:

- Give thanks for the birth of our saviour, Jesus Christ.
- Richard, Rob and John preaching over the Christmas period.
- Bekah, the PCC and all who serve in a leadership role in Elmdon Church and St Mary's. Praise God for them.
- Residents of Tanhouse Farm Road and The Glade.
- The work of shelters as they welcome in the homeless over Christmas.
- Those suffering in body, mind and spirit that they may be healed and comforted.

Readings 30th December – 5th January

Mon	30 th December	Zechariah 14:1-21
Tue	31 st December	Malachi 1:1-2:9
Wed	1 st January	Malachi 2:10-4:6
Thu	2 nd & Sun 5 th January	Matthew 1:1-2:12
Fri	3 rd January	Matthew 2:13-4:11
Sat	4 th January	Matthew 4:12-5:26

Please pray for:

- New opportunities to serve as a disciple of Christ in the New Year.
- Bekah Clark preaching on 5th January.
- Our Mission Partners, Emi and Tore Fernandez that the Lord may bless them as they spend time at their home church and as they await the birth of twins in a few weeks' time.
- Those facing a new year without a loved one at their side that they may know the presence of the Lord.
- Residents of Thelsford Way and Tustin Crescent.

News and dates for your diary:

Please note, the next news sheet will be issued on 5th January.

Tuesdays at Two: There will be no meeting on the following Tuesdays: 24th December and 31st December. Tuesdays at Two will next meet on 7th January.

Gift and Kathryn Asiku: The Asikus are presently in the UK for a short home leave and are visiting some of the churches which support them in their ministry with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Happily they are joining us for our service on 5th January. So that people will have more time to chat with them, we are going to join together for a "bring-your-own" lunch following that service. Please do join us to learn more about their ministry as they share what is going on in the work of Bible translation and literacy in Uganda and express their gratitude for the support they receive. Hot drinks will be available.

Pantomime: Saturday 25th January at Knowle Village Hall, 2.30pm. Adults £10, children £7. Come and join us in the festive fun! This pantomime, if it's anything like previous ones, is *very* loosely based on Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs (oh, no, it isn't, of yes, it is!!). See Sarah Wadsworth for further information. It's good if we can sit as a group and enjoy the silliness together!

Dear Elmdon Church Family,

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God coming down to us, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Christmas and a peaceful New Year. May you know the light and life, love, joy, peace and hope of Jesus this Christmastime.

Bekah