

Pastor's Pitch -

Sainsbury's Christmas TV advert's tag line is "The greatest gift that I can give is me". In the midst of all the busyness of Christmas, the train delays, work, the chaos of queues in the shops, and the difficulty of finding the right gifts for friends & family, the Dad of the family suddenly realises that the most important thing about Christmas is not what he gets at Christmas or whether he buys the right gifts for his friends and family but that he spends plenty of time with his family. "The greatest gift that I can give is me."

That is the message of Christmas: the greatest gift that Jesus could give was himself. Jesus came to earth in order to give us peace, peace between God and humanity. Jesus came to earth to give us hope, hope that one day the world would be restored to its former glory. Jesus came to earth to give us light, to reveal the truth to us. Jesus came to earth to give us joy, the joy of living life according to his perfect plan. Jesus came to earth to give us life, life in all its fullness. Jesus came to earth to give us love, complete unconditional love, the love of a perfect Father for His children. Jesus came to give us His presence, to have a close relationship with each of us. The greatest gift of all is in fact Jesus.

Nick Addington

Pastor Elmfield Church

GET IN THE PICTURE.

Many people will have fond memories of being in a Nativity Play when at Primary School and will have enjoyed dressing up as a shepherd or wise man, angel or sheep or even Mary the mother of the baby in the manger.

Here is an opportunity to be involved in a Nativity scene once again when 'Get in the Picture' comes to Elmfield Church on Monday 19th December from 3.30 - 4.30pm and Tuesday 20th December from 1.30pm - to 2.30pm. Children and adults will be able to dress in costumes and take photos recording the scene on their own phones or cameras. We can take the photo and print it out and e-mail a copy as well.



Christmas refreshments & crafts will be available. Participation is free. Anyone is welcome to call into the church to take part.



CHRISTMAS FUN FOR ALL WITH CAROLS.

This is a Carol Service and Celebration with a difference!

A wide range of Christmas craft activities suited to all ages, games, video clips as well as well known carols will combine to make Sunday evening 18th December from 4.00pm an exciting start to the week running up to Christmas.



Refreshments will be served along with mulled punch and soft drinks.

The event is completely free of charge and open to anyone who likes to celebrate Christmas.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY 11th DECEMBER.



Is yours a family that enjoys carol singing and Christmas celebrations? Why not come and join with the congregation at Elmfield Church on Sunday morning 11th December when the morning service from 10.30am to Noon will have a special Christmas theme with activities for children of all ages?

The service will be informal with lively singing accompanied by musicians, and hymn and song words projected on a screen enabling everyone to join in seasonal worship. There is a crèche for little ones and activities geared to both Primary and Secondary school age children. There is no collection or request for money.

CHRISTMAS KINECT FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN.

Christmas Kinect on

Saturday 10th December from 3.00pm to 5.00pm is an activity for all children in Reception through to Year 6.

We have plenty of fun to choose from. Board games, Wii consoles, table football, Hama beads and lots of different crafts. We also have team challenges and will learn more about the Christmas story.

At 5pm, when the parents and carers come to collect their children there will be delicious



indulgent desserts to enjoy.

Elmfield Church has a fully operative Child Protection Policy. More details are available from the Church office 020 8866 0813.

No booking needed just come! It would be great to see you.

