

## Coming up

**Advent prayer night:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

**Barons Court carol service:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm. Please see Joyce Taylor if you would like to help make up the choir for the evening.

**Christmas crafts and Crib Service:** Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December, 3.00pm at Elmdon Church. We need help to set up beforehand. Please see Kelly.

## Also...

**Public consultation on 'Being Christian in the UK Today'** launched by Christians in Parliament. Make your voice heard before 16<sup>th</sup> December at <http://www.christiansinparliament.org.uk/inquiry/>

**Mince pies please:** We need mince pies for the Christmas crafts on 16<sup>th</sup> December and for the Carol Service on Christmas Eve. Please leave boxes on the counter in the Wilberforce Hall.

**Large-print prayer sheets:** Should we continue to produce these? How much are they used? Please let Toby know if you find them helpful.

**First aid course:** Would anybody be interested? Please speak to Kelly.

**Christianity Explored and Start!:** We will be advertising dates for these courses soon. Please speak to Toby if you want to take part.

**Francis Sender**, whose video we watch today, recently had his laptop stolen. The PCC has agreed to fund the cost of a replacement. If anyone wants to contribute towards this, please speak to Lesley Huss or Eli Malkin.

**Missed a Sunday?** You can now find our Podcast on iTunes and Spotify – just search for "Elmdon Church Sermons".

**Eco tip:** Switch to LED lights in your Christmas decorations. They use up to 90% less energy: you'll help the environment and save on electricity bills!

*News for 9th December edition (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.  
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*"The Church in the Park"*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

***"I am', said Jesus."***

*Mark chapter fourteen, verse 62 (Church Bibles, page 1021)*

Welcome to Elmdon Church. It's lovely to see you!

### Sunday

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children and young people.

Toby Crowe will speak on Mark 14:53 - 72.

*Got a question? Disagree? Email **rector@elmdonchurch.org***

**3.00 - 5.00pm Roots & Shoots**

Our monthly event for children and families. Free entry. Tea provided.

### In the week

**Mon 3 Dec** **Prayer group:** 6.30pm on Coppice Road. CHANGE!

**Band concert:** 7.45pm on Coppice Road, £5 entry.

**Tue 4 Dec** **Women's Bible study:** 10.00am at Elmdon Church.

**Fellowship group:** 12.30pm at Coppice Road.

**Wed 5 Dec** **Acorns** toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

**Bible study:** 7.30pm at 4 Wharton Avenue.

**Fri 7 Dec** **Craft fair:** 3.00 - 8.00pm on Coppice Road.

**Rector** Revd Toby Crowe    **Children & Families' Worker** Kelly Purdy  
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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Mark 14:53 - 72*

- Children in the Central African Republic, two-thirds of whom need humanitarian aid just to supply the physical basics of life.
- Christian residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- The rambling group visiting Elmdon Church this morning.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Will Adderley, Brian Clayton, Raed Fares, Sue Graesser and Peter Hunt.

## Tuesday *Daniel 4:1 - 18*

- Everyone affected by the US-China trade war.
- Mayor Flo Nash and members of Solihull Council, meeting tonight.
- Children from the Valley Primary School reception classes, visiting Elmdon Church today.
- Those who are sick, including Graham Stallard and Don Stanton.

## Wednesday *Daniel 4:19 - 27*

- Efforts to finally agree treaties between the government of Australia and its indigenous peoples.
- Unbelieving residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- The children and adults who come to Acorns this morning.
- Church members: Joyce Holmes; Nick & Sandra Homer.

## Thursday *Daniel 4:28 - 37*

- Tensions between Russia and Ukraine, and those who work for peace in that region.
- Staff at JLR Solihull as a further round of job cuts takes effect.
- Toby Crowe, preparing to preach at our parade service on Sunday.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Brian Smith, Gill Toogood, Tom Wilson and Olive Yates.

*What do Christians believe? Visit [www.twowaystolive.com](http://www.twowaystolive.com)*

## Friday *Daniel 5:1 - 9*

- Children and adults gripped by the growing famine in Yemen.
- The staff of West Midlands Ambulance Service amidst all the pressures they face this winter.
- Vicar Nick Tucker and the people of Edgbaston Old Church. Father, bless their growing work with students!
- Those who are sick, including Stephen Young and Julie Ziarko.

## Saturday *Daniel 5:10 - 24*

- Members of Parliament, preparing to vote on a Brexit deal next week.
- All affected by rising levels of Sexually Transmitted Infections in our area.
- Ross and Maggie, being married at Elmdon Church this afternoon.
- Church members: Richard, Lesley, Connor & Rachel Huss; Carol Janes.

## Sunday *Mark 15:1 - 20*

- Freedom of speech and expression in the UK and around the world.
- Those who are homeless and sleeping rough in Solihull and Birmingham this winter.
- Our service this morning, that all who come will meet Jesus Christ in their prayer, in his word and in his people.
- All our preparations for Christmas at Elmdon Church, and for those who will be delivering our Christmas leaflets door-to-door.

*Please send prayer requests to [prayer@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:prayer@elmdonchurch.org) and note that names will usually appear for a month at a time.*

*You can receive these prayers through the free PrayerMate app or by our daily email bulletin. Details at [www.elmdonchurch.org/prayer](http://www.elmdonchurch.org/prayer)*

*We have a prayer chain for urgent prayer needs.  
Please email [prayer@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:prayer@elmdonchurch.org) or call 0121-743 6336.*

### **Next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am Parade service**, all ages together.

Toby Crowe will speak on Mark 15:1 - 20.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**