

## Coming up

**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.

**The Well healing training:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January at St Philip's Church, Dorridge. This would be useful to prayer ministers, Open Church personnel and door-to-door visitors. See the leaflet in the hall.

**Christianity Explored**, an introduction to the Christian faith: Seven Monday evenings from 14<sup>th</sup> January, 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory.

**Church Council:** The PCC next meets on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January. Papers will be circulated to members after Christmas.

**Parish-visiting meeting:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January, after the main service. This is for anyone who's been involved (walking or praying) or who ought to be.

**'Living without worry':** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 7.00pm at Monyhull Church, Kings Norton. Free entry. Organised by the Midlands Gospel Partnership. Please see Toby if you would like to know more.

## 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.

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

**Eco tip:** Recycle as much as you can during the festive season!

*News for 16<sup>th</sup> December edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please. We are an EcoChurch and this document is printed on recycled paper. It is also available on our website and via email.*



*"The Church in the Park"*

## 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

***"What shall I do, then, with the one you have called the king of the Jews?"***

*Mark chapter fifteen, verse 12 (Church Bibles, page 1022)*

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

### Sunday

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

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

*Got a question? Disagree? Email [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org)*

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church .**

### In the week

**Mon 10 Dec**

**Holy Communion:** 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

**Tue 11 Dec**

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

**Holy Communion:** 2.00pm at Coppice Road.

**Advent prayer night:** 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

**Wed 12 Dec**

**Acorns toddler group:** 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

**Bible study:** 1.30pm at 706 Old Lode Lane.

**Barons Court carol service:** 7.00pm.

**Sat 15 Dec**

**Open-air carols:** 10.30am at Sheldon Tesco.

**Rector** Revd Toby Crowe    **Children & Families' Worker** Kelly Purdy

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Mark 15:1 - 20*

- Continuing civil disturbances in France.
- Governors of Valley Primary School, meeting tonight.
- Toby Crowe, leading funerals for Michael Frost and Peter Hunt today.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Will Adderley, Brian Clayton, Raed Fares, Doreen Gretton and Peter Hunt.

## Tuesday *Daniel 5:25 - 31*

- The Brexit vote taking place in the House of Commons.
- Christian residents of Walford Drive and Walsgrave Close, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our Advent prayer night, taking place at Elmdon Church this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Lee, Marjorie Allcott & Maureen Bruce.

## Wednesday *Daniel 6:1 - 9*

- Peace talks for Yemen, being held in Sweden in advance of the Yemeni government's attack on Hudaydah.
- Unbelieving residents of Walford Drive and Walsgrave Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our carol service at Barons Court this evening, that we might speak good news to the residents who come and that their ears will be open.
- Church members: John & Sue Farrar-Hockley, Ros Johnson.

## Thursday *Daniel 6:10 - 16*

- Attempts to end the trade war between the US and China.
- Governors of Coppice School, meeting this evening.
- Our church Review Group, meeting this lunchtime to pray about 2019 as a 'year of decision and purpose' for Elmdon Church.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Brian Smith, Gill Toogood, Tom Wilson and Olive Yates.

## Friday *Daniel 6:17 - 28*

- The future of Rwanda following the acquittal of opposition leader Diane Rwigara on charges of insurrection.
- Local people concerned by the decision to close Solihull Post Office.
- Richard, preparing to preach on Sunday morning, and the team who are planning our Christmas crafts and crib service for Sunday afternoon.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Sarah Lea.

## Saturday *Daniel 7:1 - 8*

- Diabetes-sufferers in places where regular access to insulin is difficult.
- The next stages of the Brexit debate, following Tuesday's vote.
- All our planning for Christmas at Elmdon Church.
- Church members: Allan & Pauline Jones, Dave & Sue Landreth.

## Sunday *Mark 15:21 - 47*

- Refugees and migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean now that the charity 'rescue ships' have been forced into port.
- All who will be in prison or secure accommodation this Christmas; also those who guard and look after them.
- Our service this morning, that all who come will meet Jesus Christ in his word, in their prayer and in fellowship with his people, round his table.
- Our Christmas crafts and Crib Service, taking place this afternoon.

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

**10.30am Holy Communion**, all ages together.

Richard Huss will speak on Mark 15:21 - 47.

**3.00pm Christmas crafts and Crib service**

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