

Coming up

The Well healing training: Thursday 10th & Saturday 19th 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 14th January, 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory.

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

Parish-visiting meeting: Sunday 20th 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 23rd 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...

Mince pies please: We need mince pies for the Carol Service on Christmas Eve. Please leave boxes in the Wilberforce Hall.

New Year sermons: In January we shall be looking at 'Ancient promise, future fulfilled', starting with Abraham and the Patriarchs, and then moving on to chapters 9 to 11 of Paul's letter to the Romans. During Lent we will look at creation from a Christian perspective: what does it mean to call our God the 'Lord of all creation'?

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

Eco tip: Investigate the options available for recycling real Christmas trees.

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"The Church in the Park"



16th December 2018

"Surely this man was the Son of God."

Mark chapter fifteen, verse 39 (Church Bibles, page 1023)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together.

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

3.00pm Christmas crafts and Crib service

In the week

Mon 17 Dec

Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Tue 18 Dec

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

Wed 19 Dec

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

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Read & pray...

Monday *Mark 15:21 - 47*

- The shaky truce between government and opposition forces in Hudaydah, the port through which much of Yemen's food aid comes.
- Christian residents of Walsgrave Drive and Wells Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- A good and prayerful response to the current rise of the 'gender agenda' in the Church of England.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Will Adderley, Diana Beacraft, Brian Clayton, Doreen Gretton and Peter Hunt.

Tuesday *Daniel 7:9 - 12*

- The people of Queensland, Australia, recovering from Cyclone Owen.
- Manager Tim Flowers, players and fans of Solihull Moors Football Club, travelling to Blackpool for the FA Cup replay tonight.
- The work of our friends at the Midlands Gospel Partnership.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Graham Stallard.

Wednesday *Daniel 7:13 - 14*

- The children of Ireland as the abortion bill is passed into law.
- Unbelieving residents of Walsgrave Drive and Wells Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- The final session of Acorns in 2018, taking place this morning, and all the children and families who will come.
- Church members: Sarah Leckie & Florence, Pat Lyons, Eli Malkin.

Thursday *Mark 14:55 - 65*

- Politicians and diplomats, still working for a just and fair Brexit.
- Birmingham bin workers, resuming their industrial action.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach at Sunday's Baptism service.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Bernice Pearson, Brian Smith, Gill Toogood, Tom Wilson and Olive Yates.

What do Christians believe? Visit www.twowaystolive.com

Friday *Daniel 7:15 - 18*

- People in Venezuela as the economic crisis there continues.
- Staff and children of our local schools, breaking up today.
- Archbishop Stanley Ntagali and our brothers & sisters of the Anglican Church of Uganda.
- Those who are sick, including Don Stanton and Stephen Young.

Saturday *Daniel 7:19 - 22*

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi and leaders of the opposition parties as India prepares for a General Election in 2019.
- Men and women working in the sex industry in our region.
- Our work and witness as we prepare for 2019: Elmdon Church's 'year of decision and purpose'.
- Church members: Karen Matthews, Val Matthews and Pauline Meredith.

Sunday *Mark 16:1 - 19*

- Charities advocating for and supporting homeless people this Christmas.
- All who will be working in public service during the next fortnight, and the families they leave behind.
- Good attendances at our seasonal services: may the right people come, and may we see Christ work in their hearts!
- Our service this morning, that everyone who comes will meet Jesus as we gather to baptise Lilian.

Please send prayer requests to 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

We have a prayer chain for urgent prayer needs. Please email prayer@elmdonchurch.org or call 0121-743 6336.

Next Sunday, 23rd December

10.30am Baptism service, all ages together.

Karen Matthews will speak on Mark 16:1 - 19.