

## Coming up

**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...

**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:** Reduce your plastic waste and take your own containers for refilling to The Clean Kilo (zero waste supermarket) in Digbeth High Street, B9 4AA (between the Custard Factory and the Old Crown pub).

*News for 6<sup>th</sup> January edition (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.  
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*"The Church in the Park"*



## 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

***"He has risen! He is not here."***

*Mark chapter sixteen, verse 6 (Church Bibles, page 1023)*

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

### Sundays

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 10.30am**

**Baptism**, all ages together.

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

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

***See inside for Christmas services***

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> December, 10.30am**

**Morning service**, all ages together.

Rob Dean will speak on Luke 2:21 - 38.

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

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| Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>Mark 16:1 - 19</b><br><i>Christians suffering persecution this Christmas.</i>          |
| Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec | <b>Daniel 8:1 - 8</b><br><i>Refugees and all who are homeless or lonely.</i>              |
| Wed 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>Daniel 8: 9 - 14</b><br><i>Rob Dean as he prepares to preach on Sunday.</i>            |
| Thu 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>Daniel 8:15 - 27</b><br><i>Everyone who came to Elmdon Church over Christmas.</i>      |
| Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>Daniel 9:1 - 3</b><br><i>The bereaved, including the family of Doreen Gretton.</i>     |
| Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>Daniel 9:4 - 19</b><br><i>The sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.</i>   |
| Sun 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec  | <b>Luke 2:21 - 38</b><br><i>Our service today and all who come to it.</i>                 |
| Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec  | <b>Luke 2:21 - 38</b><br><i>The peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land.</i>                 |
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan  | <b>Daniel 9:20 - 27</b><br><i>That many will know God's blessing and light in 2019.</i>   |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan   | <b>Daniel 10:1 - 9</b><br><i>Toby Crowe as he prepares to preach on Sunday.</i>           |
| Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan   | <b>Daniel 10:10 - 11:1</b><br><i>Our local police and medical personnel.</i>              |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | <b>Daniel 11:2 - 20</b><br><i>Our church in 2019, 'year of decision and purpose'.</i>     |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | <b>Daniel 11:21 - 35</b><br><i>The bereaved, including the family of Bernise Pearson.</i> |
| Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan   | <b>Genesis 17:1 - 22</b><br><i>Our service today and all who come to it.</i>              |

*"O come, all ye faithful"*

## Christmas services

### Christmas Eve

Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> December

#### 2.00pm Christingle service

Toby Crowe will speak on Matthew 1:18 - 25.

#### 4.00pm Christingle service

Toby Crowe will speak on Matthew 1:18 - 25.

#### 6.00pm Carol service

Toby Crowe will speak on Matthew 2:1 - 12.

### Christmas Day

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> December

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

Richard Huss will speak on Matthew 2:1 - 12.

*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.*

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> January

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

Toby Crowe will speak on Genesis 17:1 - 22.