

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 meets on Tuesday 15th January. Papers will be circulated to members later in the week.

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.

Welcome training: Tuesday 22nd January, 9.30pm at "the Church in the Park". For all newcomers, Open Church and refreshment team members.

'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.

Shared lunch: Sunday 10th February after our morning service. All welcome.

Also...

New Year sermons: Today we start our series on 'Ancient promise, future fulfilled', beginning with Abraham and the Patriarchs. During Lent we will then look at creation from a Christian perspective.

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

Eco tip: Plastic fruit, vegetable and bread packaging can now be recycled with carrier bags at larger food stores. See supermarket websites for details.

News for 13th January edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 9th January to 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"

6th January 2019

***"I am God Almighty;
walk before me and be blameless."***
Genesis chapter seventeen, verse 1 (Church Bibles, page 16)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Toby Crowe will speak on Genesis 17:1 - 22.

Disagree with the preacher? Email him at rector@elmdonchurch.org

1.30pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 7 Jan **Discussion group:** 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.
Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Tue 8 Jan **Women's Bible study:** 10.00am at Elmdon Church.
Discussion group: 2.00pm at Coppice Road.
Church prayer night: 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Wed 9 Jan **Acorns** toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.
Bible study: 1.30pm at 706 Old Lode Lane.

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

Monday *Genesis 17:1 - 22*

- Everyone affected by the ongoing US federal government shutdown.
- Christian residents of Whar Hall Road and Wharton Avenue, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our Rector and Churchwardens, meeting together today.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Diana Beacraft, Doreen Gretton, Peter Hunt and Bernise Pearson.

Tuesday *Daniel 11:36 - 45*

- A smooth transfer of power in the Democratic Republic of Congo following last week's presidential election.
- Children in UK schools, being exposed to ever more sexualised and harmful material.
- Our church prayer night, taking place this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Diane Goodwin.

Wednesday *Daniel 12:1 - 4*

- Christians in China as the government there steps up its repression.
- Unbelieving residents of Whar Hall Road and Wharton Avenue, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Acorns, starting up again today after the Christmas break: may new people come and hear the good news of Jesus as well!
- Church members: Joni Millane, Anne Milne and Lily Reynolds.

Thursday *Daniel 12:5 - 13*

- Migrants trying to cross the English Channel.
- West Midlands Mayor Andy Street and his staff.
- Our church Review Group, meeting this morning.
- Those who are looking for work, including Buddy Abrahams.

***"We preach Christ crucified".
Nobody, and nothing, but him.***

Friday *Hosea 1:1 - 2:23*

- Jair Bolsonaro, the new President of Brazil, as he settles into office with a mandate for change.
- The growing numbers of homeless people in Solihull, and the work of Solihull Community Housing.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Sarah Lea.

Saturday *Hosea 3:1 - 4:19*

- Victims of the continued fighting in Syria amidst fears of a resurgence in activity by the Islamic State group.
- The future of JLR in Solihull, and all who are fearful of losing their jobs.
- Our work and witness as we begin 2019: Elmdon Church's 'year of decision and purpose'. May we "preach Christ crucified" in all things.
- Church members: Roy & Joyce Redfern, Mary Reynolds and Jill Round.

Sunday *Genesis 25:19 - 34*

- Diplomats working for a just and good Brexit.
- Those who suffer from substance misuse, or who are affected by the 'war on drugs' being waged in our cities & towns.
- Our service this morning, that everyone who comes will meet Jesus as we meet together in Christ's name.
- Participants in the Christianity Explored course, starting tomorrow.

*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, 13th January

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.

Richard Huss will speak on Genesis 25:19 - 34.