

## Coming up

**‘Living without worry’:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 7.00pm at Monyhull Church, Kings Norton. Free entry. Please see Toby for more information.

**Hatchford Brook Churches Together** service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January, 6.00pm at St Mary’s, Hobs Moat.

**Roots & Shoots**, our monthly afternoon event for children of primary-school age and their families: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 3.00pm at “the Church in the Park”. Free entry, meal provided. Our theme this month is ‘love’.

**Shared lunch:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February after our morning service. All welcome.

## Also...

**Our mission in 2019:** a copy of our plan for the year is enclosed. Please note that the PCC continues to refine some wording in the second section. This week we are looking at the first ‘Gospel emphasis’, which is about obedience: ***How can we tell that we are doing the right thing as a church?*** Questions and comments, please, to [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org)

**The Asikus**, our mission partners at Wycliffe Bible Translators in Uganda, are now on leave in the UK. They will be joining us in Elmdon on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

**Seating experiments:** over the next couple of months we may try out some new layouts as we look for ways of unlocking further growth.

**Sermons this month:** We are continuing our new series on ‘Ancient promise, future fulfilled’, beginning with Abraham and the Patriarchs.

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

**Francis Sender**, our mission partner in Uganda, now has a new laptop. This will be a great help to him. Thank you for your generous support.

**Eco tip:** As well as donating your unwanted items to charity, they can be posted on a reuse network such as Freecycle or Freegle. Have a browse!

*News for 27<sup>th</sup> January edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.  
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*“The Church in the Park”*

## 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019

***“The Midianites sold Joseph in Egypt.”***

*Genesis chapter thirty-seven, verse 36 (Church Bibles, page 42)*

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

### Sunday

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children & young people.  
Karen Matthews will speak on Genesis 37:1 - 8 & 23 - 36.  
*Got a question? Email [sermon.questions@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:sermon.questions@elmdonchurch.org)*

**Parish-visiting meeting** after the service.

**1.30pm Open Church**

### In the week

<b>Mon 21 Jan</b>	<b>Discussion group:</b> 2.00pm at Gaydon Road. <b>Prayer group:</b> 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road. <b>Christianity Explored:</b> 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory.
<b>Tue 22 Jan</b>	<b>Women’s Bible study:</b> 10.00am at Elmdon Church. <b>Bible study:</b> 10.30am at 706 Old Lode Lane. <b>Discussion group:</b> 2.00pm at Coppice Road. <b>Welcome training:</b> 7.30pm at Elmdon Church.
<b>Wed 23 Jan</b>	<b>Acorns toddler group:</b> 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Genesis 37:1 - 36*

- Survivors of last week's terror attack in Kenya and those who lost loved ones in it.
- Christian residents of Wheeley Road and Wilberforce Way, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Those attending our Christianity Explored course tonight.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Diana Beacraft, Doreen Gretton, Peter Hunt and Bernise Pearson.

## Tuesday *Joel 2:12 - 3:21*

- All affected by heavy snowfall across northern Europe.
- Prince Philip, recovering after his car crash at Sandringham.
- Rhiannon King, leading our welcome training this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Diane Goodwin.

## Wednesday *Amos 1:1 - 2:16*

- Prime Minister Theresa May and all who are working for Brexit.
- Unbelieving residents of Wheeley Road and Wilberforce Way, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Church members attending today's leadership event in Kings Norton.
- Regular attenders: Graham, Elizabeth & Lydia Smye; Irene Snape.

## Thursday *Amos 3:1 - 4:13*

- Children, women and men being trafficked around the world to take part in forced prostitution.
- Providers of children's social care in Birmingham and those who benefit from it. We thank God that it is no longer rated as 'inadequate'!
- Toby Crowe, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are looking for work, including Buddy Abrahams.

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

## Friday *Amos 5:1 - 6:14*

- Refugees and migrants on the US-Mexico border and elsewhere.
- Patients, pharmacists and doctors at a time when UK stocks of some medicines are running very low.
- Plans to strengthen and develop our ministry to families at Acorns.
- Regular attenders: Nita Stallard, Joyce Taylor and Margaret Thomas.

## Saturday *Amos 7:1 - 8:14*

- The people of Yemen as they continue to suffer from malnutrition, hunger, disease and war.
- Local police officers, tackling knife crime through the use of new 'knife wands' deployed in rapid-response vehicles.
- The preparation of our new church rotas, to be published next month.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Sarah Lea.

## Sunday *Exodus 12:29 - 41*

- All victims of racial discrimination and hatred. Black lives matter!
- Customers and staff of the Rowood Drive shops and pub.
- Our gathering this morning, that everyone who joins us will meet Jesus Christ as we come together in his name and to hear his word.
- Our church, that 2019 will indeed be a 'year of decision and purpose'.

*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, 27<sup>th</sup> January**

**10.30am Holy Communion**, all ages together.  
Toby Crowe will speak on Exodus 12:29 - 41.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**