

## Coming up

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

**Tuesday Fellowship**: 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1.45pm at Coppice Road. Our speaker is Heather Alford of the Leprosy Mission. All welcome.

**Shared lunch**: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February after the main service. Please sign up.

## Also...

**Our mission in 2019**: There are copies of our plan for the year in the Wilberforce Hall. Please note that we are continuing to refine some of the wording. This week we are looking at the second ‘Gospel emphasis’, which is about prayer. Questions and comments to [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org)

**Midlands Ministry Training Course**: This is an in-depth course, run over one or two years, for anyone who wants to know the Bible better and be better equipped to read it with others. It would also be great preparation for anyone interested in developing a preaching ministry. A few church members are already keen to find out more. Please see Toby if you want to join them.

**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, beginning today, we are going to try out some new layouts: let us know what you think!

**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”.

**Eco tip**: A local supermarket is rewarding customers who supply reusable containers to take meat and fish home in. Please see Eli Malkin for details.

*News for 3<sup>rd</sup> February edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.  
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“The Church in the Park”

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

**“The Israelites journeyed from Rameses to Succoth.”**

*Exodus chapter twelve, verse 37 (Church Bibles, page 69)*

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

### Sunday

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

Toby Crowe will speak on Exodus 12:29 - 41.

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

**1.30pm Open Church**

**6.00pm Churches Together service** at St Mary’s Church, Hobs Moat

### In the week

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| <b>Mon 28 Jan</b> | <b>Discussion group</b> : 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.         |
|                   | <b>Christianity Explored</b> : 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory. |
| <b>Tue 29 Jan</b> | <b>Women’s Bible study</b> : 10.00am at Elmdon Church.   |
|                   | <b>Discussion group</b> : 2.00pm at Coppice Road.        |
| <b>Wed 30 Jan</b> | <b>Acorns toddler group</b> : 9.30am at Elmdon Church.   |
|                   | <b>Bible study</b> : 7.30pm at 4 Wharton Avenue.         |

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Exodus 12:29 - 41*

- All affected by Friday's dam-collapse in Brazil.
- Christian residents of Windridge Crescent and Wolverley Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Residents who attend our monthly service at Barons Court today.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Holly Burke, Bernise Pearson and Nicky Westwood.

## Tuesday *Amos 9:1 - 15, Obadiah 1 - 21*

- The Brexit vote, taking place today, and Theresa May as she ponders ways of unblocking the legislative log-jam.
- The Valley School governing body, meeting this evening.
- The Asiku family, our mission partners, on extended UK leave.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Don Stanton.

## Wednesday *Jonah 1:1 - 4:11*

- Political leaders, protestors and security forces in Sudan and Zimbabwe as government crackdowns continue.
- Unbelieving residents of Windridge Crescent and Wolverley Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- The Church Pastoral Aid Society trustees, meeting in Coventry today.
- Regular attenders: Marilyn Walton, Mary Webster, Joy Wild.

## Thursday *Micah 1:1 - 2:13*

- Peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo following the swearing-in of new president Félix Tshisekedi.
- Police and policymakers, fighting rising levels of UK crime.
- All our church praying & planning about the needs of the year ahead.
- Those who are sick, including Graham Stallard and Stephen Young.

***"We preach Christ crucified".  
Nobody and nothing but Him.***

## Friday *Micah 3:1 - 5:15*

- Relationships between Greece and North Macedonia following the latter's name-change last week, designed to soothe tensions between the two.
- Increasing fears for the future of Jaguar Land Rover in the Midlands.
- Dave Kimber, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will be leading our groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Abiee Ward and Sebastian, Gemma & Jude.

## Saturday *Micah 6:1 - 7:20*

- The people of Venezuela as the long-standing political, economic and human crisis continues to deepen.
- Staff of Patisserie Valerie as many outlets close.
- The ministry of the Midlands Gospel Partnership and its members.
- Those who are sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.

## Sunday *Romans 9:1 - 18*

- Scientists, pharmacists and doctors, combatting antibiotic resistance.
- A real culture of commitment and discipleship in our church.
- Our gathering this morning, that everyone who joins us will meet Jesus Christ as we come together in his name and hear his word in fellowship.
- Roots & Shoots this afternoon: may new people continue to come!

*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, 3<sup>rd</sup> February**

**10.30am Holy Communion**, with groups for children & young people.  
Dave Kimber will speak on Romans 9:1 - 18.

**3.00 - 5.00pm Roots & Shoots** activities for children and families.