

Coming up

Shared lunch: Next Sunday, 10th February. Please sign up today.

Prayer night: Tuesday 12th February, 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Joint meeting, Church Council (PCC) and the Mission Support Group:
Tuesday 26th February, 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

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 third 'Gospel emphasis', which is about the Bible. Questions and comments to 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 7th April.

Our seating experiment proved popular last week and continues today.

Ros Johnson has now moved to Shirley. We pray for her as she settles into her new home and church.

Sermons this month: We continue our series on 'Ancient promise, future fulfilled', turning now to Romans chapters 9 - 11.

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

Eco tip: Avoid body wash, toothpaste and other substances which contain plastic microbeads. These aren't biodegradable and harm the environment.

*News for 10th February edition (40 words max) by 7pm
on Wednesday 6th February to news@elmdonchurch.org please.*

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It is also available on our website and via email.



"The Church in the Park"

3rd February 2019

***"God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy
and he hardens those whom he wants to harden."***

Romans chapter nine, verse 18 (Church Bibles, page 1136)

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

Sunday

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

Got a question? Email sermon.questions@elmdonchurch.org

3.00pm Roots & Shoots activities for children and families.

In the week

Mon 4 Feb	Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road. Christianity Explored: 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory.
Tue 5 Feb	Women's Bible study: 10.00am at Elmdon Church. Bible study: 10.30am at 706 Old Lode Lane. Tuesday Fellowship: 1.45pm at Coppice Road.
Wed 6 Feb	Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.
Thu 7 Feb	Preaching group: 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory.

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

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Read & pray...

Monday *Romans 9:1 - 18*

- The delicate truce in Hudaydah, Yemen.
- Christian residents of Alderdale Crescent and Ansley Way, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- The monthly meeting of wardens and clergy, taking place today.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Philip Benton, Holly Burke, Reginald & Dorothy Hall and Nicky Westwood.

Tuesday *Nahum 1:1 - 2:13*

- Negotiators working on a new US-China trade deal.
- Mayor Flo Nash and our local councillors, Glenis Slater, Laura McCarthy and Martin McCarthy as Solihull Council meets tonight.
- Toby, our Rector, travelling to a conference of Evangelical clergy in our region of the Church of England today.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Diane Goodwin.

Wednesday *Nahum 3:1 - 19*

- The future of nuclear arms control agreements as the US and Russia suspend the 1987 Intermediate Range Nuclear Forces treaty.
- Unbelieving residents of Alderdale Crescent and Ansley Way, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Members of the Solihull Deanery Synod, meeting this evening.
- Regular attenders: Sayara Wild, June Williams and Valerie Williams.

Thursday *Habakkuk 1:1 - 2:8*

- The people of Iran, forty years after the Islamic Revolution.
- Victims of Female Genital Mutilation and campaigners against it.
- Our preaching team, meeting tonight for prayer and mutual support.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Mary Reynolds.

“We preach Christ crucified”.
Nobody and nothing but Him.

Friday *Habakkuk 2:9 - 3:19*

- Palestinian recipients of foreign aid as the US government suspends its contribution to relief work in the West Bank and Gaza.
- The Birmingham bins dispute as the Unite union steps up its action again.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Regular attenders: Jean Wooding, Mel Yates and Pat Young.

Saturday *Zephaniah 1:1 - 2:15*

- European and UK businesses trying to plan for Brexit.
- The growing row over the use of LGBT materials in Birmingham schools.
- The Alpha team from Elim Life Church, Kingstanding, using our building today for their Holy Spirit away-day.
- Those who are sick, including Graham Stallard and Laura.

Sunday *Romans 9:16 - 29*

- The continuing thaw in relations between North Korea and the West.
- Our gathering this morning, that we will all come in joyful expectation of hearing God speak through his Word.
- Our shared lunch today, that many will stay.
- Toby, our Rector, preaching at Knowle Parish Church this evening.

*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, 10th February

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.
Karen Matthews will speak on Romans 9:16 - 29.

Followed by a shared lunch.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church