

Coming up

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. We are continuing to refine some of the wording. This week we are looking at the fourth 'Gospel emphasis', which is about Jesus and his cross. 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. Can somebody host them the night before? Please speak to Lesley Huss.

Our seating experiment continues this week.

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', looking now at Romans chapters 9 - 11.

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

Eco tip: To recycle your used ink cartridges, put them in the container in the Wilberforce Hall. Please speak to Carol Janes for more information.

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"The Church in the Park"

10th February 2019

"Who are you, a human being, to talk back to God?"

Romans chapter nine, verse 20 (Church Bibles, page 1136)

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

Sunday

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.

Karen Matthews will speak on Romans 9:16 - 29.

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

Followed by a shared lunch

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

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| Mon 11 Feb | Women's Bible study: 10.00am at Elmdon Church.
Discussion group: 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.
Christianity Explored: 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory. |
| Tue 12 Feb | Discussion group: 2.00pm at Coppice Road.
Prayer night: 8.00pm at Elmdon Church. |
| Wed 13 Feb | Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.
Bible study: 7.30pm at 57 Ulleries Road. |

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Read & pray...

Monday *Romans 9:16 - 29*

- The people of China, beginning their New Year, and especially Christians in that country who are often persecuted.
- Relatives of people killed in the 1974 pub bombings and campaigners for justice as pre-inquest hearings begin.
- Tonight's session of Christianity Explored.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Philip Benton, Holly Burke, Michael Green, Reginald & Dorothy Hall and Nicky Westwood.

Tuesday *Zephaniah 3:1 - 20*

- The delicate truce in Hudaydah, Yemen.
- The Valley Primary School governing body, meeting this evening.
- Our church prayer night: may we know the right things to pray.
- Those who are sick, including Don Stanton and Stephen Young.

Wednesday *Haggai 1:1 - 2:23*

- The people of Thailand, preparing for a General Election.
- Christian residents of Arden Croft and Banbrook Close, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Toby, our Rector, leading assembly at Coppice School this afternoon.
- Regular attenders: Rob & Maxine Anderton, Dave & Christine Arnsby.

Thursday *Zechariah 1:1 - 3:10*

- Brexit. Show us a way through, Lord, please!
- Unbelieving residents of Arden Croft and Banbrook Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- The Review Group, meeting this morning to pray through some thorny issues in our church's life.
- Those who are sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.

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

Friday *Zechariah 4:1 - 7:14*

- Refugees and economic migrants everywhere, especially those enduring danger and hardship as they travel.
- Children and staff in local schools as the half-term comes to an end.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will be leading our groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Abiee Baldwin, Sebastian, Gemma and Jude.

Saturday *Zechariah 8:1 - 9:17*

- Those affected by the outbreak of Lassa fever in Nigeria.
- HSBC staff, starting to move into their new Birmingham headquarters.
- Our mission partner, Revd Francis Sender, whose studies at Uganda Christian University we sponsor.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans, Laura and Rachel.

Sunday *Romans 9:30 - 10:13*

- Policymakers in China, trying to manage the economic downturn.
- Users of the A45 as new pollution measures are introduced to combat potentially dangerous nitrogen dioxide emissions near the airport.
- Our service today, that we will come in joyful expectation of hearing God speak through his Word and meeting him as we come to his table.
- Continuing refinements being made to our mission plan for 2019.

*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, 17th February

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Richard Huss will speak on Romans 9:30 - 10:13.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church