

Coming up

Our new families' Bible study group starts next Saturday, 2nd March, 10.30am at Elmdon Church, then fortnightly. Please see Elizabeth Smye.

Roots & Shoots activities for children and families: Sunday 3rd March, 3.00pm at Elmdon Church. Free entry, tea provided.

Tuesday Fellowship: 5th March, 1.45pm at Coppice Road. All welcome.

Church Council (PCC) meeting: Tuesday 5th March, 8.00pm at Elmdon Church. Papers will be circulated to PCC members this week.

'Proclaiming creation in a scientific age', a meeting organised by our brothers and sisters at Solihull Presbyterian Church: Thursday 28th March, 7.30pm at SPC, 37 Faulkner Road, Solihull B92 8SD.

Also...

Our mission in 2019: We are now finishing refining the wording, looking this week at the last 'Gospel emphasis', which is about transformation. 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. Please see Toby for more information.

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.

Sermons this month: We continue our series on 'Ancient promise, future fulfilled', looking 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: Make your mouth a plastic-reduced zone: swap your plastic toothbrush for one made of bamboo and use biodegradable dental floss.

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on Wednesday 27th February to news@elmdonchurch.org please.
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"The Church in the Park"

24th February 2019

"Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ"

Romans chapter ten, verse 17 (Church Bibles, page 1137)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together.
Rob Dean will speak on Romans 10:12 - 21.

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

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 25 Feb	Discussion group: 2.00pm at Gaydon Road. Christianity Explored: 8.00pm at Elmdon Rectory.
Tue 26 Feb	Bible study: 2.00pm at Coppice Road. PCC mission meeting: 7.30pm at Elmdon Church.
Wed 27 Feb	Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church. Bible study: 7.30pm at 16 Croftdown Road.
Sat 2 March	Family Bible study: 10.30am at Elmdon Church.

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Read & pray...

Monday *Romans 10:12 - 21*

- Families of the 21 killed in the pub bombings as inquests begin.
- Christian residents of Brailes Close and Burgess Croft, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our service at Barons Court today, and those who will attend it.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Philip Benton, Reginald & Dorothy Hall and Nicky Westwood.

Tuesday *Matthew 5:1 - 6:34*

- The US-China trade talks as the deadline approaches.
- Coventry City Football Club, trying to find a home for next season.
- The joint meeting of the church council (PCC) and its Mission Support Group, taking place this evening.
- Newborns and their families, including baby Jacob and mum Lauren.

Wednesday *Matthew 7:1 - 8:34*

- Today's Brexit vote in the House of Commons.
- Birmingham refuse collectors, going on strike again today.
- Toby Crowe, preparing to preach on Sunday, and all who will be leading groups for children and young people in that service.
- Regular attenders: Doreen Cogzell, David Cole and Shirley Copey.

Thursday *Matthew 9:1 - 10:42*

- Shamima Begum and other women who travelled to Syria to join the Islamic State group there.
- Unbelieving residents of Brailes Close and Burgess Croft, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Tonight's meeting for leaders of our Sunday children's groups.
- Those who are undergoing treatment, including Rachel.

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

Friday *Matthew 11:1 - 12:50*

- Tribespeople in India, many of whom face eviction from ancestral lands.
- Victims of knife-crime and all involved in trying to reduce this scourge in our towns and cities.
- Our church Review Group, meeting this afternoon.
- Regular attenders: Patricia Coleman-Taylor and Alexander.

Saturday *Matthew 13:1 - 58*

- The worldwide threat to biodiversity, and the attendant risks for global food production.
- Workers in the British automotive industry, including JLR, following Honda's decision to end production in the UK from 2021.
- Our new Bible study group for families, starting at Elmdon Church today.
- Those who are sick, including Graham Stallard and Don Stanton.

Sunday *Romans 11:1 - 36*

- The people of Venezuela.
- Our service today, that God will speak to us powerfully through his word.
- Roots & Shoots, our monthly craft event for families and children, taking place this afternoon.
- Local churches, preparing to use Lent to remember our Lord's temptation in the wilderness.

*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, 3rd March

10.30am Holy Communion, with groups for children.
Toby Crowe will speak on Romans 11:1 - 36.

3.00pm Roots & Shoots activities for children and families.