

## Coming up

**Hatchford Brook Churches Together:** Soup and roll Lent lunch, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 12.00 noon at Lyndon Methodist Church, B92 7QS.

**The next families' Bible study group:** Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am at Elmdon Church. Please see Elizabeth Smye for more information.

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

## Also...

**New Electoral Roll:** We are preparing a new Roll as required by the Church Representation Rules. If you come to Elmdon Church regularly but are not yet on the roll, please join! Forms are on the table upstairs.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> April. Can somebody host them the night before? Please speak to Lesley Huss.

**Sermons in Lent:** Today we begin our new series, 'All things bright and beautiful?', looking at God's plan for creation from a biblical perspective. We start at the beginning, with the book of Genesis.

**Creme eggs:** we need lots of small, individually-wrapped chocolate eggs for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Donations can be left in the Wilberforce Hall.

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

**Eco tip:** Sow your own flower and vegetable seeds instead of buying plants. This will reduce your stockpile of non-recyclable plastic seed trays and pots.

*News for 17<sup>th</sup> March edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.*

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*"The Church in the Park"*

## 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

***"God saw that it was good".***

*Genesis chapter one, verses 10, 12, 18, 21 & 25 (Church Bibles, page 3)*

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 1:1 - 25.

*Got a question? Email [sermon.questions@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:sermon.questions@elmdonchurch.org)*

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week

**Mon 11 Mar** **Women's Bible study:** 10.00am at Elmdon Church.

**Holy Communion:** 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

**Christianity Explored:** 8.00pm at the Rectory.

**Tue 12 Mar** **Holy Communion:** 2.00pm at Coppice Road.

**Prayer night:** 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

**Wed 13 Mar** **Acorns toddler group:** 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

**Bible study:** 7.30pm at 57 Ulleries Road.

**Sat 16 Mar** **Families' Bible study:** 10.30am at Elmdon Church.

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

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Genesis 1:1 - 25*

- Growing protests in Algeria against President Bouteflika's government.
- Users of Tudor Grange swimming pool, which reopens today.
- Toby, our Rector, and the churchwardens, having their monthly meeting this morning.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Philip Benton, David Biggs, Terry Haden and Reginald & Dorothy Hall.

## Tuesday *Matthew 23:1 - 24:51*

- This week's critical Brexit votes in the House of Commons.
- Christian residents of Coppice Road and Coventry Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our church prayer night, taking place this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Margaret Glenn and Diane Goodwin.

## Wednesday *Matthew 25:1 - 26:30*

- Stuttering growth in the Chinese economy.
- The latest attempt to bring an end to the Birmingham bin dispute.
- Toby, leading assembly at Coppice Junior School today.
- Regular attenders: Rob & Joy Dean, Alan & Cheryl Doyle.

## Thursday *Matthew 26:31 - 27:26*

- Finland, where the government resigned last week over its failed healthcare reforms.
- Unbelieving residents of Coppice Road and Coventry Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Year seven students from Moseley School, visiting Elmdon Church this morning, and Toby as he talks to them.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Mary Reynolds.

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

## Friday *Matthew 27:27 - 28:20*

- Jewish people around Europe as levels of anti-Semitism hit new lows.
- Sufferers from the epidemic of poor mental health amongst UK children and the young.
- Toby, preparing to speak on Sunday, and those who will be leading groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Vivienne Drake, Kitty Evans, Frank & Val Evans.

## Saturday *Mark 1:1 - 2:28*

- The people of Venezuela as the infrastructure of their society continues to collapse around them.
- Police and policy-makers, trying to tackle the menace of knife-crime.
- The Families' Bible study group, meeting this morning at Elmdon Church.
- Those who are sick, including Graham Stallard and Don Stanton.

## Sunday *Genesis 1:26 - 2:3*

- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, still wrongly imprisoned in Iran.
- Continuing attempts to secure a future at the Ricoh Arena for Coventry City Football Club.
- Our service today, that the Lord will speak to us powerfully through his word, in our prayer and in our fellowship round his table.
- All taking part in the 'Explore Together' trial taking place this afternoon.

*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.*

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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, 17<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children & young people.  
Toby Crowe will speak on Genesis 1:26 - 2:3.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**