

Coming up

The Asiku family, our Ugandan mission partners, will be with us on Sunday. Please continue to pray for them this week as they prepare to travel up.

Church prayer night: Tuesday 9th April, 8.00pm at “the Church in the Park”.

Our annual report will be published on Sunday 14th April ready for our **Annual Church Meeting:** Monday 29th April, 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Also...

New Electoral Roll: We are preparing a new Roll as required by the Church Representation Rules. If you come to Elmdon Church regularly (whether or not you have been on the roll before), please join it now! Forms are upstairs.

Good Friday at Elmdon Church: We need more people to help us run our evangelistic crafts event for children and their families. We are reformatting this to try and make it more useful as a means of building good relationships. Please see Toby or Kelly for more information. We also need more individually-wrapped chocolate eggs: these can be left 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.

Sermons in Lent: Today we continue our Lent series, ‘All things bright and beautiful?’, looking at God’s plan for creation from a biblical perspective.

Missed a Sunday? You can find our Podcast on our web site, iTunes or Spotify – just search for “Elmdon Church Sermons”.

Eco tip: Place a ‘bug hotel’ in your garden to encourage insects.

New members needed for our cleaning teams. Please see Jean Wooding.

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on Wednesday 3rd April to news@elmdonchurch.org please.
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“The Church in the Park”

31st March 2019 – Mothers’ Day

***“The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom”.***

Isaiah chapter thirty-five, verse 1 (Church Bibles, page 719)

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

Sunday

10.30am Mothers’ Day service, all ages together.

Richard Huss will speak on Isaiah 35:1 - 10.

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

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 1 April

Women’s Bible study: 10.00am at Elmdon Church.

Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Tue 2 Apr

Bible study: 10.00am at 706 Old Lode Lane.

Tuesday Fellowship: 1.45pm at Coppice Road.

Wed 3 April

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

Rector Revd Toby Crowe **Children & Families’ Worker** Kelly Purdy
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Read & pray...

Monday *Isaiah 35:1 - 10*

- Progress on Brexit as MPs continue their series of 'indicative votes'.
- Christian residents of Draycote Close and Eastfield Drive, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- The monthly meeting of clergy and churchwardens, taking place today.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of David Arnsby, David Biggs, Diane Goodwin, Terry Haden and Doreen Youill.

Tuesday *Luke 2:1 - 52*

- The people of Ukraine following Sunday's presidential election.
- Local police officers, investigating the fatal stabbing in Smiths Wood last week.
- The Asiku family – Gift, Kathryn, James and Simon Peter – as they prepare to travel to Elmdon this weekend.
- Those who are sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.

Wednesday *Luke 3:1 - 38*

- People in eastern Africa, especially Mozambique, still recovering from the effects of Cyclone Idai.
- Unbelieving residents of Draycote Close and Eastfield Drive, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Children and families attending Acorns at Elmdon Church today.
- Regular attenders: Richard, Lesley, Connor & Rachel Huss.

Thursday *Luke 4:1 - 44*

- Growing tension on the border between Israel and Gaza.
- The increasingly toxic mood in the UK as Brexit uncertainty continues.
- Our church Review Group meeting this morning.
- Those who are sick, including Laura, Kitty Evans and Margaret Glenn.

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

Friday *Luke 5:1 - 39*

- The people of Venezuela as the Red Cross prepares to distribute aid.
- Local schools struggling with inadequate government funding.
- Dave Kimber, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will be leading groups for children and young people in that service.
- Regular attenders: John & Sue Farrar-Hockley, Allan & Pauline Jones.

Saturday *Luke 6:1 - 49-*

- The future of social media as demands for greater regulation grow.
- Those who own, work in or use the shops on Hatchford Brook parade.
- Revd Jonny Lee, taking over as Senior Pastor of Renewal Christian Centre.
- Those who are sick, including Rachel, Dave Kimber and Mary Reynolds.

Sunday *Colossians 1:15 - 23*

- Scientists combatting chytridiomycosis, the fungus which is killing off whole species of amphibians in central & south America and Australia.
- Good relationships in our area between people of different faiths.
- Our service this morning, that the Lord will speak powerfully as we hear his word and meet in fellowship round his table.
- Boldness for our leaders and all of our church as we seek to take the right next steps for the work of the kingdom.

*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, 7th April

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Dave Kimber will speak on Colossians 1:15 - 23.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church