

Coming up

Fellowship group: Tuesday 7th May, 1.45pm at Coppice Road. The speaker will be Sue Nightingale of Mary's Meals. All welcome.

Church prayer night: Tuesday 14th May, 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

The Start! course for anyone who wants to know more about Jesus and about following him: Mondays 13th May; 3rd, 17th & 24th June; 1st & 8th July, all 8.00pm at the Rectory.

Parish-visiting: Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th May. Please speak to John Eyles or Rob Dean if you intend to take part.

Also...

New wardens: Congratulations to our newly elected churchwardens, John Eyles and Morris Ross. They take up their office in a special service at Birmingham Cathedral, 7.30pm on Friday 10th May.

Leadership roles: Please let Jean Eyles know of any Sundays you will not be available from June to August.

Proclaimers (listening devices): Following the recent visit of our mission partners, the Asikus, if you would like to contribute towards the cost of one of these, they cost £30 - 40 each. Please hand donations to Alan or Cheryl Doyle.

New sermon series: Today we start looking at the Old Testament book of Esther and hear that King Xerxes is not as powerful as he likes to think!

Midlands Ministry Training Course: This is an in-depth Bible and ministry course, run over 1 or 2 years. Please see Toby for more information.

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

New members needed for our cleaning teams: please see Jean Wooding.

Eco tip: A specially created track of birdsong is available to download at rspb.org.uk/letnaturesingNH. Help ensure that nature doesn't fall silent!

*News for 12th May edition (40 words max) by 7pm
on Wednesday 8th May to news@elmdonchurch.org please.*

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"The Church in the Park"

5th May 2019

***"At that time King Xerxes reigned
from his royal throne in the citadel of Susa".***

Esther chapter one, verse 2 (Church Bibles, page 501)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Graham Smye will speak on Esther 1:1 - 22.

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

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Tue 7 May

Fellowship group: 1.45pm on Coppice Road.

PCC meeting: 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Wed 8 May

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

Bible study: 7.30pm at 57 Ulleries Road.

Thu 9 May

Safeguarding training: 7.45pm at Elmdon Church.

Sat 11 May

Family Bible study: 10.30am at Elmdon Church.

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

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Read & pray...

Monday *Esther 1:1 - 22*

- Sufferers in the Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo.
- Christian residents of Farm Close and Finchall Croft, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of David Arnsby, Josie Garton, Diane Goodwin and Terry Haden.

Tuesday *John 13:1 - 14:31*

- People in India left homeless by Cyclone Fani.
- The Coppice School governing body, meeting this evening.
- Our church council, the PCC, meeting tonight.
- Those who are sick, including Stephen Young and Julie Ziarko.

Wednesday *John 15:1 - 16:33*

- The South African general election, taking place today.
- Unbelieving residents of Farm Close and Finchall Croft, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Toby, our Rector, leading this evening's prayer event at St Stephen's Church, Selly Park.
- Regular attenders: Mary Reynolds, Jill Round and Anne Salter.

Thursday *John 17:1 - 18:40*

- The people of Iran, hit by new US sanctions.
- Cllr Peter Davies, our new Elmdon ward councillor, and other new members of Solihull Council.
- Our safeguarding training, taking place this evening.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Bernard Hewitt, John Rees, Rachel Wadsworth, Ralph Williams and Doreen Youill.

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

Friday *John 19:1 - 42*

- Persecution of Christians, now at 'near genocide' levels in some countries, particularly in the Middle East.
- Solihull Moors Football Club at the end of an outstanding season.
- Our new church wardens, John Eyles & Morris Ross, being admitted to their office this evening; and outgoing wardens Cheryl Doyle & Anne Milne.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott and Kitty Evans.

Saturday *John 20:1 - 21:25*

- Victims of crime and violence everywhere.
- Children's services in councils across the land, now 'at breaking point'.
- Our programme of parish-visiting, starting next week in Damson Wood.
- Regular attenders: Richard & Helen Salt, Tony & Val Shaw.

Sunday *Esther 2:1 - 23*

- Refugees and economic migrants, risking their lives out of desperation.
- The changing face of UK politics as the old model quickly fractures and as we move towards the European Elections at the end of the month.
- Our service this morning, that the Lord will speak powerfully as we hear his word together and come before him in prayer.
- A renewed desire in our hearts for God's glory to shine forth.

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, 12th May

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.
Richard Huss will speak on Esther 2:1 - 23.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church