

Coming up

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. We will also be running the course on Friday mornings from 7th June, for adults who bring children to Acorns.

Parish-visiting: Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th May, meeting at 5.45pm at Coppice Road. Please see Rob Dean if you want to be involved in prayer support; please also keep in your own prayers all who take part.

Also...

New wardens: Congratulations to our newly elected churchwardens, John Eyles and Morris Ross. They were commissioned at Birmingham Cathedral by Bishop David Urquhart on Friday.

Duty rota: 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 continue looking at the Old Testament book of Esther and hear that God really is in control of things!

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 website, iTunes or Spotify – just search for "Elmdon Church Sermons".

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

Eco tip: Don't just use your microwave for ready meals. It's much more energy-efficient than a conventional oven!

*News for 19th May edition (40 words max) by 7pm
on Wednesday 15th May to news@elmdonchurch.org please.*

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"The Church in the Park"

12th May 2019

"Esther won the favour of everyone who saw her".

Esther chapter two, verse 15 (Church Bibles, page 502)

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

Sunday

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.

Richard Huss will speak on Esther 2:1 - 23.

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

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 13 May

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

Holy Communion: 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Start! course: 8.00pm at the Rectory.

Tue 14 May

Holy Communion: 2.00pm on Coppice Road.

Church prayer night: 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Wed 15 May

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

Parish visiting: 5.45pm from Coppice Road.

Thu 16 May

Parish visiting: 5.45pm from Coppice Road.

Sat 18 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 2:1 - 23*

- The safe delivery of aid supplies in Yemen.
- Christian residents of Finwood Close and Foredrove Lane, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Rob Dean, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will be leading our groups for children and young people.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of David Arnsby, Bernard Hewitt, John Rees, Rachel Wadsworth and Ralph Williams.

Tuesday *Acts 1:1 - 2:47*

- President Cyril Ramaphosa and the people of South Africa, following the General Election result there.
- The first meeting of the new Solihull Council, happening tonight, and especially new councillors including Peter Davies and Paul Thomas.
- Our church prayer night, taking place this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Margaret Freeman and Margaret Glenn.

Wednesday *Acts 3:1 - 4:37*

- All affected by the US-China trade war.
- Unbelieving residents of Finwood Close and Foredrove Lane, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Toby, our Rector, leading assembly at Coppice School this afternoon.
- Regular attenders: Glenis Slater, Irene Snape and Nita Stallard.

Thursday *Acts 5:1 - 6:15*

- Rising tensions between Iran and the United States in the Gulf.
- UK candidates for the European election on 23rd May.
- Our programme of parish-visiting, starting again this week.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Rachel.

“We preach Christ crucified”.
Nobody and nothing but Him.

Friday *Acts 7:1 - 8:8*

- Poorly-paid workers in the international clothing industry.
- The Amey staff who empty Solihull's bins.
- Our new church wardens, meeting with Toby our Rector this morning.
- Regular attenders: Graham, Elizabeth & Lydia Smye; Joyce Taylor.

Saturday *Acts 8:9 - 9:43*

- Voters in the Australian general election, taking place today.
- The pupils and staff of Valley Primary School, preparing to mark the retirement of Mrs Narroway this summer.
- Our Bible study group for families, meeting this morning.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Don Stanton.

Sunday *Esther 3:1 - 15*

- The people of India, as that country's long election process concludes.
- Our brothers and sisters from Solihull Presbyterian Church, preparing to start their weekly services in our hall on Coppice Road from September.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that the Lord will speak powerfully as we hear his word, pray together, and share the bread and wine.
- Our church in Elmdon, that we might be about to enter a new phase of spiritual and numerical growth.

*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, 19th May

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Rob Dean will speak on Esther 3:1 - 15.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church