

## Coming up

**The Start! course** for Acorns adults who want to know more about Jesus and the Christian faith: Fridays, 9.30 - 11.00am, six weeks from 7<sup>th</sup> June at “the Church in the Park”. Please see Kelly or Toby for more information. Our evening Start! course also continues on Monday nights from 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**No Planet B:** A green conference hosted by Central England Quakers, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 4pm at Priory Rooms, Bull Street B4 6AF. Register at [centralenglandquakers.org.uk/noplanetb](http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/noplanetb) or see Christine Arnsby.

**Midlands Women’s Convention:** Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Renewal Christian Centre. Please see Jean Eyles if you are interested in attending.

## Also...

**New wardens:** Congratulations to our newly elected churchwardens, John Eyles and Morris Ross. Please pray for them as they settle into this role.

**Duty rota:** Please let Jean Eyles know of any Sundays you will not be available from June to August.

**Proclaimers:** Please pass any donations towards the cost of these devices to Alan or Cheryl Doyle (they help non-readers in Uganda to study the Bible).

**Our sermon series:** Today as we look at the book of Esther we hear that the world hates God’s people because they are different to it.

**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:** Visit the Parkridge Centre in the middle of Brueton Park for a wide variety of nature conservation events and activities throughout the year.

*News for 26<sup>th</sup> May edition (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.*

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*It is also available on our website and via email.*



“The Church in the Park”

**19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**“Mordecai would not kneel down  
or pay him honour”.**

*Esther chapter three, verse 2 (Church Bibles, page 503)*

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

### Sunday

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children & young people.

Rob Dean will speak on Esther 3:1 - 15

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

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week

**Mon 20 May**

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

**Bible study:** 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

**Tue 21 May**

**Bible study:** 10.30am at 706 Old Lode Lane.

**Bible study:** 2.00pm on Coppice Road.

**Wed 22 May**

**Acorns toddler group:** 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

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

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

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Esther 3:1 - 15*

- Residents of Barão de Cocais in Brazil as a local dam threatens collapse this week.
- Christian residents of Gaydon Road and Giles Close, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Households who were visited by our church teams last week, that we might see the Spirit moving in their lives.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Richard Bewes, Bernard Hewitt, John Rees, Rachel Wadsworth and Ralph Williams.

## Tuesday *Acts 10:1 - 48*

- Mediation attempts between government and opposition in Venezuela.
- The Coppice School governing body, meeting this evening.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach at our service on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Stephen Young and Julie Ziarko.

## Wednesday *Acts 11:1 - 12:25*

- Law enforcement agencies fighting femicide worldwide – the killing of women solely on account of their gender.
- Unbelieving residents of Gaydon Road and Giles Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Acorns, our stay-and-play group, taking place this morning.
- Regular attenders: Margaret Thomas and Marilyn Walton.

## Thursday *Acts 13:1 - 41*

- Candidates and voters in today's European election.
- Efforts to tackle rising levels of knife crime in Birmingham.
- Our plans to decommission the 1960s church halls.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott and Kitty Evans.

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

## Friday *Acts 13:42 - 14:28*

- Attempts by US lawmakers to protect unborn children and their mothers from easy access to abortion.
- Continued efforts towards justice and reconciliation in Northern Ireland.
- Today's 'fabric' meeting between our church wardens and the Rector.
- Regular attenders: Abiee Ward and Gemma, Sebastian & Jude.

## Saturday *Acts 15:1 - 41*

- Slowing economic growth in India, and those who will be affected by it.
- The ongoing political discussion about the benefits (or otherwise) of HS2.
- Francis Sender, our brother and mission partner, studying in Uganda.
- Those who are sick, including Margaret Freeman and Charlie Gibbs.

## Sunday *Esther 4:1 - 17*

- Victims of racism and anti-Semitism, that they might be strong in opposing it and fighting against it.
- The future of Jaguar Land Rover in Solihull and the jobs it provides for hundreds of local people.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that the Lord will speak powerfully to us as we hear his word, pray together, and share the bread and wine.
- Our church, that we might grow in godliness and Christian commitment.

*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.*

*You can receive these prayers through the free PrayerMate app or by our 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, 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**10.30am Holy Communion**, all ages together.

Karen Matthews will speak on Esther 4:1 - 17.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**