

## Coming up

**Anne Milne** is celebrating her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday next Sunday. Please join her for birthday cake and bucks fizz after the service.

**The Start! course** for Acorns adults who want to know more about Jesus: Fridays, 9.30 - 11.00am, six weeks from 7<sup>th</sup> June at "the Church in the Park". Our evening Start! course continues on Monday nights from 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Fishermen's Mission service:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June, 5.00pm at "the Church in the Park". All church members are warmly invited to attend.

**'Music in the Park', a D-Day special:** Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 - 4.15pm in Elmdon Park. We need more Open Church helpers that day. Please see Morris.

**'From Pharaoh to Freedom'**, a musical by Roger Jones: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30pm at Marston Green Baptist Church, 19 Land Lane, B37 7DE. Free entry.

**'No Planet B' conference:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 10am - 4pm at Priory Rooms, Bull Street B4 6AF. Please see Christine Arnsby for more information.

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

## Also...

**Our sermon series:** Today in Esther we hear of an inaccessible earthly king; and we thank God that in Jesus Christ, the greatest King of all, he has made himself entirely accessible to us.

**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".

**Eco tip:** When shopping for loose fruit and vegetables, use organic cotton-mesh bags, so saving on plastic ones.

*News for 2<sup>nd</sup> June edition (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.*

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*"The Church in the Park"*

## 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019

***"Who knows but that you have come  
to royal position for such a time as this?"***

*Esther chapter four, verse 14 (Church Bibles, page 504)*

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

### Sunday

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

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

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

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week (half-term)

**Tue 28 May**  
**Sat 1 June**

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

**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 4:1 - 17*

- Politicians and voters across Europe following the European election.
- Christian residents of Glencroft Road and Goodway Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our church mission partner, Francis Sender, studying God's word at Uganda Christian University.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Niki Lauda, John Rees, Keith Stevens, Rachel Wadsworth and Ralph Williams.

## Tuesday *Acts 16:1 - 40*

- The people of India, and especially its minorities, following the re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by a landslide.
- Increasing numbers of rough sleepers in Birmingham and our region.
- Our church mission partners, the Asiku family, working in Uganda.
- Those who are sick, including Margaret Glenn and Rachel.

## Wednesday *Acts 17:1 - 34*

- Employees of British Steel in Scunthorpe, facing an uncertain future.
- Unbelieving residents of Glencroft Road and Goodway Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our mission partners, the Church Pastoral Aid Society (CPAS).
- Regular attenders: Mary Webster, Joy Wild and Sayara Wild.

## Thursday *Acts 18:1 - 19:22*

- Christians in Iraq, facing regular persecution from Islamists.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will be leading our groups for children and young people.
- Our mission partners at Send a Cow, making farming sustainable.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Mary Reynolds.

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

## Friday *Acts 19:23 - 20:38*

- The Brexit process, and for the right next person to lead it in the UK.
- Continued uncertainty over the future of JLR as the company records a £3.6bn loss and further agency staff are laid off.
- Our mission partners at Tearfund, bringing relief to the world's poorest.
- Regular attenders: June Williams, Jean Wooding and Mel Yates.

## Saturday *Acts 21:1 - 40*

- Victims of snakebites, described by the World Health Organisation as 'arguably the world's biggest hidden health crisis'.
- The ongoing political discussion about the benefits (or otherwise) of HS2.
- Our mission partners at Helping Hands, the foodbank for Solihull.
- Those who are sick, including Don Stanton and Stephen Young.

## Sunday *Esther 5:1 - 14*

- Women and men forced by their circumstances into the 'sex industry'.
- 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 Mission-Support Group, building awareness within the church of God's work beyond our parish and round the world.
- A new season in our community life, that we will see wonderful fruit.

*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, 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children & young people.  
Richard Huss will speak on Esther 5:1 - 14.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**