

## Coming up

**On Tuesday** we welcome delegates from Biblical Counselling UK, coming to Elmdon Church for their national training event.

**Parish visiting:** Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June; Wharton Avenue, Rowood Drive, Stockwell Rise, Wheelley Road, Greenland Rise, Rouncil Close, Kitwood Drive and Lingham Close. Please speak to John or Rob if you want to take part, support in prayer, or prayer-walk beforehand.

**Fellowship group:** Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1.45pm at Coppice Road. Talk on the Malawi Bakery by Glynis Gayton. All welcome.

**Families' Bible study:** Saturdays 6th July and 20th July, 11.30am at Elmdon Church.

**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...

**Esther 6:1 - 14:** This morning Toby Crowe reminds us that God's people will ultimately triumph against adversity because He is with us.

**We have now been awarded an Eco-Church bronze award**, only the twelfth church in the Diocese of Birmingham to have it. Well done!

**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:** What may appear to be a neglected patch in the churchyard is a flourishing wildflower area. Can you spot ox-eye daisy, foxglove, evening primrose and other wildflowers?

*News for 30<sup>th</sup> June edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to news@elmdonchurch.org please.*

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



## 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

***"You cannot stand against him."***

*Esther chapter six, verse 13 (Church Bibles, page 505)*

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

### Sunday

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

Toby Crowe will speak on Esther 6:1 -14.

*Got a question or disagree? Email [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org)*

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week

<b>Mon 24 June</b>	<b>Women's Bible study:</b> 10.00am at Elmdon Church. <b>Bible study:</b> 2.00pm on Gaydon Road. <b>Prayer group:</b> 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road. <b>Start! course:</b> 8.00pm at the Rectory.
<b>Tue 25 June</b>	<b>Bible study:</b> 2.00pm on Coppice Road. <b>PCC meeting:</b> 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.
<b>Wed 26 June</b>	<b>Acorns toddler group:</b> 9.30am at Elmdon Church. <b>Parish visiting:</b> Meet at 5.45pm on Coppice Road.
<b>Thu 27 June</b>	<b>Parish visiting:</b> Meet at 5.45pm on Coppice Road.

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

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Esther 6:1 - 14*

- Survivors of the Rwandan genocide, still carrying the physical and emotional scars 25 years on.
- Staff of the Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust, due to go on strike today over privatisation.
- Toby, our Rector, leading this morning's service at Barons Court.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Keith Stevens, Evelyn Turner and Frances Whitehead.

## Tuesday *Romans 14:1 - 15:13*

- The four million people of Chennai, India, as water reserves run out.
- Children taking part in sports days at our local schools this week.
- Our church council, the PCC, meeting tonight to talk about how we support God's mission elsewhere.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Don Stanton.

## Wednesday *Romans 15:14 - 16:27*

- Growing tensions between the United States and Iran.
- Christian residents of Irving Road and Joiners Croft, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Children and their grown-ups, coming to our Acorns group today.
- Regular attenders: Rob & Joy Dean, Cheryl Doyle.

## Thursday *I Corinthians 1:1 - 2:16*

- UK and European businesses, trying to prepare for a no-deal Brexit.
- Jeremy Hunt, Boris Johnson and members of the Conservative Party, that God's right person might be chosen as party leader.
- Our programme of parish-visiting, taking place this week.
- Those who are sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.

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

## Friday *I Corinthians 3:1 - 5:13*

- Prospective candidates and voters in the opening stages of the 2020 US presidential election.
- Unbelieving residents of Irving Road and Joiners Croft, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Toby Crowe, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will lead groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Frank & Val Evans, Jean & John Eyles.

## Saturday *I Corinthians 6:1 - 7:40*

- The people of Zimbabwe, facing a new economic crisis.
- Our UK electricity generation, that even more of it will soon be done from zero-carbon sources (currently 48%).
- Kennie Brandie, Fishermen's Mission superintendent in Aberdeen.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Margaret Freeman.

## Sunday *Esther 7:1 - 10*

- All who suffer persecution for Christ's sake.
- Children's hospices across the country, facing huge funding pressures.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that the Lord will speak powerfully to us as we prayerfully gather round his word and his table.
- Conversions in our church.

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and note that names will usually appear for a month at a time.*

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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, 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children & young people.  
Toby Crowe will speak on Esther 7:1 -10.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**