

Coming up

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

Church Council: There will be an extra PCC meeting on Tuesday 9th July in place of the regular prayer meeting. We hope that this will be a prayerful consideration of the way in which we, as a church, use our money to support the work of mission elsewhere.

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

Also...

Esther 7:1 - 10: This morning Toby Crowe invites us to consider whether we are an Esther, or a Haman – and what makes the difference!

Apologies: For technical reasons no recording of last week's sermon is available on our website.

Prayer ministry: At the end of our service, please move away from the Prayer Ministry area unless you want prayer yourself, and please do not try to have private conversations with participants (including prayer ministers).

We have now been awarded an Eco-Church bronze award, only the twelfth church in the Diocese of Birmingham to have one. 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: Email your MP, asking him or her to support proposals for anti-plastic legislation. See Eli for a template email.

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on Wednesday 3rd July to news@elmdonchurch.org please.
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"The adversary and enemy is this vile Haman."

Esther chapter seven, verse 6 (Church Bibles, page 506)

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

Sunday

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

Got a question or disagree? Email rector@elmdonchurch.org

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 1 July	Women's Bible study: 10.00am at Elmdon Church.
Tue 2 July	Bible study: 10.30am at 706 Old Lode Lane. Fellowship group: 1.45pm at Coppice Road.
Wed 3 July	Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church. Bible study: 7.30pm at 57 Ulleries Road.
Fri 5 July	Start course for families: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.
Sat 6 July	Families' Bible study: 11.30am at Elmdon Church.

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Read & pray...

Monday *Esther 7:1 - 10*

- Players and spectators at the Wimbledon tennis championships.
- Teachers at one Birmingham school, striking over pupil violence.
- Local people who were visited by our teams last week, that the seeds sown might bear good fruit for the Lord.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Evelyn Turner and Frances Whitehead.

Tuesday *I Corinthians 8:1 - 9:27*

- Simmering political tensions in Morocco.
- The Valley School governing body, meeting this evening.
- Our good friend Aubrey Jamieson, Fishermen's Mission senior superintendent in Shetland.
- Those who are sick, including Charlie Gibbs and Margaret Glenn.

Wednesday *I Corinthians 10:1 - 11:17*

- Israel Folau, preparing to sue Rugby Australia after his recent sacking for quoting the Bible in an Instagram post.
- Christian residents of Kendal Grove and Kendrick Close, 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: Margaret Freeman, Sharon Hadley & Ann Harris.

Thursday *I Corinthians 11:18 - 12:31*

- Girls and women round the world still fighting for a proper education.
- Boots staff affected by the closure of 200 branches.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach on Sunday, and those who will be leading groups for our children and young people.
- Those who are sick, including Rosie Johnson and Dave Kimber.

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

Friday *I Corinthians 13:1 - 14:25*

- Victims of the humanitarian crisis on the US-Mexico border.
- Unbelieving residents of Kendal Grove and Kendrick Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our Start course for families, taking place at Elmdon Church this morning.
- Regular attenders: Martin & Joan Hewings, Joy Hoban and Joyce Holmes.

Saturday *I Corinthians 14:26 - 34*

- Attempts to kickstart the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, 26 years after the signing of the Oslo Accords.
- Those who are fighting anti-semitism in the Labour Party and across British politics.
- Our families' Bible study group, meeting this morning.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds, Don Stanton and Rachel.

Sunday *Esther 8:1 - 17*

- The work of Cancer Research.
- UK shop-workers, 115 of whom are assaulted at work every week.
- 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 and our area. May we see the Holy Spirit working in power in people's lives.

*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.
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