

## Coming up

**Church Council:** The PCC is now committed in principle to tithing 10% of its income to support the mission elsewhere. The sole agenda item for the PCC meeting this Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July, will be to consider how we can move towards achieving this goal. Our regular PCC meeting follows on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**Families' Bible study:** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 8:1 - 17:** This morning Karen Matthews reminds us that God is faithful and protects his people.

**Charlie Gibbs** has been unwell but is now on the road to recovery. She looks forward to joining us again soon. Please continue to pray for her.

**Prayer ministry:** At the end of the 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).

**Building developments:** The work in the Wilberforce Hall should be completed early this week. The next phase will involve the replacement of lighting, for which we are trialling a new panel upstairs – what do you think?

**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:** When buying clothes, look for natural fibres like cotton. They don't contain microfibres that go into our water and then into marine life.

*News for 14<sup>th</sup> July edition (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.*

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## 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

***“Because Haman attacked the Jews,  
I have given his estate to Esther.”***

*Esther chapter eight, verse 7 (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.

Karen Matthews will speak on Esther 8:1 - 17.

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

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week

**Mon 8 July**

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

**Holy Communion:** 2.00pm on Gaydon Road.

**Prayer group:** 7.45pm at 8 Links Drive.

**Tue 9 July**

**Holy Communion:** 2.00pm at Elmdon Church.

**PCC meeting:** 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

**Wed 10 July**

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

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

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Esther 8:1 - 17*

- Protection for California following the recent earthquake sequence.
- Christian residents of Kitwood Drive and Langley Rise, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Toby, our Rector, attending a cluster group of local pastors today.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Mary Landry, Tammy Minshall, Evelyn Turner and Frances Whitehead.

## Tuesday *I Corinthians 15:35 - 16:24*

- The new peace deal between military and opposition leaders in Sudan.
- Voters in the Conservative Party leadership election.
- Our Church Council, the PCC, meeting this evening to discuss our tithes.
- Those who are sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.

## Wednesday *II Corinthians 1:1 - 2:17*

- Ethnic minorities in China, subject to increasing persecution.
- Unbelieving residents of Kitwood Drive and Langley Rise, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Toby, leading assembly at Coppice School today (and also for Coppice School as their Ofsted report is officially published).
- Regular attenders: John Horton, Terry Jagger and Carol Janes.

## Thursday *II Corinthians 3:1 - 5:10*

- Those affected by flooding in the west of India while water runs out in the south-eastern city of Chennai.
- Staff of the West Midlands Ambulance Service, mourning the death of student paramedic Tammy Minshall in a road accident last week.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Margaret Freeman.

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

## Friday *II Corinthians 5:11 - 7:16*

- Democrats working for justice in Venezuela.
- Schools in Birmingham which are moving to a shorter working week because of funding shortages.
- Senior Superintendent Tim Jenkins, Superintendent Mark Kears and the work of the Fishermen’s Mission in East Anglia.
- Regular attenders: Richard, Lesley, Connor & Rachel Huss; Rod Janes.

## Saturday *II Corinthians 8:1 - 9:15*

- Victims of slavery and human trafficking in the UK and elsewhere.
- Workers at JLR Castle Bromwich, where the electric Jaguar XJ will be built; and their colleagues in Solihull as uncertainty here continues.
- Our Church Council meeting again next Tuesday.
- Those who are sick, including Charlie Gibbs and Margaret Glenn.

## Sunday *Jeremiah 29:4 - 14*

- Attempts to prevent deforestation in the Amazon.
- Continuing tensions in Birmingham schools over use of the controversial ‘No Outsiders’ teaching programme.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will hear God speak as we listen to his word and come to him in prayer.
- The next phases of our plan to develop our building in Elmdon Park.

*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.  
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### **Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> July – Community Sunday**

**10.30am Morning Service**, all ages together.

Richard Huss will speak on Jeremiah 29:4 - 14.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**