

## Coming up

**Fellowship group:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> August, 1.45pm on Coppice Road.

**Prayer night:** Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, 8.00pm at “the Church in the Park”.

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

**‘The joyful fear of the Lord’,** the Midland Men’s Convention: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Cornerstone Church, Nottingham. More details to follow soon.

## Also...

**Summer prayer sheet:** Please note that next week’s edition will be a bumper issue covering the whole of August.

**Decommissioning of our other halls:** We now expect the halls on Coppice Road and Gaydon Road to be decommissioned and closed in early 2021. As part of our preparation for this, we will probably move our midweek services from these two buildings to “the Church in the Park” in the second half of 2019 or early in 2020.

**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).

**Our Eco-Church bronze certificate** is on display in the entrance corridor.

**Missed a Sunday?** You can find our Podcast on our website, iTunes or Spotify – just search for “Elmdon Church Sermons”.

**Eco tip:** Did you know that you can recycle milk-bottle tops, ink-jet printer cartridges and pens in the Wilberforce Hall?

*News for August edition (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org) please.*

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

***“Their sorrow was turned into joy  
and their mourning into a day of celebration.”***

*Esther chapter nine, verse 22 (Church Bibles, page 507)*

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

### Sunday

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

Toby Crowe will speak on Esther 9:18 - 10:3

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

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week

**Mon 29 July**

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

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

**Tue 30 July**

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

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

**Wed 31 July**

**Knit and Sing:** 1.45pm on Coppice Road

**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 9:18 - 10:3*

- Fresh clashes between protestors and police in Hong Kong.
- Christian residents of Markham Crescent and Marlbrook Close, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Toby Crowe, preparing to preach on Sunday; and those who will be leading groups for children and young people.
- Those who are bereaved, including the family of Mary Landry.

## Tuesday *Colossians 1:1 - 29*

- Refugees trying to cross the Mediterranean despite the deaths of up to 250 people in a recent sinking off the Libyan coast.
- Boris Johnson and Jo Swinson, both elected leaders of their respective political parties (Conservative and Liberal Democrat) last week.
- Toby, our Rector, leading a service at St Michael's South Yardley today.
- Those who are sick, including Rosie Johnson and Rachel.

## Wednesday *Colossians 2:1 - 3:17*

- Athletes preparing for the Tokyo Olympic Games, one year from now.
- Unbelieving residents of Markham Crescent and Marlbrook Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our day-time Start course, continuing this morning.
- Regular attenders: Anne Milne, Ralph Newnes & Kelly Purdy.

## Thursday *Colossians 3:18 - 4:18*

- Players, officials and fans as the Ashes begin at Edgbaston today.
- The Friends of Damson Parks, celebrating their 'Green Flag' status.
- The Rector and wardens, meeting with council officers this afternoon to discuss management of the woodland around our building.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Mary Reynolds.

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

## Friday *I Thessalonians 1:1 - 3:5*

- Threats and tensions in the Persian Gulf, and sailors who work there.
- The recruitment of new police officers, following PM Boris Johnson's pledge to boost their numbers substantially.
- Our mission partners Gift & Kathryn Asiku, sharing the Gospel in Uganda through their work with Wycliffe Bible Translators.
- Regular attenders: Jamie Rawson, Roy & Joyce Redfern.

## Saturday *I Thessalonians 3:6 - 5:28*

- Women suffering chronic pain after (and possibly because of) surgical implants they have received.
- Solihull Moors Football Club, starting their season at Harrogate today.
- All involved in clearing out under the floor of our building in Elmdon Park.
- Those who are sick, including Don Stanton and Marilyn Walton.

## Sunday *Acts 9:19 -25*

- A new seriousness to international efforts to combat global warming.
- Victims of fly-tipping, littering and graffiti.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will hear God speak as we prayerfully listen to his word and gather round his table.
- Members of Solihull Presbyterian Church, preparing to move their operations into our hall on Coppice Road over the next month.

*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, 4<sup>th</sup> August**

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children and young people.  
Toby Crowe will speak on Acts 9:19 - 25.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

