

Coming up

The Birmingham Concert Band Christmas concert: Monday 9th December, 7.30pm on Coppice Road. Tickets £5 from Pat Lyons or Marilyn.

Advent prayer night: Tuesday 10th December, 8.00pm at “the Church in the Park”. John Eyles will lead.

Also...

Our sermon this morning: Looking at Galatians chapter four, Toby Crowe helps us to understand that, as born-again children of the promise, Christians are set free from fear, guilt and death.

The Asikus’ Steps: The latest letter from Gift & Kathryn, two of our mission partners in Uganda, will be available next week. Please keep them in your prayers as they support biblical translation in various African languages.

Our mission in 2020: A draft of our plan for next year will also be available next week, focused on consolidating our strengths, growth in our prayer and depth in our discipleship. Please do pray that we will be able to make an even greater impact for the gospel over the next twelve months.

Daily Bible readings: In the New Year, we will be working our way through the book of Deuteronomy in our daily readings. There are sets of Bible notes by Alec Motyer on the book stall to help us along, price £2.

Beyond the Big C: This short evangelistic book by Jeremy Marshall is available on the bookstall. It chronicles Jeremy’s extraordinary relationship with the God who promises life, even as he grapples with his own incurable cancer. Jeremy reminds us that, through Christ’s death on the cross, his people can have hope for the future, no matter what. Price £1.

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

Eco tip: Don’t forget your hot water bottle – great for warming up beds and cold fingers!

News for the 1st December edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 27th November to news@elmdonchurch.org please. We are an Eco-Church and this document is printed on recycled paper. It is also available on our website and via email.



“The Church in the Park”

24th November 2019

“We are not children of the slave woman, but of the free woman”.

Galatians chapter four, verse 31 (Church Bibles, page 1171)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together.

Toby Crowe will speak on Galatians 4:21 - 5:1.

Got a question? Email rector@elmdonchurch.org

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 25 Nov

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

Bible study: 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Tue 26 Nov

Bible study: 2.00pm at Coppice Road.

Wed 27 Nov

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

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Read & pray...

Monday *Galatians 4:21 - 5:1*

- Growing violence in Bolivia as the country's democratic institutions start to implode.
- Christian residents of Tait Croft and Tanford Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our church's pastoral ministry and those who exercise it.
- Those who are bereaved, including the family of Jason Rooker.

Tuesday *Exodus 12:1 - 42*

- Political unrest in Chile, now entering a second month.
- The 'Justice 4 the 21' group, campaigning for answers about the 1974 pub bombings which took place 45 years ago this month.
- Toby, our Rector, travelling to London for a conference today.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Margaret Freeman.

Wednesday *Exodus 12:43 - 14:12*

- The people of the Bougainville islands following Saturday's referendum on independence from Papua New Guinea.
- Unbelieving residents of Tait Croft and Tanford Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Acorns, our stay-and-play group, meeting this morning.
- Regular attenders: Toby, Emma, James & Amelia Crowe.

Thursday *Exodus 14:13 - 15:21*

- The continuing political crisis in Israel.
- Solihull candidates in the general election: Ade Adeyomo, Julian Knight, Rosemary Sexton and Nick Stephens.
- Our partners at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially the work of Superintendent Paula Daly in Troon.
- Those who are sick, including Margaret Glenn and Rachel.

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

Friday *Exodus 15:22 - 16:36*

- The people of Sri Lanka following the election of the Rajapaksa brothers as president and prime minister despite their alleged involvement in gross human-rights abuses during the civil war.
- The Royal Family, recovering from Prince Andrew's TV interview.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach at our service on Sunday, and those who will be leading groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Ann Davis, Rob & Joy Dean, Cheryl Doyle.

Saturday *Exodus 17:1 - 18:27*

- All affected by the major measles outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where 5000 people have already died.
- Staff in our local services, shops and pubs.
- Our developing mission plan for 2020, currently being consulted on.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Janet Knox.

Sunday *Galatians 5:1 - 12*

- The worldwide Church as it enters this season of Advent.
- Prisoners round the world, that they will know real hope in Christ.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we gather round his word and table in fellowship and in prayer.
- Divine renewal in our church's life and revival in our town.

*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.
Please email prayer@elmdonchurch.org or call 0121-743 6336.*

Next Sunday, 1st December

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Karen Matthews will speak on Galatians 5:1 - 12.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church