

## Coming up

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

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

**Baron’s Court Christmas carols:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7.00pm. Please speak to Toby if you would like to be part of our scratch choir.

## Also...

**Our sermon this morning:** We start looking at Galatians chapter five and are reminded that we are set free for freedom, not slavery; by grace not by law; and by the cross, and nothing else. Praise the Lord!

**The Asikus’ Steps:** The latest letter from Gift & Kathryn, two of our mission partners in Uganda, is enclosed in this prayer sheet today. 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 is also enclosed. This focuses on consolidating our strengths, growth in our prayer and depth in our discipleship. Please do pray that we will make an even greater impact in 2020.

**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:** Switch off and unplug appliances when not in use.

*News for the 8<sup>th</sup> December edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto: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”

## 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019

**“The one who is throwing you into confusion will pay the penalty, whoever they may be”.**

*Galatians chapter five, verse 10 (Church Bibles, page 1171)*

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 Galatians 5:1 - 12.

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

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**

### In the week

**Mon 2 Dec**

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

**Tue 3 Dec**

**Tuesday Fellowship:** 1.45pm on Coppice Road.

**Wed 4 Dec**

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

**Bible study:** 7.30pm at 57 Ulleries Road.

**Rector** Revd Toby Crowe    **Children & Families’ Worker** Kelly Purdy  
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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Galatians 5:1 - 12*

- Those injured, traumatised or bereaved by terrorist attacks.
- Christian residents of Tanhouse Farm Road and The Glade, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Toby, our Rector, meeting with the Archdeacon this week.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Margaret Freeman and Jason Rooker.

## Tuesday *Exodus 19:1 - 20:21*

- The women of Sudan as an oppressive public order aimed at controlling them is repealed.
- Candidates and voters in the British general election campaign.
- Acorns tomorrow, and the children and adults who will come to it.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Helen Salt.

## Wednesday *Exodus 20:22 - 21:36*

- The Uighur people of China, suffering at the hands of a central government determined to foster conformity.
- Unbelieving residents of Tanhouse Farm Road and The Glade, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Toby, leading assemblies at Valley Primary School today.
- Regular attenders: Frank & Val Evans, Jean & John Eyles.

## Thursday *Exodus 22:1 - 23:13*

- The people of India, hit by shrinking rates of economic growth.
- Attempts by the NHS to reduce prescriptions for antibiotics in their desire to prolong the lifespan of these drugs.
- Toby, preparing to preach at our service on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Don Stanton and Julie Ziarko.

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

## Friday *Exodus 23:14 - 24:18*

- Australian firefighters, preparing for the arrival of a hot summer when the ground is already tinder-dry.
- Staff and managers of the Rowood Lane shops and the Damson pub.
- Our partners at the Fishermen’s Mission, and especially the work of Superintendent Claire McIntosh in Eyemouth.
- Regular attenders: Sharon Hadley, Ann Harris, Martin & Joan Hewings.

## Saturday *Exodus 25:1 - 26:14*

- Human rights protesters in Iran, subject to a fierce government crackdown.
- Efforts to limit use of single-use plastics in retail and fashion.
- The decommissioning committee for our two freestanding halls, and moves towards their closure and disposal by early 2021.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott, Kitty Evans and Marie.

## Sunday *Galatians 5:13 - 26*

- Those who speak prophetically of Christ in the world today.
- The peace of Hong Kong.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we gather round his word in fellowship and in prayer.
- Our church planning and preparation for Christmas.

*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, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**10.30am Morning service**, all ages together.  
Toby Crowe will speak on Galatians 5:13 - 26.

**1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church**