

Coming up

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

Funeral for Margaret Freeman: Wednesday 11th December, 3.00pm at Robin Hood Crematorium.

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

Hatchford Brook Churches Together carol-singing: Saturday 14th December, 11.00am at Tesco on Lyndon Road.

New midweek service starts: Tuesday 7th January, 12 noon, followed by lunch, up at "the Church in the Park". This replaces the previous Monday and Tuesday services.

Also...

Our sermon this morning: We continue looking at Galatians chapter five. This speaks of the 'fruits of the Spirit' and reminds us that those who belong to Jesus Christ 'live by the Spirit' and seek to keep in step with him.

The Asikus' Steps: The latest letter from Gift & Kathryn, two of our mission partners in Uganda, is available on the mission-support table.

Our mission in 2020: A draft of our plan is available in the entrance corridor. Please take a copy, pray and give us your suggestions.

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. 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: Plan your Christmas dinner carefully to reduce waste.

News for the 15th December edition (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 11th December 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"

8th December 2019

***"Since we live by the Spirit,
let us keep in step with the Spirit".***

Galatians chapter five, verse 25 (Church Bibles, page 1172)

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

Sunday

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.

Toby Crowe will speak on Galatians 5:13 - 26.

Got a question? Email rector@elmdonchurch.org

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 9 Dec

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

Afternoon Praise: 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

Prayer group: 6.30pm at Coppice Road.

Tue 10 Dec

Holy Communion: 2.00pm at Coppice Road.

Advent prayer night: 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Wed 11 Dec

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

Christmas carols: 7.00pm at Baron's Court.

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

Monday *Galatians 5:13 - 26*

- All affected by recent floods and heavy storms in East Africa.
- Christian residents of Thelsford Way and Tustin Crescent, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Toby, our Rector, leading assembly at Damson Wood Infant School this morning.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Jack Donoghue, Margaret Freeman and Jason Rooker.

Tuesday *Exodus 26:15 - 27:21*

- Activists in the Cayman Islands, campaigning to stop the dredging and destruction of the area's coral reefs.
- Employees of tottering haulage company, Eddie Stobart.
- Our Advent prayer night, taking place this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Margaret Glenn and Rachel.

Wednesday *Exodus 28:1 - 43*

- International attempts to prevent Iran and North Korea from acquiring nuclear weapons.
- Unbelieving residents of Thelsford Way and Tustin Crescent, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- The carol service at Barons Court this evening, that residents will hear the good news of Jesus Christ and respond to it.
- Regular attenders: Joy Hoban, Joyce Holmes and John Horton.

Thursday *Exodus 29:1 - 46*

- Candidates and voters in today's General Election in the UK.
- Children taking part in school Christmas shows this week.
- All involved in delivering our Christmas leaflets to doors.
- Those who are sick, including Dave Kimber and Janet Knox.

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

Friday *Exodus 30:1 - 31:11*

- Take-up levels for the new typhoid vaccine in Pakistan where the disease has become extremely resistant to existing antibiotics.
- The people of the United Kingdom as a new government starts to be formed, following last night's general election result.
- Toby, preparing to preach on Sunday, and all who will be leading groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Richard, Lesley, Connor & Rachel Huss.

Saturday *Exodus 31:12 - 32:35*

- Both sides in the US presidential impeachment process.
- Women victims of the shocking gender pay gap at Solihull Council.
- Our partners at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially the work of Superintendent Matthew Ramsay in Kintyre and Oban.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Helen Salt.

Sunday *Galatians 6:1 - 10*

- People across the country who are struggling with personal debt.
- Those who will be homeless and on the streets this Christmas in Britain.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we gather round his word and his table in fellowship and prayer.
- Our church planning and preparation for Christmas.

*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, 15th December

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Toby Crowe will speak on Galatians 6:1 - 10.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church