

Coming up

New midweek service starts: Tuesday 7th January, 12 noon, followed by lunch, up at “the Church in the Park”.

Prayer night: Tuesday 14th January, 8.00pm at “the Church in the Park”.

Also...

Children’s groups today: Roots (toddlers & nursery), Saplings (Reception to Year 4), Oaks (Years 5 to 7) and Mighty Oaks (Year 8+).

Our sermon this morning: Please note that our preacher today, as we move into Galatians chapter six, is Karen Matthews. Karen helps us to understand the ways in which Christians demonstrate the fruits of the Spirit in their own lives, and help other Christians to do likewise.

Congratulations to Wayne and Laura on the birth of baby Jack!

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, 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.

We need mince pies for our Christmas events. Please leave boxes upstairs.

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

Eco tip: In 2017, the UK used an estimated 108 million rolls of Christmas wrapping paper. Instead, make your gifts look memorable with some creative use of recycled brown paper or fabric.

Next Sunday’s prayer sheet will be a bumper Christmas issue, covering 22nd and 29th December. Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 18th December to news@elmdonchurch.org. 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”

15th December 2019

“Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers”.

Galatians chapter six, verse 10 (Church Bibles, page 1172)

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 6:1 - 10.

Got a question? Email rector@elmdonchurch.org

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 16 Dec

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

Bible study: 2.00pm at Gaydon Road.

Tue 17 Dec

Bible study: 2.00pm at Coppice Road.

Wed 18 Dec

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

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Read & pray...

Monday *Galatians 6:1 - 10*

- The people of Libya as rebel forces prepare a fresh offensive aimed at capturing the capital, Tripoli.
- Boris Johnson, Prime Minister, finalising his new government; and Julian Knight, re-elected as MP for Solihull.
- Local churches in vacancy, especially those which are interviewing prospective vicars and pastors at the moment.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Jack Donoghue, Margaret Freeman and Jason Rooker.

Tuesday *Exodus 33:1 - 34:17*

- Voters in Israel as yet another general election is called for March.
- The Coppice School governing body, meeting this evening.
- Our leafletting teams, delivering the last of our Christmas flyers.
- Those who are sick, including Don Stanton and Julie Ziarko.

Wednesday *Exodus 34:18 - 35:29*

- An end to the US-China trade war.
- Christian residents of Valley Road and Ventnor Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Children, families and carers coming to the last Acorns of 2019 today.
- Regular attenders: Terry and Sylvia Jagger, Carol Janes, Rod Janes.

Thursday *Exodus 35:30 - 36:38*

- EU leaders, preparing for new Brexit negotiations following the UK's general election a week ago.
- Members of the RMT union, following the cancellation of strikes on West Midlands Trains.
- Rob Dean, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott and Marie.

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

Friday *Exodus 37:1 - 38:20*

- Continuing protests against the government of Hong Kong.
- Unbelieving residents of Valley Road and Ventnor Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- All our church preparations for Christmas services and events.
- Regular attenders: Tansy, Abigail and Holly Jones; Allan & Pauline Jones.

Saturday *Exodus 38:21 - 39:31*

- The bitter conflict between French and English-speakers in Cameroon.
- Walkers enjoying the recent woodland improvements in Elmdon Nature Park and Elmdon Coppice.
- Our partners at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially the work of Superintendent William Macleod in Stornoway.
- Those who are sick, including Kitty Evans and Margaret Glenn.

Sunday *Galatians 6:11 - 18*

- Justice for the Rohingya people of Myanmar.
- Plans for a new HS2 training school at Bickenhill.
- 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 Christmas crafts and crib service this afternoon, that many will hear the good news.

*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, 22nd December

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together.
Rob Dean will speak on Galatians 6:11 - 18.

2.00pm Christmas Crafts
3.15pm Crib Service