

Coming up

Our new midweek service starts this Tuesday, 7th January, 12 noon at “the Church in the Park”. Lunch provided.

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

Men’s breakfast: Saturday 25th January, 9.00am at Elmdon Church. Sign-up sheets will be available next week.

Also...

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

New sermon series: Today we start looking at the last book of the Bible, Revelation, with its wonderful affirmation that God is in sovereign control of all things. This morning Toby helps us to dig into the opening three verses and their promise, or warning, that ‘the time is near’.

Our brother Dave Kimber has now been moved to the Marie Curie Hospice. We thank God for his joy and hope as he prepares to meet the Lord.

Lynn Maberly: Sadly Lynn died on 21st December. Her funeral will be on Monday 27th January, 10.30am at Robin Hood Crematorium.

Daily Bible readings: At the start of March we will begin to read through Deuteronomy together. There are sets of Bible notes to help you with this. Written by Alec Motyer, they can be found on the bookstall, 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.

The upstairs lights are due to be replaced this week. Hopefully you will notice the difference next Sunday!

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

Eco tip: Let your New Year’s Resolution be to find ways in which you can be more eco-friendly in 2020!

Please send news (40 words max)

*by 7pm on Wednesday 8th January to news@elmdonchurch.org.
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It is also available on our website and via email.



“The Church in the Park”

5th January 2020

“The time is near”.

Revelation chapter one, verse 3 (Church Bibles, page 1233)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.
Toby Crowe will speak on Revelation 1:1 - 3.

Got a question? Email rector@elmdonchurch.org

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 6 Jan

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

Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Tue 7 Jan

Midweek service: 12.00 noon at Elmdon Church.

Wed 8 Jan

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

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Read & pray...

Monday *Revelation 1:1 - 3*

- The stand-off between the US and Iran, following last week's killing of top Iranian general Qasem Soleimani by a US drone-strike.
- Local children, returning to school and a new term today.
- Our church vision for 2020, to be finalised later this month.
- Dave Kimber, for whom the time is indeed near, and Sue.

Tuesday *Leviticus 13:47 - 14:32*

- The people of Hong Kong as anti-government protests continue.
- Christian residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our new midweek service and lunch, starting this afternoon.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Margaret Freeman, Lynn Maberly and Winifred Wetton.

Wednesday *Leviticus 14:33 - 15:33*

- Residents and animals in the Australian states hit by bushfires.
- The election of a new Labour Party leader, and especially for Yardley MP Jess Phillips who is running for the post.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach on Sunday, and Richard Huss, who will be leading the service.
- Anyone awaiting the results of medical tests this week.

Thursday *Leviticus 16:1 - 34*

- Muslim citizens of India as the new Citizenship Amendment Act is implemented there.
- Managers at West Midlands Ambulance Service, preparing for closure of the Solihull 'hub' in March.
- The pastoral strategy meeting, taking place this evening.
- Regular attenders: Dave & Sue Landreth; Pat Lyons.

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

Friday *Leviticus 17:1 - 18:30*

- Everyone making plans for Brexit on 31st January.
- Unbelieving residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our informal 'cluster' of Anglican partner churches: Edgbaston Old Church; St Agnes, Moseley; and St Stephen's, Selly Park.
- Those who are sick, including Janet Knox, Mary Reynolds and Rachel.

Saturday *Leviticus 19:1 - 37*

- Peace and calm in Bolivia, following recent civil unrest and a messy change of government.
- The severe financial crisis hitting Solihull's provision for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.
- The disposal of our freestanding halls, now entering the 'action' phase.
- Regular attenders: Sarah Leckie & Florence; Eli Malkin; Karen Matthews.

Sunday *Revelation 1:4 - 6*

- The devastating drought in Zambia and the resulting food shortages.
- Our various mission partners in 2020.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we gather round his word in prayer.
- Many conversions in our church and community over the course of this year. Lord, give us more growth!

*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, 12th January

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.
Karen Matthews will speak on Revelation 1:4 - 6.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church