

Coming up

The lunch club meets this Tuesday, 28th January, at 1.00pm followed by a gospel service at 2.00pm. Please invite your friends.

Prayer night: Tuesday, 11th February, 8.00pm at “the Church in the Park”.

‘A church for the rich – is it true? Does it matter?’: An event organised by the Birmingham Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship, with Rt Revd Philip North, Bishop of Burnley: Thursday 20th February, 7.30pm at St Boniface Church, Quinton B32 2QD. Please speak to Toby for more information.

The Annual Meeting (APCM) will be held this year on Tuesday 28th April, 8.00pm at “the Church in the Park”.

Also...

Our sermon series: We continue looking at Revelation and come this morning to the first of the letters to the seven churches – this one to Ephesus, where the believers have ‘forsaken their first love’ (Rev 2:4). Graham Smye helps us to apply God’s word to ourselves, and repent.

Our mission plan for 2020 is now published, detailing the things which, by God’s grace, we expect to focus on during the next twelve months. There are copies in the Wilberforce Hall: please help yourself.

Confirmation: This service will take place in June. Please speak to Toby if you are interested in taking part, or if you want to know more.

Commitment service: In addition to the confirmation service, we may offer this as an opportunity for people who have perhaps attended church for many years, but who have now decided to give their lives to the Lord, to make a personal commitment and share their testimony. Again, please speak to Toby.

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

Eco tip: Use an online carbon calculator to gauge your carbon footprint and think about how you can reduce it.

Please send news (40 words max)

*by 7pm on Wednesday 5th February to news@elmdonchurch.org.
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“The Church in the Park”

2nd February 2020

***“Remember the height from which you have fallen!
Repent and do the things you did at first”.***

Revelation chapter two, verse 5 (Church Bibles, page 1234)

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

Sunday

10.30am Holy Communion with groups for children & young people.

Graham Smye will speak on Revelation 1:19 - 2:7.

Got a question? Email sermon.questions@elmdonchurch.org

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church

In the week

Mon 3 Feb

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

Prayer group: 7.45pm at 142 Valley Road.

Tue 4 Feb

Lunch & praise service: 1.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Wed 5 Feb

Acorns toddler group: 9.30am at Elmdon Church.

Rector Revd Toby Crowe **Children & Families’ Worker** Kelly Purdy

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Read & pray...

Monday *Revelation 1:19 - 2:7*

- The fight against the spread of the coronavirus, now declared a global health emergency by the World Health Organisation.
- Christian residents of Whatcote Green and Wheatley Close, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Plans for the further development our building during 2020.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Doris Dear, Muriel Griffiths, Brian Johnson and Dave Kimber.

Tuesday *Numbers 9:1 - 10:36*

- Those affected by Australian bushfires, and especially residents of Canberra and its locality, now under threat.
- The future of HS2.
- The church lunch club and afternoon service, happening today.
- Those who are sick, including Simon Carter and Janet Knox.

Wednesday *Numbers 11:1 - 35*

- Member states of the European Union, now without the UK.
- Unbelieving residents of Whatcote Green and Wheatley Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Children and their carers coming to Acorns this morning.
- Regular attenders: Marilyn Walton, Joy Wild, Sayara Wild.

Thursday *Numbers 12:1 - 13:33*

- The UK, now outside the European Union; and all the preparations for the next stages of our withdrawal negotiations.
- Solihull Moors Football Club, following the departure of manager Tim Flowers ('Flexit') last week.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Lynn Maberly, Iris Stanley, Annie Vincent, Mary Wetton and Patricia Woodhull.

God's desire for his people: "Be holy, as I am holy".

Friday *Numbers 14:1 - 45*

- Palestinians and their leaders, responding to President Trump's proposed peace plan for the Middle East.
- Moves towards a second independence referendum in Scotland.
- Our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially Superintendents Matthew Skinner and Helen Lovell in Brixham.
- Those who are sick: Mary Reynolds and Don Stanton.

Saturday *Numbers 15:1 - 41*

- Today's general election in Ireland, and all candidates contesting seats in the Dáil Éireann.
- JLR as Chief Executive Ralph Speth steps down after ten years in the role.
- Tomorrow's service in Elmdon, that the ears of all who come will be opened to receive God's word.
- Regular attenders: Abiee Ward, Sebastian, Gemma & Jude.

Sunday *Revelation 2:8 - 11*

- Justice and peace in Venezuela.
- The promised recruitment of 1200 extra officers for West Midlands Police.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we gather in fellowship to hear his word.
- The continued growth of our church: Lord, please send more labourers into your harvest field!

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.
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Next Sunday, 9th February

10.30am Morning service, all ages together.
Karen Matthews will speak on Revelation 2:8 - 11.

1.30 - 4.00pm Open Church