

## Coming up

**The lunch club** meets this Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, at 1.00pm followed by Holy Communion at 2.00pm. Please bring your friends.

**Women's coffee morning:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30am at "the Church in the Park". There will be a speaker, and the theme is 'Face to face'.

**Men's breakfast:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9.00am at "the Church in the Park".

## Also...

**Our sermon series:** Today we hear about a weak but faithful church which will ultimately prove triumphant.

**Deuteronomy readings:** Sorry! Last week's readings did not coincide with the ones in the Bible reading notes. To remedy this, we are going back to the beginning: we start again with Deuteronomy chapter one on Tuesday.

**Self-isolating and need shopping?** Give us a ring on 0121-743 6336.

**Volunteers in Holy Week:** We need helpers for Open Church on Maundy Thursday (9<sup>th</sup> April, 11.00am - 3.00pm); and for our Good Friday crafts for children and families (10<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00 - 4.00pm). Please see Toby or Kelly.

**Electoral roll:** Our revision starts today. If you are a regular attender and not yet on the roll, please speak to Patricia or Toby.

**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.

**New babies:** It would be great if we could offer church families a fortnight of cooked evening meals when a new baby arrives. If you would be willing to go on a stand-by rota (to be activated as necessary) please sign up today.

**Please remove any remaining personal property** from the freestanding halls by this coming Friday (Coppice Road) or Easter (Gaydon Road).

**Missed a Sunday?** Come on Tuesday or find the Podcast on our website, iTunes or Spotify – just search for "Elmdon Church Sermons".

**Eco tip:** It has been estimated that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than fish. Continue to say no to unnecessary plastic!

*Please send news (40 words max)*

*by 7pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto: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"*

## 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020

***"I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name"***

*Revelation chapter three, verse 8 (Church Bibles, page 1235)*

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

### Sunday - International Women's Day

**10.30am Morning service**, all ages together.

Karen Matthews will speak on Revelation 3:7 - 13.

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

### In the week

**Mon 9 Mar**

**Tue 10 Mar**

**Wed 11 Mar**

**Sat 14 Mar**

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

**Lunch & Communion:** 1.00pm at Elmdon Church.

**Prayer night:** 8.00pm at Elmdon Church.

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

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

**Women's coffee:** 10.30am at Elmdon Church

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

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Revelation 3:7 - 13*

- Staff and patients at local medical services, as the first cases of coronavirus here start to be reported.
- Christian residents of Barnfield Drive and Billsmore Green, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Moves towards the closure and decommissioning of the two 1960s church halls, taking place in the coming months.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Rob Hubbard and Margaret Rabin.

## Tuesday *Deuteronomy 1:1 - 5*

- Victims of coronavirus around the world, expected to hit 100,000 this week and to continue increasing in number.
- All affected by gun and knife-crime in our communities.
- Our church prayer night, taking place this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Simon Carter, Janet Knox and Rachel.

## Wednesday *Deuteronomy 1:6 - 21*

- The people of Idlib, Syria, that the ceasefire might hold.
- Unbelieving residents of Barnfield Drive and Billsmore Green, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Children and adults coming to Acorns this morning.
- Regular attenders: John & Jean Eyles, Sharon Hadley.

## Thursday *Deuteronomy 1:22 - 46*

- Syrian refugees, trying to enter the European Union.
- Clients of Solihull addiction rehabilitation services, following the closure of Clarity House in Chelmsley Wood.
- Our church midweek groups and personal discipleship work.
- Those who are sick, including Mary Reynolds and Don Stanton.

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

## Friday *Deuteronomy 2:1 - 25*

- Passengers, staff and creditors of the failed Flybe airline, and of other airlines round the world which are currently at risk.
- The national response to the coronavirus, and all who are leading it.
- Rob Dean, preparing to preach on Sunday, and all who will be leading groups for children and young people.
- Regular attenders: Ann Harris, Martin & Joan Hewings, Joy Hoban.

## Saturday *Deuteronomy 2:26 - 3:11*

- The people of Venezuela, that justice might be done in that land.
- The staff of the Solihull Council planning department, and councillors who sit on the relevant committees.
- The Women’s Coffee Morning, taking place today: those who will attend, those who will serve, and our speaker.
- Those who are sick, including Julie Ziarko and Marjorie Allcott.

## Sunday *Revelation 3:14 - 22*

- The economic crisis in Lebanon.
- Our service in Elmdon this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we listen to God’s word and prayerfully gather round his table in fellowship.
- All our preparations for the arrival of the coronavirus: to stay safe and to serve our community in Christ’s name.
- Our friends at the Fishermen’s Mission, and especially this week their ministry to retired fishermen and their families.

*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.  
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### **Next Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**10.30am Holy Communion** with groups for children & young people.  
Rob Dean will speak on Revelation 3:14 - 22.