

## Bible readings and sermons

**Today's talk:** Our reading describes the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem, and gives us God's promise that, one day, we shall be fully united with Him.

**Daily Bible studies:** This week we continue to look at II Kings. Watch Toby's reflections every day at [www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch](http://www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch)

## In the week

**Tuesday:** Our weekly prayer meeting is at 6.30pm on Zoom. Please contact [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org) if you would like to take part.

**Wednesday service:** Holy Communion, 10.30am at Elmdon Church (subject to any new lockdown measures). Please let Carol know if you want to come: [carol@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:carol@elmdonchurch.org)

**Also on Wednesday** our weekly video for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers is posted to Facebook.

## News

**New lockdown?** We're expecting an announcement tomorrow. It's unclear at the moment what impact any new measures would have on our ability to meet in person. Please keep an eye on our website and Facebook page, and continue to pray for those taking hard decisions.

**Poppies** are available upstairs and down. Please leave money in the dish. **'In times like these'**, the Midlands Men's Convention 2020, will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 10.00am - 1.00pm online. Register at [www.christianconventions.org.uk/midlands-mens/online-2020](http://www.christianconventions.org.uk/midlands-mens/online-2020)

**Next year's 'relaunch':** The break in our 'normal' activities, caused by coronavirus, means that when we re-start much of our programme, maybe next September, it will effectively be a new beginning for Elmdon Church. As part of our preparation for this, Toby would like to have a chat with every member of our existing 'team' to hear how they see their ministries flourishing and developing in the future. Instead of trying to fit people to rotas, we want to see if we can build rotas around people! Expect a conversation early next year.

*Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org)*



*"The Church in the Park"*

## 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020

***"I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple".***

*Revelation chapter twenty one, verse 22 –  
the Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.*

Welcome to Elmdon Church, in person or online!

### Sunday

**10.30am Holy Communion**, all ages together.  
[www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch](http://www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch)

Toby Crowe will speak on Revelation 21:9 - 22.

We continue to provide material on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel, accessible at [www.elmdonchurch.org](http://www.elmdonchurch.org)

You can also hear Sunday's sermon by calling 0121-270 9075 (calls charged at your usual rate).

The service is available on DVD too: please ask!

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# Read & pray...

## Monday *Revelation 21:9 - 22*

- The decision on a new English lockdown, being announced today.
- People due to return from furlough this morning.
- The impact of any new restrictions on the life of our church.
- Victims of last Thursday's attack on a church in Nice, including the families of Simone Barreto Silva, Vincent Loquès and the other woman who died.

## Tuesday *II Kings 11:1 - 21*

- The US presidential and congressional elections, taking place today.
- Hospitals in many areas, including ours, already close to capacity.
- Our prayer night, taking place on Zoom this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott and Matthew Atkins.

## Wednesday *II Kings 12:1 - 21*

- People in Turkey and the Greek islands, recovering from last Friday's earthquake in the Aegean.
- Christian residents of Old Lode Lane and Pardington Close, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our service of Holy Communion, planned for this morning.
- Regular attenders: Tansy, Abbie & Holly Jones.

## Thursday *II Kings 13:1 - 25*

- Revd Wavel Ramchalawan, newly-elected president of the Seychelles.
- Efforts to drive anti-semitism out of the Labour Party.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday, and everybody involved in planning the service.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Bobby Ball, Ivy Brown, Pat O'Neil, Irene Snape, Nobby Stiles and Jean Tunstall.

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

## Friday *II Kings 14:1 - 29*

- Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, still being held on false charges in Iran.
- Unbelieving residents of Old Lode Lane and Pardington Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- All whose mental health is poor after eight months of anti-virus measures.
- Those who are sick, including Simon Carter and Kitty Evans.

## Saturday *II Kings 15:1 - 38*

- The people of Australia, being warned of simultaneous and worsening natural disasters in the future as a result of climate change.
- Plans to replace the existing Birmingham Women's & Children's Hospitals.
- Our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially Superintendent Eric Copping in Boston and Grimsby.
- Regular attenders: Sue Kimber, Sue Landreth and Sarah Leckie.

## Sunday *Revelation 21:23 - 27*

- All victims of violence and war.
- Veterans of the armed forces, and organisations which support them.
- Our service this morning, that we will meet Jesus as we gather in fellowship to hear his word, whatever format it takes.
- The weeks and months ahead.

*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.  
Please email [prayer@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:prayer@elmdonchurch.org) or call 0121-743 6336.*

### **Next Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

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

Richard Huss will speak on Revelation 21:23 - 27.

Please let us know if you are coming:

[carol@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:carol@elmdonchurch.org) or text 07761-702 784.

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