

Bible readings and sermons

Today's reading reminds us that the Church comprises people "of every nation, tribe, people and language", and that our primary identity is the one we share with other Christians and which we find only in Jesus Christ.

In the week

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

Wednesday: Holy Communion, in person at Elmdon Church, 10.30am. Please email carol@elmdonchurch.org or call her on **07761-702 784**.

Wednesday: our weekly video for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers is posted to Facebook. This is the last one of the year.

Advent & Christmas 2020

Christmas online

- Advent calendar, every day on Facebook
- Christingle service, Thursday 24th December, 10.30am on Facebook
- Christmas Day services: 10.30am on Facebook, 11.15am on Zoom (including Holy Communion)

Christmas interactive *(details on our website and Facebook page)*

- Christmas stones, a walk through Elmdon Park
- Our Christmas quiz – win a prize!
- Christmas knitting patterns – knit an angel and send us a pic!
- Christmas craft packs for children – photos welcome!
- Christmas trail, Tuesday 22nd December, 2.00 - 4.00pm in Elmdon Park (start at the lake and finish at "the Church in the Park")

Christmas in person

- Christmas services: Sunday 20th & Wednesday 23rd December, 10.30am at Elmdon Church
- 'Away from the Manger', a Christmas story service for young children and families, Monday 21st December, 3.00pm at Elmdon Church.

Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm on Wednesday 16th December to news@elmdonchurch.org



"The Church in the Park"

13th December 2020



Welcome to Elmdon Church, in person or online!

Sunday

10.30am Morning service, all ages together, at Elmdon Church and live-streamed at www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch
Toby Crowe will speak on Revelation 21:22 - 22:2.

We continue to provide material on our website, Facebook and YouTube channel, accessible at 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!

Team The believers of Elmdon **Rector** Revd Toby Crowe
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Read & pray...

Monday *Revelation 21:22 - 22:2*

- A final resolution of the contested US presidential election as the Electoral College meets to elect Joe Biden as the 46th president.
- The future trading relationship between the EU and the UK, and those who will be hit hardest by coming price rises.
- Our programme of events for Christmas, that many will participate.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Ivy Brown, Joan Craig, Irene Snape and Mary Wakeman.

Tuesday *I Chronicles 16:7 - 43*

- The family of Casey Goodson, the latest young black man shot dead in mysterious circumstances by US police.
- The future of the UK automotive industry following the end of the UK's 'Brexit transition period' on 31st December.
- Our church prayer meeting, taking place on Zoom this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Sarah Leckie and Pauline Meredith.

Wednesday *I Chronicles 17:1 - 18:17*

- Medical personnel, fighting the coronavirus wave.
- Christian residents of Streamside Way and Studley Croft, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our Holy Communion service, taking place this morning.
- Regular attenders: Mel Yates, Christine Arnsby and Sarah Baldwin.

Thursday *I Chronicles 19:1 - 20:8*

- The peace deal agreed between Israel and Morocco last week.
- Families impacted by the maternity-care scandal in the Shrewsbury & Telford Hospital NHS Trust.
- Toby Crowe, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Bill Sands and Marjorie Allcott.

Please note that next week's prayer sheet will be a bumper issue, covering the two weeks of the Christmas holiday.

Friday *I Chronicles 21:1 - 30*

- Efforts to save the Great Barrier Reef after recent 'mass bleaching' events.
- Unbelieving residents of Stockwell Rise and Stoney Close, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Members of our church who are housebound.
- Regular attenders: Moyra Bate, Chris Beere, Alan & Gill Carter.

Saturday *I Chronicles 22:1 - 23:23*

- All who work in professional sport during this time of pandemic.
- Kiera Bell and other victims of the "harmful experiment on vulnerable children" conducted by London's Tavistock Clinic.
- The work of our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially that of Superintendent Paula Daly, serving in Troon.
- Those who are sick, including Matthew Atkins and Lynda Bird.

Sunday *Isaiah 9:2 - 7*

- That all who walk in darkness may see the light of God's risen Son.
- EU efforts to cut greenhouse gases by 55% before 2030.
- Firefighters based at Solihull and Sheldon fire stations.
- Our service this morning, that many will meet Jesus in it.

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, 20th December Christmas service

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together.

Toby Crowe will speak on Isaiah 9:2 – 7.

Please let us know if you are coming:

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