

Bible readings and sermons

Today's reading tells us that a true conversion is one of the heart. "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matthew 7:24).

Next month in our daily Bible readings we look at Ezra and Nehemiah: two books which speak of God rebuilding a community of faith after a period of exile. Catch Toby's daily Bible studies on Facebook from 6th February.

In the week

Tuesday: Our weekly prayer meeting is at 7.30pm on Zoom (note the change of time). 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 **text 07761-702 784**.

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

News

Lockdown: Our services continue in person. Please follow all our Covid-security requirements before, during and after services. We will continue to review the situation week by week and, if necessary, will move to online provision only.

Connect groups: We hope to circulate details of our new groups this week.

PCC meeting: Our church council meets on Tuesday 19th January, 7.30pm on Zoom. Papers will be circulated this week.

Relaunch 2021: We are planning for life after the pandemic, and part of this is our review of the various ministry roles that people undertake at Elmdon Church. If you have never been on a rota but are keen to give something a go, please email rector@elmdonchurch.org or call 0121-743 6336.

Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm
on Wednesday 13th January to news@elmdonchurch.org



"The Church in the Park"

10th January 2021

"The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock".

*Matthew chapter seven, verse 25 –
the Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.*

Welcome to Elmdon Church, in person or online!

Sunday

10.30am Morning service

live at www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch or on YouTube.

Graham Smye will speak on Matthew 7:21 - 29

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!

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Read & pray...

Monday *Matthew 7:21 - 29*

- American democracy and moral standing after last week's attack on the US Capitol in Washington DC.
- Those administering the UK's vaccination programme.
- Wisdom in our church decision-making, as we seek the Lord's will over whether to maintain services in person.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Ellen Adams, Maggie Preece, Wendy West and Ethel White.

Tuesday *II Chronicles 10:1 - 11:23*

- The people of Venezuela as President Maduro seizes control of parliament and consolidates his hold on power.
- Christian residents of Thelsford Way and Tustin Crescent, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our church prayer meeting, taking place on Zoom this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Ann Harris and Kitty Evans.

Wednesday *II Chronicles 12:1 - 13:22*

- World peace as Iran returns to enriching uranium and North Korea vows to expand its nuclear weapons programme.
- West Midlands hospitals and health services, wilting under the strain.
- Our Holy Communion service, taking place this morning.
- Regular attenders: Toby, Emma, James & Amelia Crowe.

Thursday *II Chronicles 14:1 - 15:19*

- Today's general election in Uganda.
- Unbelieving residents of Thelsford Way and Tustin Crescent, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Richard Huss, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Sarah Leckie and Bill Sands.

We preach Christ crucified.
Nobody and nothing but Him.

Friday *II Chronicles 16:1 - 17:19*

- Countries round the world, struggling to contain the current coronavirus wave while also developing vaccination programmes of their own.
- Solihull councillors, considering plans for new motorway service stations at Catherine-de-Barnes and Hockley Heath.
- Our new Connect groups, starting soon, and those who will join them.
- Regular attenders: Rob & Joy Dean; Cheryl Doyle; Frank & Val Evans.

Saturday *II Chronicles 18:1 - 34*

- The people of Hong Kong as democracy activists are rounded up under the controversial new 'Security Law'.
- UK exporters, now being hit by new red tape under the Brexit trade deal.
- The work of the Fishermen's Mission, and especially for Superintendent Michael O'Neill, serving fishing communities in the north of Scotland.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott and Brenda.

Sunday *Matthew 13:24 - 30*

- Organisers of the 2020 Olympics, due to be held in Tokyo this summer.
- Students, still having to pay rent for accommodation they no longer need.
- Our service this morning, that many will meet Jesus in it.
- Our church finances, currently under great pressure.

*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, 17th January

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together.

Richard Huss will speak on Matthew 13:24 - 30

Please let us know if you are coming:

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