

Bible readings and sermons

Today's readings: This morning we hear parables which speak of the way in which God's kingdom grows. This afternoon Paul rejoices in what God is doing through him and his ministry. But what is God doing through us today?

Next month in our daily Bible readings we look at Ezra and Nehemiah – books which tell us how God rebuilt a community of faith after exile. Might they have something to say to us too, as we plan for life beyond the pandemic?

In the week

Tuesday: Our weekly prayer meeting is at 7.30pm on Zoom. Contact rector@elmdonchurch.org if you would like to take part.

Wednesday: our weekly video for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers is posted to Facebook. This week Toby, our Rector, leads us.

News

Lockdown: Our services in person are currently suspended. Please join us on Facebook or YouTube (Sunday, 10.30am) and Zoom (Sunday, 4.00pm).

Kitty Evans is recovering from her burst ulcer and preparing for her ninetieth birthday this Friday. Happy birthday, Kitty!

Connect groups: These will be starting over the next few weeks.

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.

Changing locks: Please be aware that the 'gold key' for the church building will no longer work after the end of this month. Cleaning teams: we will be in touch shortly about the new unlocking arrangements.

*Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm
on Wednesday 27th January to news@elmdonchurch.org*



"The Church in the Park"

24th January 2021

"The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour".

*Matthew chapter thirteen, verse 33 –
the Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.*

Welcome to Elmdon Church online!

Sunday

10.30am Morning service

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

Karen Matthews will speak on Matthew 13:31 - 35.

4.00pm Holy Communion

live on Zoom. Please email rector@elmdonchurch.org

Toby Crowe will speak on I Thessalonians 2:1 - 20.

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 13:31 - 35*

- Hospitals in Brazil, starting to run out of oxygen.
- Christian residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our church planning for Easter and beyond.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Ellen Adams, Gary Dyhouse, Brenda Faulds and Maggie Preece.

Tuesday *II Chronicles 26:1 - 27:9*

- Healing of relationships in American public life.
- British Gas workers, striking in the next few days.
- Our church prayer meeting, taking place on Zoom this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Simon Carter and Ann Harris.

Wednesday *II Chronicles 28:1 - 27*

- Supply problems with the coronavirus vaccine in the EU.
- Unbelieving residents of Victor Road and Waldeve Grove, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Rob Dean, preparing to preach on Sunday morning; and Toby Crowe, preparing to preach on Sunday afternoon.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Gillian Taylor, Wendy West and Ethel White.

Thursday *II Chronicles 29:1 - 36*

- Anti-government protests across Russia.
- Hospital patients and staff in our region, facing the highest rate of admissions in the UK.
- Toby, our Rector, taking part in a training course this evening on how to make people from Hong Kong welcome as they move into our area.
- Regular attenders: Joyce Holmes, John Horton and Terry Jagger.

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

Friday *II Chronicles 30:1 - 27*

- Olympic organisers, still making plans for the Tokyo Games to go ahead.
- Politicians taking decisions over further coronavirus restrictions.
- Our weddings and funerals, that they might produce more gospel fruit.
- Kitty Evans, celebrating her 90th birthday today.

Saturday *II Chronicles 31:1 - 21*

- The people of the Central African Republic as rebels close in on the capital.
- Victims of domestic abuse, and organisations which try to help them.
- The work of our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially for that of Superintendent Chris Holden, serving in Kintyre.
- Those who are sick, including Sarah Leckie, Bill Sands and Sylvia Atkins.

Sunday *Matthew 13:44 - 46*

- The social media giants, coming under fierce international scrutiny.
- Managers and workers in our local supermarkets and essential shops.
- Our service this morning, that many will meet Jesus in it.
- The final 'review meetings' with everyone interested in serving in our church, being held over the next few weeks.

*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, 31st January

10.30am Morning service

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4.00pm Holy Communion

live on Zoom. Please email rector@elmdonchurch.org

Toby Crowe will speak on I Thessalonians 3:1 - 13