

## Bible readings and sermons

**Today's readings:** This morning's parable is challenging, but Jesus concludes that the message of God's grace is the treasure of the Church. This afternoon Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians to grow in holiness – and we all need this encouragement too!

**In our daily Bible readings** from Tuesday, we continue to work our way through the book of Ezra.

## In the week

**Tuesday:** Our weekly prayer meeting is at 7.30pm on Zoom. Contact [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto: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.

## News

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

**Marjorie Allcott** is now receiving respite care in the Marie Curie hospice. She will probably be home next week. Please pray for her and the family.

**The bodies found recently** on Damson Parkway have now been dated to the sixteenth or seventeenth century. They will be re-buried in Elmdon Churchyard shortly: details to follow.

**Connect groups:** These will be starting over the next few weeks. Please contact Toby if you would still like to join one.

**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](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org) or call 0121-743 6336.

**New lock:** Please be aware that the 'gold key' for the church building no longer works, and new arrangements apply.

*Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org)*



*"The Church in the Park"*

## 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

***"The angels will come and separate the wicked  
from the righteous".***

*Matthew chapter thirteen, verse 49 –  
the Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.*

Welcome to Elmdon Church online!

### Sunday

**10.30am Morning service**

live at [www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch](https://www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch) or on YouTube.

Toby Crowe will speak on Matthew 13:47 - 52.

**4.00pm Holy Communion**

live on Zoom. Please email [rector@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:rector@elmdonchurch.org)

Toby Crowe will speak on I Thessalonians 4:1 - 12.

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 *Matthew 13:47 - 52*

- Growing civil disobedience against the military takeover in Myanmar.
- Christian residents of Walsgrave Drive and Wells Road, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- Our church mission plan for 2021.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Ellen Adams, Kath Brown, Gary Dyhouse, Brenda Faulds and Maggie Preece.

## Tuesday *Ezra 2:1 - 70*

- The new interim government in Libya, that it will hold a divided country together.
- Those unable to access essential NHS services because of the pandemic.
- Our church prayer meeting, taking place on Zoom this evening.
- Those who are sick, including John & Jean Malins; Kitty Evans.

## Wednesday *Ezra 3:1 - 13*

- The Uighurs, especially women, being treated atrociously in China.
- Unbelieving residents of Walsgrave Drive and Wells Road, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our church finances, under enormous pressure. We thank you, Father, for committed Christian givers who allow us to pay our way.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Anne Salter, Fay Shelley, Gillian Taylor, Wendy West and Ethel White.

## Thursday *Ezra 4:1 - 24*

- Farmers in India, protesting against agricultural reforms.
- Birmingham Airport, facing huge Covid losses and asking for government support.
- Toby Crowe preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Regular attenders: Allan & Pauline Jones; Sue Kimber; Sue Landreth.

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

## Friday *Ezra 5:1 - 6:22*

- The people of Yemen, still suffering from the long civil war there.
- Schools coming to the end of a demanding half-term.
- The Acorns team, preparing materials for the relaunch later in the year.
- Those who are sick, including Paul & Ruth Tracey and their family.

## Saturday *Ezra 7:1 - 28*

- Prisoners on Death Row, all around the world.
- Victims of crooked surgeon, Ian Paterson, still living with the results of his awful crimes.
- Our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially for Superintendents Sarah Dorsett and Helen Lovell in Brixham.
- Regular attenders: Sarah Leckie; Eli Malkin; Karen Marlow-Tipple.

## Sunday *Matthew 20:1 - 16*

- Roma communities, marginalised and downtrodden across Europe.
- Owners and staff of the Rowood Drive shops as a new week begins.
- Our services today, that many will meet Jesus in them.
- The many pastoral issues and problems which we meet day to day.

*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, 14<sup>th</sup> February**

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