

## Bible readings and sermons

**Today's readings:** This morning Jesus gives us words of encouragement but also of deep challenge. In effect he asks us, "what will **you** wear to the party?" This afternoon we start working our way through II Thessalonians, another warmly pastoral letter from St Paul to the Christians of Macedonia.

**In our daily Bible readings** this week, we draw towards the end of the Old Testament book of Nehemiah. The wall of Jerusalem is completed; now the Law is read and the people respond.

## 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 this morning.

## News

**Lockdown:** Local infection levels remain high, and we will continue to provide online-only services for the time being. Watch this space for announcements on resumption of services in person.

**The PCC**, our church council, meets on 16<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm on Zoom.

**Anne Salter's funeral** will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 9.30am at Elmdon Church. Numbers will be limited: more details nearer the time.

**Marjorie Allcott** will soon be moving from the Marie Curie Hospice into Arden Lea Grove care home, opposite the hospital. Please continue to pray for her and the family.

**Connect groups:** These are a valuable opportunity to grow in discipleship and to share fellowship during the week. Please contact Toby if you would like to join one.

**A vaccination centre at Elmdon Church?** We have been exploring this possibility with a group of local pharmacies who are looking for a community building in the eastern part of B92. We'll keep you posted!

*Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm  
on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March to [news@elmdonchurch.org](mailto:news@elmdonchurch.org)*



*"The Church in the Park"*

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

***"Many are invited, but few are chosen".***

*Matthew chapter twenty-two, verse 14 –  
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 22:1 - 14.

#### 4.00pm Holy Communion

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

Toby Crowe will speak on II Thessalonians 1:1 - 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 22:1 - 14*

- Three hundred schoolgirls, kidnapped in northern Nigeria on Friday.
- Christian residents of Wheeley Road and Wilberforce Way, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- The proposal that our building in Elmdon Park be used as a vaccination centre for B92 residents.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Kath Brown, Beryl Dutton, Bex Lewis, Anne Salter, Fay Shelley and Colin Slade.

## Tuesday *Nehemiah 8:1 - 18*

- Continuing protests against agricultural reforms in India.
- Rough sleepers across the UK, whose numbers are falling because of the 'Everyone In' initiative: thank the Lord!
- Our church prayer meeting, taking place on Zoom tonight.
- Those who are sick, including Simon Carter and Kitty Evans.

## Wednesday *Nehemiah 9:1 - 37*

- All impacted by the Ebola outbreak in Guinea.
- Unbelieving residents of Wheeley Road and Wilberforce Way, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our church Connect groups meeting this week.
- All our church members and other regular attenders.

## Thursday *Nehemiah 9:38 - 10:39*

- Millions of people suffering food shortages in Ethiopia's Tigray province, following the recent conflict.
- Final planning for the launch of Coventry's year as 'UK City of Culture'.
- Toby, preparing to preach at both services on Sunday.
- Those who are sick, including Sarah Leckie, John & Joyce Malins.

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

## Friday *Nehemiah 11:1 - 12:26*

- The eradication of poverty worldwide.
- All hit by the rising unemployment rate in Solihull and across the country.
- Work on our rotas for the summer term, and preparation for our series on the book of Amos and its message of social justice.
- Those known to us who are still "walking in darkness" (Isaiah 9:2).

## Saturday *Nehemiah 12:27 - 47*

- The Covax vaccine-sharing programme, helping poorer countries.
- The vaccination programme here in the UK, and those who administer it.
- Our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially for Superintendent Carol Jones, ministering to fishing communities on the Isle of Skye.
- Those who are sick, including Bill Sands and Marjorie Allcott.

## Sunday *Matthew 25:1 - 13*

- Indigenous groups in the Amazon, being targeted for their land.
- Children preparing to return to school tomorrow.
- Our services today, that many will meet Jesus in them.
- The Elmdon Church Covid-planning group and PCC as we watch and pray.

*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, 7<sup>th</sup> March**

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