

Bible readings and sermons

Today's reading: The Israelites hear that big sins bring big desserts. But are they really any better than the nations around them?

Our daily readings: This week we finish the first 'book' of Psalms (1 - 41).

In the week

Tuesday: Our weekly prayer meeting is at 7.30pm on Zoom. Please contact rector@elmdonchurch.org if you want to take part.

Wednesday: Holy Communion, 10.30am at Elmdon Church. Please tell Carol if you are coming: carol@elmdonchurch.org or 07761-702 784.

Also on Wednesday: Our weekly video for toddlers, pre-schoolers and their carers is posted to Facebook this morning.

News

Church Council meeting: The PCC meets on Tuesday 11th May, 7.30pm on Zoom. Papers will be circulated this week.

Ros Johnson's funeral will be held at Elmdon Church on Monday 17th May. There may be a few spaces: please email Toby if you are interested in coming.

Annual Meetings: These will be held on Tuesday 18th May, 7.30pm on Zoom. Nominations are welcome for churchwardens and PCC members (though current postholders are also eligible to stand for re-election). The Annual Report will be published next Sunday.

New roles: We are looking for people to deliver the prayer sheet on Sunday afternoons, and also people to wash up the Holy Communion cups after our services on Sundays and Wednesdays. Please speak to Toby.

Changes to the prayer sheet: The last edition in the current format will be published on 30th May.

Vacancy news: We expect the vacancy to begin in July. During the next two months, the churchwardens will be putting various measures in place to ensure an orderly transition – please contact them if you have any questions.

Please send news (40 words max) by 7pm
on Wednesday 5th May to news@elmdonchurch.org



"The Church in the Park"

2nd May 2021

***"For three sins...
even for four, I will not relent."***

*Amos chapter one, verses 3, 6, 9, 11 & 13 –
the Elmdon Church 'verse of the week'.*

Welcome to Elmdon Church in person and online!

Today

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together. In person and live at www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch and on YouTube.

Toby Crowe will speak on Amos 1:3 - 15.

This service will also run at 10.30am on Wednesday, 5th May.

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 *Amos 1:3 - 15*

- Indian health services, trying to combat the terrible 'second wave' of coronavirus breaking over that country.
- Christian residents of Croftdown Road and Dalecote Avenue, that they might be confident in sharing their faith with their neighbours.
- All our preparations for the coming vacancy.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Alastair Adamson, Judy Clarke, John Coffin and Ros Johnson.

Tuesday *Psalms 32 - 33*

- An end to the deadly 'water-clashes' on the Kyrgyz-Tajik border.
- UK fishing communities, suffering from the lack of a full post-Brexit fishing deal and the consequent loss of fishing grounds.
- Our church prayer night, taking place on Zoom this evening.
- Those who are sick, including Marjorie Allcott and Pat Bridges.

Wednesday *Psalms 34 - 35*

- Investigators in Israel, seeking to explain last week's deadly crush at the Lag B'Omer festival near Mount Meron.
- Unbelieving residents of Croftdown Road and Dalecote Avenue, that they might come to know and follow Jesus as Saviour and Lord.
- Our Holy Communion service, taking place this morning.
- All our church members and other regular attenders.

Thursday *Psalms 36 - 37*

- The people of St Vincent, facing ruin after the recent volcanic eruption.
- Today's mayoral and local elections.
- Karen Matthews, preparing to preach on Sunday.
- Those who are bereaved, including the families of Eunice Lampett, Margaret Lidstone, Helen Sargent and Ivy Sumners.

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

Friday *Psalms 38 - 39*

- The threat of famine in Madagascar .
- National attempts to tackle knife crime.
- PCC members, meeting next Tuesday.
- Those known to us who are still "walking in darkness" (Isaiah 9:2).

Saturday *Psalms 40 - 41*

- The economies of the Eurozone, tipping back into recession.
- UK high streets, where one in seven shops now lies empty.
- Our friends at the Fishermen's Mission, and especially the work of Superintendent Suesan Brown in the great port of Grimsby.
- Those who are sick, including Simon Carter and Ann Harris.

Sunday *Amos 2:1 - 16*

- People in many places, still suffering pollution from historic nuclear tests.
- The impact of the pandemic on workers at Birmingham Airport.
- Our service today, that many will meet Jesus in it.
- The churches in Sparkbrook and Sparkhill, preparing to welcome Toby as their Priest-in-Charge this summer.

*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, 9th May

10.30am Holy Communion, all ages together. In person and live at
www.facebook.com/ElmdonChurch and on YouTube.
Karen Matthews will speak on Amos 2:1 - 16.

This service will also run at 10.30am on Wednesday 12th May.

To book your place at either service, please email
carol@elmdonchurch.org or text 07761-702 784.