



23rd August 2026

Verse of the Week

“He prayed to the Lord, ‘Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity.’”

Jonah 4, verse 2

10.30am Refreshments

11.00am **Holy Communion**

Bekah Clark will preach on Jonah 4:1-5

Coming up this week

Sunday, 2-4pm

Open Church

Please note: No Morning Prayer on Mondays 24th and 31st August.

Please pray for ...

- The residents of Lingham Close and Luddington Road.
- Karen Matthews preaching next Sunday.
- An end to sexual and gender based violence towards women and girls, experienced by 1 in 3 women worldwide.
- Students receiving GCSE and BTec results.
- More people to be introduced to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Save the date ...

Festival of Creation in Christ: Following General Synod approval for a new annual feast day, Sunday 6th September is going to have a creation focus. For more information visit <https://youtu.be/mS4zmIvULm4?si=Yq1Jccvy6Fx6lONA>.

Service on 13th September: In preparation for this service which will be followed by a shared lunch, you are encouraged to pray for 5 people (family, friends, neighbours, colleagues etc.) who don't yet know Jesus, to reach out to 3 of them with an invitation to the service and to trust God for the outcome. To help us get a good mix of food and an idea of numbers please complete the sign-up sheet which will be made available, although you don't need to sign up everyone you're hoping to invite to this service.

Bereavement Support: Care for the Family are delivering a number of 'Bereavement Care Awareness' training sessions to help equip members of churches to support bereaved people in their churches or wider community. The training is delivered online and the session lasts 3 hours. If you would be interested in participating in this training, please email Bekah (bekah@elmdonchurch.org) for more details.

24-7 Prayer, an international, interdenominational prayer movement, is inviting the global Church to pray non-stop during a Global Week of Prayer 6-13 September. Tearfund are partnering with them and adding Tearfund voices to lift up the name of Jesus together. If you'd like to learn more about how you can pray and act to end extreme poverty, please visit tearfund.org/globalweekofprayer.

This week's Discovery Bible Study

Jonah 4:1-5

- Review how you did with last week's passage: What changes did you make in your life? Who did you tell?
- Read this week's passage again.
- Retell the passage in your own words.
- Reflect on the questions below.
- Pray for God's help.

What does the story tell me about God?	If this is really God's word, what changes would I have to make in my life?
What does the story tell me about people or myself?	Who am I going to tell?

Next Sunday – 30th August

10.30am Refreshments

11.00am **Morning Praise**

Karen Matthews will preach on Jonah 4:6-11

Find it online:

Quick access to event sign-up, notice sheets, captions/translations and more: www.elmdonchurch.org/go

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News Sheet

News for the 30th August edition of the news sheet should be sent to news@elmdonchurch.org by 7pm on Wednesday, 26th August.