



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

13th October 2024



MAKING JESUS REAL: THROUGH PRAYER, PRAISE AND BIBLE TEACHING

Loving God. Inspiring Others. Reaching Out.

Welcome to ECC

Pastor Steve and the Church Leadership extend to each one of you a very warm welcome. If this is your first time here, you are very welcome. We will be spending time praising God and listening to teaching that is relevant to our lives. It is our prayer that God will touch you, inspire you and excite you in a very powerful and incredible way.

10.30am MORNING CELEBRATION SERVICE

‘Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.’

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US FOR PRAYER
EVERY SUNDAY IN THE BACK HALL AT @10.20AM**

SHORT THOUGHT: ‘GOD IS WATCHING’. Do you ever get frustrated that doing the right thing often goes unnoticed? Remember, God is always watching what we do, so, don’t get disillusioned if your good intentions go unrewarded, for God will reward us in some way and at some point. I am a strong believer that God honours our righteous living, so always do the right thing even if you do feel deeply wronged. 1 Peter 3:12 says, *‘The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right’.* Blessings. *Pastor*

PSALM for the WEEK:
Psalm 19:14

QUOTE for the WEEK:

‘Jesus, the HEART of the Christian FAITH is the WILDEST and most RADICAL guy you’d EVER come across’. [Bear Grylls]

JOKE TIME I once worked for a JCB company. I didn’t need any training, I picked things up as I went along`.



Please make sure all mobile phones are turned off or on silent during the service. Ta

Tea and coffee are served **AFTER** today’s service. Don’t just have a ‘cuppa’ chat to others too. Enjoy.



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Monday

7pm Cell Group Leaders Meeting [Leaders only]

Tuesday

11am Talking Heads `coffee and chat` [Church Hall]

1pm Alan`s Cell Group

Wednesday

12pm Eileen`s Cell Group

Thursday

7.30pm Worship Group practice

Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Communion & Celebration Service with guest speaker Pastor Billy Fenning

Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

`Pray Without Ceasing` [1 Thess. 5:17]

† All those who have been affected by Hurricane Milton in Florida last week

† Carmen`s sister Valerie & Diane & Lyn who both need a healing touch from God

† HOPE UK & the work they do with people with addictions

† Street Pastor`s in Swindon

† Our local community and neighbours

† Those who live in Osborne Street [*The street where our church is placed*]

† Swindon Night Shelter and the work they do caring for the homeless

† The conflict in the Middle East

† The conflict between Russia & Ukraine

† PM Keir Starmer & Labour Government

† Those with mental health issues or those living with depression or anxiety.

† The MediaServe team and Suzy as they produce & distribute Christian literature around the world.

† Mark Pugh, General Superintendent of Elim

† For church pastors and church leaders

† Our Youth [Fearless] and Children`s Work [Kingdom Kids]

† New people / families at church

† Our Family Support Project [Foodbank]

† Empower [Men] and Real Women

† Cell Groups Leaders & those who attend

† Elim Missionaries around the world especially John and Rachel in Paraguay

† Church leaders: Alan, Eileen & Ricardo.

† Church treasurer & church finances

If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, please contact Debbie on:

07557917866

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

• **Wednesday 6th Nov @ 7.30pm Church] REAL WOMEN** `An evening of Psalms, Pudding and Praise`. **[Women Only]**

• **Sunday 10th November** [after service] Eileen`s 60th Birthday Lunch celebration. [All invited]

• **Sunday 22nd Dec @ 6.30pm** Church Carol Service

WAY OFF DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

• **Bank Holiday Weekend Fri 22nd – Mon 25th August 2025** Moorlands Church Weekend Away [More details to follow]

ELIM is part of the world-wide **Pentecostal Movement** that traditionally emphasises the Foursquare Gospel. This is a commitment to sound preaching and teaching that **proclaims Jesus Christ** as **`Lord & Saviour, Healer, Baptist in the Holy Spirit and the Coming King`**.



CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you have been attending *ECC* for *three months* & would like to come into membership, then please see Pastor

FAMILY SUPPORT

If you or someone you know needs food, then please see *Graham or Debbie* or contact *Graham* on *07952294407* or *Debs* *07557917866* for more details. Also, we are always in need for more food or money to help with the Family Support. Thanks. *Pastor*

URGENT NOTICE FOR MIDGET

[Under 4's]

We still need helpers to help look after the children during the sermon. If you can help with this work, please let me know. Thanks. *Pastor*

TALKING HEADS

Talking Heads Coffee Morning meets *fortnightly* on Tues from 11am in the upstairs lounge

PASTORAL CARE

Carmen's contact number is **07766 453137** if you need to contact her.

SAFETY NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

Please make sure your children are not left unattended during the service to avoid any unnecessary accidents. Thanks. *Pastor*

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is every other Tuesday @ 11am-12.30pm
[In Church Hall and all welcome]

Please ensure all your valuables [especially ladies with handbags] are with you at all times. We maybe a trusting church but we still need to be vigilant. *Pastor Steve*

CELL GROUPS. If you are interested in joining one of the Cell Groups, then please speak to Pastor or Cell Group Leader or take a leaflet from the back table.

TALENT SPOTTING

If you would like to use your talents for the glory of God [i.e., IT, music, hospitality] please talk to **Pastor Steve**

GIFT AID SCHEME

If you are a taxpayer, then it's in the church's interest for you to sign up and become part of the Gift Aid Scheme. It doesn't cost you anything but makes a **HUGE** difference financially to the church. If you are not in the G.A.S then please see **Peter Dennison** [church treasurer] for more details. Many thanks. *Pastor*

PASTOR

REV. STEVE GUNN

CHURCH LEADERS

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EVERY LITTLE HELPS

Whether it's Tesco's plastic bags: purchased or blown into your garden, Tesco adverts on the back of a bus, Tesco *'you shop, we drop'* delivery vans providing personal assistance or Tesco lorries distributing their goods or consumers walking up and down Tesco aisles, or whether it is Tesco products, packaging or promotions, people standing outside a Tesco store or Tesco advertising on TV, you simply can't get away from their highly impressive and catchy slogan: *'Every Little Helps'*. In fact, *'Every Little Helps'* is just about everywhere. And this phrase usually comes up in conversation with my friend Patrick who works at Tesco especially if he's offering to pay for something. From a marketing point of view, this catchphrase is not only inspired but has certainly *'caught the public eye'*, and whether the slogan has attracted more customers or increased Tesco's revenue is open for debate, one thing for sure, *'Every Little Helps'* is not far from everybody's lips. And *'Every Little Helps'* is a slogan that can help all Christians in their Spiritual Walk too, because the Christian faith can be very difficult, even boring and confusing, especially when it comes to praying and reading the bible. So, if you struggle with aspects of Christianity, then I want to encourage you to *'keep it simple'* and take a bite-size approach instead. Furthermore, it's easy to complicate our faith which can be compounded by our feelings of letting God or our church pastor down if we are not spending an hour a day in prayer or in our devotions, or we can feel indifferent or hypocritical due to our own expectations and consequently, we can't even feel convicted when there is no need to be. Moreover, and as with anything, if we participate in something that is hard work or it goes on longer than we desire, it can bring disillusionment and frustration and from a Christian perspective, could ultimately lead to Spiritual death or stagnation. So, with this in mind, I want to challenge anyone who does struggle to stay focused to have *'little'* moments with God rather than a *'full on'* approach, which incidentally, could stop you from *switching off, the mind wandering, giving up or even falling asleep*. Remember, Jesus never complicated anything in His ministry, in fact, the simpler it was the greater the impact. So, remember this: *Every 'Little' Helps in keeping our faith alive, staying passionate for God and energised for God's work too*. If your devotions are too prolonged it could become tedious and you may give up altogether. So, whether it's in relation to; *the Bible, your devotional time, your prayer life or in your meditation* remember, *Every 'Little' Helps* to you growing and developing as a Christian. So, don't back off or back out when you are distracted or feeling apathetic, but stay focused by *'keeping it simple'* and instead, maybe have regular 5 minute *'moments with God'* rather than a long-drawn-out approach. I'm convinced that the disciples ministry consisted of many *'little'* moments with God such as their workload and the demands of the community. So, and like with Tesco, have your EXPRESS moments with God and then watch your faith grow. Blessings. *Pastor*