



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

20th 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 to our lives. It is our prayer that God will touch you, inspire you and excite you in a very powerful and incredible way is your first time here, you are very welcome. We will be spending time praising God and listening to teaching that is relevant.

**10.30am MORNING COMMUNION WITH GUEST
SPEAKER, PASTOR BILLY FENNING**

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

SHORT THOUGHT: `HOW THIRSTY ARE YOU? In Psalm 42:2 it says `My soul thirsts for God.` Here, David is writing about having an intense craving for God's presence, akin to someone seeking water in the heat of the desert. Throughout David's Psalms, he is encouraging us to cultivate a thirst for God, because this is what ultimately satisfies our deepest needs and impacts every aspect of our lives. When God satisfies our thirst, we no longer pursue worldly pleasures as we long to have a profound relationship with our Lord instead. Thirsty for more? Read a Psalm a day. Jesus Blessings. *Pastor Steve*

QUOTE for the WEEK:

'God HAS a PURPOSE behind every PROBLEM. [US Pastor, Rick Warren]

TEXT for the coming WEEK:

2 Chronicles 20:15



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.



Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

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

- † Ongoing plans & preparations for our Missions trip to Portugal next April
 - † 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.
 - † 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

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Tuesday

- 11am Holy Communion [Hall]
- 7pm Rupert / Suzy Cell Group
- 7.30pm Colin & Lyn's Cell Group

Thursday

- 7.30pm Worship Group practice

Next Sunday

- 10.30am Morning Celebration with Street Pastors Stephen & Christine Brooke

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]
- **Saturday 14th December @ 6pm** Church Christmas Meal [Hall] [*more details to follow*]
- **Sunday 22nd December @ 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**]

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES. It's that time of year folks to fill in shoe boxes to bless the needy children around the world at Christmas. Please See HELENE or RICARDO for more details AND get a shoe box or 2. If you are giving money then please give to Helene BY 27th Oct. **Last boxes IN on 10th November.** Your support is greatly appreciated. **Let's see how many boxes we can pack.** #blessingneedychildrenaroundtheworld





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

is every other Tuesday @11am
[In Church Hall. All welcome.]

HOME COMMUNION

is available to anyone who wants it. Please see Pastor Steve

Be Vigilant 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*

CELL GROUPS. If you are interested in joining a Cell Group, please speak to Pastor or a 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 ALAN KEEN

EILEEN KOPPOE
RICARDO NEVES

TREASURER PETER DENNISON
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IN THE DARK

So, the days are getting shorter and the weather is getting colder. The wintry, rainy and inconsistent weather is well and truly upon us. Flu is rife, the cars are dirtier, leaves are rapidly changing colour, people confused as to what to wear and the sun pops its head out momentarily, lulling people into a false sense of security. Yes, Autumn is here with all its colour and wonder, but darkness also plays a significant role in this season too. Yes, we are certainly 'In the Dark' a lot more at this time of year and those long summer evenings of just a few weeks ago are just a distant memory. But unfortunately, Autumn can be symbolic of our world today. Darkness is really drawing in and to an unprecedented level as the devil turns up the heat causing devastation at an all-time high. But for Christians, and despite it being an unsettling time, we have an assurance that God is in control. So, I want to encourage you all to keep 'Shining the Light' of God's wonder and not *hide it* in a time of adversity and uncertainty. The world needs Christians more than ever before and Christ expects us to be that light. In Matthew 5:14 it says that, '*we are the light world*' and that's because we *belong* to the 'Light of the World'. So, in a season when car headlights are turned on earlier, indoor house lights are switched on more often and torches used more frequently, let's make sure we are '*shining the light*' too. Furthermore, if our '*light goes out*' it will have a devastating and negative impact on our communities. So, I encourage you all to keep telling the world about Jesus Christ and sharing the Gospel message at every opportunity, because the world really is 'In the Dark' regarding Jesus' love, His purpose in our lives, contentment that only He can bring and His promised 'Second-Coming'. So let's make sure our community is not 'left in the dark' over our Lord, but that our words of encouragement 'light up their lives'. Jesus Blessings. *Pastor Steve*

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, Baptiser in the Holy Spirit and the Coming King'**.