



# ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

27<sup>th</sup> 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** with guest speakers Stephen and Christine Brooke who will be talking about their work as Street Pastors in Swindon

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

**SHORT THOUGHT: 'AMAZING GRACE'**. One of the most comforting verses in the bible is found in Galatians 6:18 where it says, *'The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit'*. This text reminds us of Christ's incredible sustaining power that renews us daily, which is something we all need. This is not just a one-off gift of grace from God but a life-sustaining presence. To be strengthened in life is to receive His grace which ultimately enables us to experience a close relationship with Jesus. So, wherever your journey of life takes you, remember, God's power is always sufficient for every eventuality and that is, Amazing Grace. Blessings. *Pastor*

**TEXT for the WEEK:**  
**Romans 12:9-**

### QUOTE for the COMING WEEK:

*'God has NOT called me to be SUCCESSFUL, He has called ME to be FAITHFUL.'* [Mother Theresa]



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 in the **back hall**. Don't just have a 'cuppa', chat to others too.



## Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

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

- † All those affected by bullying
  - † For all those who have animals that are unwell & need a touch from God.
  - † Ongoing plans & preparations for our Missions trip to Portugal next April
  - † Carmen, Carmen`s sister Valerie, Diane, Lyn & John Marlow who all need God`s healing touch on their lives
  - † HOPE UK & the work they do with people with addictions
  - † Street Pastor`s in Swindon
  - † 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.
  - † 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**

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES.

If you would like to fill in a shoe box or two of `goodies` to bless needy children around the world at Christmas, then please see HELENE or RICARDO for more details. If you are giving money then please give to Helene **TODAY**. Last boxes IN on 10<sup>th</sup> Nov. Thanks

## WHAT`S ON THIS WEEK...

### Tuesday

11am `Talking Heads` Coffee & Chat [Church Hall]

1pm Alan`s Cell Group

### Wednesday

12pm Eileen`s Cell Group

### Thursday

7pm Light Festival for children and young people. [A Christian alternative party to Halloween] [Church Hall]

7.30pm Worship Group practice

### Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Celebration with Hope Centre Ministries

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov @ 7.30pm Church] REAL WOMEN** `An evening of *Psalms, Pudding and Praise*`. [Women Only]
- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** [after service] Eileen`s 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch celebration. [All invited]
- **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 6pm** Church Christmas Meal [Hall] [more details to follow]
- **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December @6.30pm** Church Christmas Concert

## WAY OFF DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Bank Holiday Weekend Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Mon 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025** Moorlands Church Weekend Away [More details to follow]



## 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

**SECRETARY**

DIANE WARNER

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## TRUST ME

Sitting on a plane recently heading off to Croatia, I was listening to the calming and reassuring voice of the captain telling us to 'sit back and enjoy the journey'. The captain went on to say, 'If there are any turbulences, delays or time changes that we need to be aware off, don't worry, you will be notified in good time.' His soothing voice and comforting words brought me peace, which is what I needed especially as he was someone I had never met, never saw and certainly had never seen his flying credentials or certificates, and as we flew into the unknown, I could 'sit back and relax'. What the captain was really saying moments after I boarded the plane and settled into my seat was, Trust Me. And Trust Me are two words that are often used to bring assurance or reassurance, and whether it's through *doctors, nurses, driving instructors, pastors, school teachers, emergency services, employers, friends, spouses, parents or taxi drivers* they are words that have the ability to instil belief. However, 'Trust Me' can also have the opposite effect especially if they have a fickle track record. Today, in a 'dog-eat-dog' world it's very hard to trust anyone especially with people's inconsistency and selfishness. The definition of 'trust me' is to have a: 'firm belief in the reliability, truth or ability of someone' and so when someone says, 'Trust Me' we can have mixed feelings. In Psalm 84:12, David writes 'Blessed are those who trust in God' and personally, that brings me the peace I need in today's unnerving society. But even then, we all struggle at times to trust God especially if we feel He has failed us, not answered our prayers, gone silent or become distant. But in a world where it is difficult to have confidence in anyone or anything, I would still rather put my trust in a God who says, 'nothing is impossible with Him' [Matt.19:26] even if I do doubt His existence, get irritated with Him or struggle to understand Him, because at least I have a confidence and a hope in something *greater* than anything this world can ever offer me. When the world's hope is diminishing more and more by the day, it is still better to Trust God than be reliant on ourselves, even if we do feel God has abandoned us. When Christ died and rose again it was God really saying, you can 'Trust Me' because if I can do the miraculous for Jesus, then I can do anything for you. Furthermore, God will ALWAYS do things contrary to the way we would like, but 'Trust Me', being in 'God's hands' is still better than 'taking matters into our own hands.' 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**'.