



# ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

29<sup>th</sup> September 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 HARVEST SUNDAY SERVICE**  
[Followed by Harvest Lunch]



**‘GIVE THANKS WITH A GRATEFUL HEART’**

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

### **TODAY'S WEATHER FORECAST: ‘GOD REIGNS and the SON SHINES’.**

**1 MINUTE PRAISE: ‘EVERYTHING’** In a season when we are celebrating Harvest, we are reminded just how blessed we are. We live in a world where we have just about EVERYTHING we could possibly ever want at our disposal. We have EVERYTHING we could ever need. We have EVERYTHING at our fingertips i.e. technology, gadgets and devices. We have EVERYTHING to be able communicate with others. We have EVERYTHING the medical world has to offer to make us better. We have EVERYTHING our hearts desires: to travel, to work better & to socialise. And we have EVERYTHING to improve our health, knowledge & understanding. But we also have EVERYTHING this world can NEVER give us: PEACE, PROTECTION, PURPOSE and POWER FOR LIVING through knowing Jesus. **Read 2 Peter 1:3-4** & then for **1 MINUTE** spend time **praising God** for all that He has given us and continues to give us. Blessings. *Pastor Steve*



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]

- † For all those who have been affected by the flooding in the UK and Europe
- † For all those in church who need a healing touch from God
- † For peace in our troubled world
- † HOPE UK and 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 and distribute Christian literature around the world.
- † For Mark Pugh, Elim's new General Superintendent
- † 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.
- † Our Church treasurer Peter, & our church finances

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

**07557917866**

## WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

### Tuesday

11am Talking Heads Coffee & Chat [Church Lounge]

1pm Alan's Cell Group

### Thursday

7.30pm Worship Group practice

### Friday

7pm Church Finance Meeting in Church Lounge [By invitation only]

### Saturday

7pm *'Out of the Ashes'* Gospel Concert. [Church]

**[Doors open 6.30pm]**

*[Tea/coffee/biscuits FREE but cakes/sweets/pop etc there will be a charge]*

### Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Communion and Celebration

## HARVEST QUOTE for the WEEK:

*'PLOUGH a little FARTHER, DIG a little DEEPER, SOW a little GREATER, PRAY a little HARDER, LOVE a little SWEETER'.*

**[AUTHOR UNKNOWN]**



**'OUT OF THE ASHES CONCERT' [NEXT SATURDAY 7PM].**

**Please see Di for tickets. Please aim to come! [£10 adult, £8 child]**



## YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW

One of the best harvest verses in the bible is found in **1 Corinthians 3v6** which says 'I [apostle Paul] *planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow*'. And I want to reflect on 3 thoughts from this text now. **1. We Are All Servants.** We all have a duty to 'plant a seed' which is to share the Gospel with those we come into contact with. God never intended evangelism to be shared by 1 or 2 but by every bible-believing Christian. We have no power in ourselves to convert but we are simply God's mouthpieces and by His Holy Spirit, He uses us to extend His Kingdom. Remember, 'when you sow, you will reap'. **2. We All Have Different Gifts and Purposes.** Some plant. Some water. Some reap. In other words, God uses us all but in many different and varying ways, yet, we all have gifts to use and a purpose to perform. Some people have up-front ministries while others serve behind the scenes. Some go across the seas to share the gospel while others stay at home. Many speak in front of thousands while others prefer the one-to-one approach. But whatever the method, they are all equally important and vital in us fulfilling God's work in bringing in the *harvest* of lost souls. Furthermore, whatever talents you have or whatever your approach is, just make sure you are being used for the glory of God. **3. We Are All In It Together.** We are not to compete against each other but to complement each other. We all need one another and each other's gifts to carry out God's work. When jealousy, envy or resentment 'rear their ugly heads' then God's work will be thwarted. It's Christians working together that will bring about revival and see a 'harvest of souls'. And remember this: your 'gift' is what you are good at. Moreover, we are tools God uses for a greater harvest and so I want to encourage you this Harvest time, to participate with God and with your church in bringing about a bumper crop! Please pray that God will touch many lives and that we will see His Kingdom extended here in Swindon. Remember, 'a fruitful harvest requires a faithful witness'. So maybe today you need to go and PLANT a seed and when it gets WATERED, be amazed by how much God will make it GROW. 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, 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

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

## HOME COMMUNION

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

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 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

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