



# ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

6<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

‘Come Holy Spirit, Come’

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

**1 MINUTE PRAISE: ‘GRATITUDE’** One of my favourite songs at the moment is the wonderful Gratitude by Brandon Lake with poignant lyrics such as, *‘I throw up my hands and praise you again and again, cause all I have is a hallelujah, I know it’s not much, but I’ve nothing else fit for a King’*. These beautiful words help us considerably when we can’t express our Gratitude to Jesus for what He has done for us. When we are struggling with words to praise Him or exalt Him, then all we have to do is, ‘raise our hands and sing Hallelujah’ & not only is that so easy to do but I am showing God what He means to me, God is also glorified in the process & it takes away the pressure of finding the words at that particular moment. **Read Revelation 19:1-7** and then for **1 MINUTE** spend time **praising God** by simply singing Hallelujah. Brandon is right, *‘I’ve nothing else fit for a King’*, so get lost in praise with your Gratitude to God. *Pastor*



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

Tea and coffee are served **DURING** 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]*

- † Carmen's sister Valerie & Diane & Lyn who both need a healing touch from God
- † For peace in our troubled world
- † 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 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** Holy Communion  
[Church Hall]

**7pm** Rupert and Suzy's Cell Group

**7.30pm** Colin /Lyn's Cell Group

### Thursday

**7.30pm** Worship Group practice

### Next Sunday

**10.30am** Morning Celebration

## DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** [after service] Eileen's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday Lunch celebration. [All invited]

## LONG WAY OFF DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

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

## QUOTE for the WEEK:

*'RELYING on God has to START all over EVERYDAY, as if NOTHING has yet been DONE'.*

[C.S LEWIS]

## PSALM for the WEEK:

Psalm 103:2

**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'.**



## UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL

J. K. Rowling author of the Harry Potter books said, *'We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided'*. And Latin writer and mime artist Publilius Syrus said, *'Where there is unity, there is always victory'*. The theme for our church weekend away back in August was unity and for a church, organization, movement or business to thrive and be successful, then the key component has to be unity. And if there is to be longevity with any group or establishment then unity will also play its part. If church programmes are to be productive then unity will be the defining factor in all of them. If committees, trustees, board of directors or church leadership teams are to prosper, then unity will be at the forefront of all their decision-making, strategies and policies. If volunteers, staff, workforces and employees are to feel valued and respected, then unity will also play a big part in keeping them happy, fulfilled and driven. Unity is such a key factor in all walks of life and without it, churches will struggle to make an impact, businesses can *'go out of business'*, organisations can *'grind to a halt'* and consequently people can be made redundant. Unity: such a SMALL word but can make such a BIG difference in the success of any institution. Unity is the driving force behind any church or company yet, it is so often missing. When unity is missing, the *'bigger picture'* can become distorted and consequently, the work could be damaged, derailed, ruined or thwarted. Unity doesn't always mean everyone will get on, like each other or always agree with the decisions that are made, but what unity does mean, is that *'everyone is pulling together in the same direction' irrespective of their own desires, always wanting the best for that 'specific group', and therefore will put egos and personal agendas to one side for the betterment of those they are working with or for, or the development of the work they are involved in'*. During Covid and with all the problems that caused, one thing that got stronger was the unity within our fellowship. In fact, I believe there is a greater united spirit within our church now because of Covid and the effect it had on all of us. Unity *'looks beyond personal gain but looks out for what others need'*, and if we are to see our church grow numerically and spiritually and to reach out emphatically to a hurting and broken community then unity will be the key component. *'When a church is united, the opportunities are endless'*. One of the most quoted Aesop Fables is probably *'United We Stand, Divided We Fall'* which literally means, when we are United there will be no division, just harmony, and the greater the harmony, the greater the success, but when there is no unity in the church, the devil will get in and the church will fall and *'there WILL be trouble ahead'*, not *'MAYBE trouble ahead'* as **Irving Berlin** wrote in his song, *'Let's face the music and dance'*, but *'there WILL be trouble ahead'*. So, let's continue to be *'United in Love'* and as Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:10, *'I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there will be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought'*. Jesus Blessings **Pastor Steve**



## 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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