



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Sunday 12th January 2025



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 COMMUNION AND CELEBRATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO JOIN US FOR PRAYER
EVERY SUNDAY IN THE BACK HALL FROM 10.15AM

FUND-RAISING FOR CHURCH TOILETS. If you are able to help financially in paying off the £23,000 loan for the church toilets, then please read Peter's article below. Any money is welcome. Many thanks - Peter [church treasurer] says, 'If you give through the bank, please don't include toilet money with your normal gift. Make a separate transfer and mark it 'Toilets'. For anyone giving through the offering bag: please place your offering in an envelope and mark it 'Toilets'. If you are in the Gift Aid scheme, please use a Gift Aid envelope. If you don't know your Gift Aid number then write your name on the back of the envelope'. **If you have any questions, please speak to Peter.** Thanks
CHURCH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS: Account Name: Elim Foursquare. Sort Code: 30-98-41 Account number: 00847586

PROVERB for the WEEK:

Proverbs 3:5

QUOTE for the WEEK:

'Somethings have to be believed to be seen'. [Ralph Hodgson]



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 church. Enjoy.



Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

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

- † For Cliff and the wider family after Carmen's recent sad passing
- † For all those who have been affected by the wild fires in Los Angeles
- † New US President Donald Trump and stability in America after the elections
- † Church secretary: Diane & all the work she does for the church
- † Ongoing plans and preparations for our Missions trip to Portugal next April
- † Those who've been affected by bullying
- † Hope Centre Ministries & the work they do with people with addictions
- † Street Pastor's in Swindon & for Stephen & Christine Brooke who oversee the work
- † The conflict in the Middle East
- † 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

ALSO, 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]

Thursday

7.30pm Worship Group practice

Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Communion
and Celebration Sunday

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Friday 31st Jan @ 7.30pm** AGM
[Church Hall]

PASTOR'S SHORT THOUGHT:

'GO DEEPER'. In Jeremiah 33.3 God extends a commanding invitation to His People: *'Call to Me'*. These 3 simple, yet powerful words, highlight God's intention and desire for us to have a close relationship with Him, who's eager to communicate with us and is not aloof or indifferent. Make sure this year, that you devote yourself more fully to God as he shapes you and your choices so to be more like Him. God longs to lead us into a greater understanding of himself which starts with a heart desire to *'Go Deeper'*. Be Blessed in 2025. *Pastor*

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 and Saviour, Healer, Baptiser in the Holy Spirit and 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

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

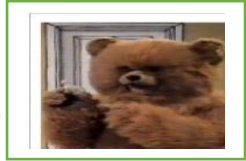
If you are a taxpayer, then it's in the church's interest for you to sign up and become part of the Gift Aid Scheme. It doesn't cost you anything but makes a **HUGE difference financially** to the church. If you are not in the G.A.S then please see **Peter Dennison** [church treasurer] for more details.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

PASTOR	REV. STEVE GUNN
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RAINBOW - `God Keeps His Promises`

A few years ago, on the `The Voice` [the TV singing reality show] I suddenly got transfixed on this programme that I don't usually like watching. But as Debs watched it as I read the sports news on my phone, suddenly I became very excited because who should appear on the show, but the `one and only` Paul Cullinan. Yes, many people's hero. Paul Cullinan, the legend that is Paul Cullinan. PAUL WHO? I hear you say. To the uninitiated, which is probably all of us, Paul Cullinan was the voice of the legendary superstar `Bungle` from TV's Rainbow. [Pictured] Those people over a certain age will know what I'm talking about. Who cared that Paul couldn't sing as He was in good company with most of the other contestants. Who cared that Paul didn't get voted on to the next show, because `Bungle` *was once again on TV*. And although his *bear suit* was nowhere to be seen, just Paul speaking in Bungle's voice was good enough for me and brought a smile to my face. Suddenly, memories of my childhood came flooding back. As a youngster, I used to love watching the different characters on TV's Rainbow i.e. *Geoffrey* [Presenter], *Zippy*, *George*, *Jane*, *Freddy* and of course *Bungle*. Why? Because the interaction of the characters, the slapstick fun and not forgetting the tune [I reckon you could whistle it if pushed] used to *brighten up my day*. I couldn't wait to get back from school to watch it and when Bungle arrived *with his customary towel around his waist*, my day was complete. Rainbow, just the word puts a *smile on your face*. On my travels recently, my eyes were suddenly drawn to the nearby fields as a beautiful rainbow appeared above them, shining in all its glory. Immediately my mind wandered, fortunately, not back to *The Voice* or even to that brilliant children's TV show, but my mind wandered onto God's wonderful promises. And although the Rainbow is a symbol for numerous things today, just looking at that beautiful rainbow put a *smile on my face* and despite the rain, I couldn't help but thank God for who He is, for His wonder and for His stunning creation. As I reflected on the rainbow: *it's colour, beauty and the aroma of fresh rain* during the rest of my journey, these words: *God keeps His promises* kept coming to mind. Going in to the third week of the first month of a New Year, my prayer is that these words: *God keeps His promises*, will not only **INSPIRE** you to PRAISE God in 2025, not only **MOTIVATE** you to WORSHIP God to a greater level in 2025, not only **STIR** you to TRUST God implicitly in 2025, but fundamentally, it will **PROVOKE** you to PERSEVERE in your Christian faith too in 2025, knowing that *God really does keep His promises*. I hope this is enough to put a *smile on your face* throughout the year. Whenever a rainbow appears, there is a myth that there is a pot of gold at the end of it, but there's no myth about the promises of God. Keep believing. Keep trusting in 2025. Jesus' blessings. *Pastor Steve*



`The worst moment for an atheist is when they are really thankful and they have no one to thank`. [Dante Rossetti]