



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

17th November 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 COMMUNION AND CELEBRATION SERVICE

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

PASTOR'S SHORT THOUGHT: `PEACE OF MIND.`
 Proverbs 3:6 says; *`Seek God's will in all you do`*. It's a beautiful reminder that our best direction for life comes from God. When we can so often struggle to know what to do for the best, or have clarity on a delicate issue or make a difficult decision, it's good to know that God will guide us. It certainly brings us *`peace of mind`* when our minds are anything but peaceful. So, whether it's through *quiet devotion, prayer, study, worship or listening to the spirit* or all five, when we seek God's guidance for our lives, He promises to direct our steps. Blessings. *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`***.

QUOTE for the WEEK: ***`LET your WORDS be the GENUINE picture of your HEART.`*** **[John Wesley]**



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

Tea and coffee are served **AFTER** today's service in the back hall. 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 Spain especially Shena's sister and husband Bill.
- † New US President Donald Trump and stability in America after the elections
- † Church secretary: Diane & all the work she does for the church
- † Sadie, who is recovering from a revision knee replacement operation
- † Carmen, Carmen's sister Valerie and Lyn who all need God's healing touch
- † 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
- † 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

ALSO, 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 Hall]

Thursday

7.30pm Worship Group practice

Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Communion and celebration service

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Wed 27th November @ 6pm**
Decorating Church for Christmas` party [+ food] Please come & help
- **Sun 1st December @ 10.30am**
Katherine's Baptism
- **Saturday 14th December @ 6pm**
Church Christmas Meal [Hall]
[more details to follow]
- **Sunday 22nd December @ 6.30pm**
Church Christmas Concert
- **Wed 25th December @ 10 - 11am**
Christmas Day service

2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Saturday January 4th @ 5pm**
New Year Party [Church Hall]
- **Bank Holiday Weekend Fri 22nd - Mon 25th August 2025**
Moorlands Church Weekend Away [More details to follow]

PROVERB for the WEEK

TRUST in the LORD with ALL your HEART

[Proverbs 3:5]



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*

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CUTTING CORNERS

In 2010 an explosion aboard the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, killed eleven workers and five million barrels of black crude oil spilled into the Gulf of Mexico. Consequently, the cost of overall court settlements was estimated at \$8 billion. In addition, a fine of \$17.6 billion was handed out to British Petroleum [BP] who were responsible for the tragedy, and a further \$24 billion was lost in oil and natural gas investments, which sadly meant 162,000 people losing their jobs. What was the cause of this disaster? Two words: *'Cutting Corners'*. Yes, a considerable violation and catastrophe occurred, because the company failed to listen and respond to concerned staff over the oil rig safety procedures. Recently, I was approaching a T junction in my car, when another vehicle that was entering the same road I was exiting *'cut the corner'* and drove halfway over my lane. The motorist's erratic driving caused me to swerve to avoid hitting him and I nearly mounted the pavement in the process. Furthermore, and apart from my *'heart missing a beat'* and a stare from me to the man responsible, no harm was done. However, the action of a careless motorist could have been far more serious with far-reaching consequences. *'Cutting corners'* when driving is a dangerous offence and *'cutting corners'* in any walk of life can be a *'risky business'* too. And although it may *'speed up the process'*, save money or achieve instant success, in the long run, the consequences of this decision, as I have already shared, can have a negative or extremely devastating effect on us. Moreover, *'cutting corners'* can not only lead to *heartache and pain*, but our conscience can also take a battering too. And *cutting corners* can also apply to us Spiritually, because in the Christian faith it's very easy to *cut corners*. For example: we don't pray as much as we should, because of our next pressing appointment. We *cut corners* in our family life as we don't spend much time with them, rationalizing that they will understand. We *cut corners* in our church giving [offering] by refusing to give God what He is due. We *cut corners* in our church attendance or service to God, arguing there are more pressing needs to attend to or we simply *'don't have the time'*! Cutting corners is never a good idea whether that's in our business, family, personal or Spiritual life because of the negative effect it can have on us. Jesus never *'cut corners'*. He was deliberate, intentional, focused and totally committed to His purpose and His mission. Even leading up to the Crucifixion he could have *'cut a few corners'*, but he stayed true to his convictions and without compromise, served God wholeheartedly. Whatever issues you are facing currently, whether its mental, physical, or Spiritual, I urge you not to *'cut corners'* but do the *'Jesus thing'* because your long-term gain is worth it. So, if you are in a *'tight corner'* because you took a short cut, maybe you need to *'turn the corner'* because *'around the corner'* there may be much blessing, because you refused to *'cut corners'*. Blessings. *Pastor Steve*