



# ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

24<sup>th</sup> 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 from 10AM

**PASTOR'S SHORT THOUGHT: THE PROCLAIMERS** Our calling is not just about being holy which is something all Christians must strive to be, but to be proclaimers of the gospel too. If it's only about our personal walk with God then we will lose sight of Jesus' Great Commission in Matt. 28:16-20 to 'Go and make disciples'. In Romans 1:1, it says that Apostle Paul was 'set apart for the Gospel of God', for Paul was totally surrendered to proclaim the good news of Jesus to the world. Let's make sure we never get into the habit of keeping Jesus quiet, but to talk about Him whenever we can. To quote a line from The Proclaimers 1988 hit song, 'I'm Gonna Be', I trust we can all say, 'I would walk 500 miles' for the sake of the Gospel. Blessings. *Pastor Steve*

### PROVERB for the WEEK:

Proverbs 3V6

### QUOTE for the WEEK...

'PREACH the Gospel to YOURSELF every DAY'. [Jerry Bridges]



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 all those who have been affected by the flooding in Spain especially Shena's sister and husband Brian
- † 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]

**1pm** Alan's Cell Group

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

**7.30pm** Colin & Lyn's Cell group

### Wednesday

**12pm** Eileen's cell group

**6pm** *Decorating Church for Christmas party* [Children welcome + food]  
[Please come and help]

### Thursday

**7.30pm** Worship Group practice

### Next Sunday

**10.30am** Katherine's Baptism and celebration service

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **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 by Candlelight
- **Wed 25<sup>th</sup> December @ 10 - 11am**  
Christmas Day service

## 2025 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Saturday January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm**  
New Year Party [Church Hall]
- **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*

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## GOOSEBUMPS

*'The life of the Christian is wondrously ruled in this world, by the consideration and meditation of the life of another world'. [Richard Sibbes]* All of us experience goosebumps at some point in our lives whether it's from being cold or experiencing strong emotions, especially listening to a song or watching some great sporting event of yesteryear that brought back some wonderful memories. And when I think back to when my children Daniel and Naomi [twins] were born in 1995 and reminisce about seeing two beautiful babies appear *'right before my very eyes'* and in half an hour of each other, was simply incredible. And goosebumps is what I had recently at a Tuesday Communion service in the hall as our thoughts turned to what Heaven will be like, as we compared the differences of *today's world* with the beauty of *tomorrow's world* with Jesus, Imagine a place, although hard to believe at times, where there will be no more sicknesses, death, health problems, hatred, murder, evil, anger, hostility, stealing, blasphemy, selfishness or regret and so on and so on. It can be overwhelming and hard to fathom at just the very thought of eternal life with Jesus. But be encouraged, for there is such a place for Christians when Jesus returns. Furthermore. whenever we ponder on eternity with God and the beauty of Heaven, I am sure we all get goosebumps and I believe when goosebumps come upon us when we are reflecting on Jesus, it is a sign that *God's Spirit is at work in our bodies, it is also God reminding us that He is still with us and that we are passionate about the things of God too.* You only get 'Goosebumps for Jesus' when you allow Him to saturate your life with His power. But the most poignant time when I get goosebumps is when I look to the Cross of Jesus Christ, and the strong emotions I experience about what Christ did for me, never fails to affect my body. I am convinced that Peter would have had goosebumps when Jesus *hugged* Him after reinstating Him as a disciple and Mary too, especially when the Angel appeared *gleaming like lightning* and even more so, when she was told about God's plan for her to give birth to Jesus. I am also convinced that Zacchaeus would have had goosebumps when Jesus looked up with His *piercing* eyes to see Him in the sycamore tree, as well as the thief next to Jesus on the Cross when Christ *turned his head* towards him and said, *'today you will be with me in paradise'*. [Luke 23: 43] And even the Centurion at the foot of the Cross would have been covered from *'head to toe'* in goosebumps when he saw Christ's *broken* body before him as he knew he was looking at the Saviour of the world. So, as the weather gets colder, and boy was it cold last week, don't get goosebumps from the cooler temperature, but because you *'turned up the heat'* in your relationship with God. Jesus' 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 and Saviour, Healer, Baptiser in the Holy Spirit and Coming King'**.