



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

3rd 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 CELEBRATION SERVICE with Hope Centre Ministries. Be inspired by `life-changing` testimonies and incredible stories.

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

SHORT THOUGHT: `OUR SHIELD` Last week, Debs and I visited David, Sernita and the family and shortly after arriving, their daughter Anika showed me a cardboard shield that she had made and painted at school for her presentation on Roman History. Anika's brilliant shield prompted me to read Psalm 18:30 again which says, `God shields all who take refuge in Him`. In a difficult world full of danger & opposition, remember, God is our protector. To `take refuge in God` means to fully place our lives into His hands and trust Him implicitly. Furthermore, just as a shield deflects arrows, so God deflects whatever seeks to harm us. So, when we trust God as our shield, remember this; we experience His peace in turbulent times. Blessings. *Pastor Steve*

QUOTE for the WEEK [by Steven Furtick] `Faith DOESN'T always mean God CHANGES your situation. SOMETIMES it means He changes YOU.`



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 **back hall**. Please stay & chat with people over a cuppa.



Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

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

- † Carmen who is in hospital with severe underlying heart issues
- † Sadie, who goes into hospital this Wednesday for a revision knee replacement
- † All those affected by the floods in Spain
- † Carmen's sister Valerie, Lyn and John Marlow 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
- † 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 & 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**

PSALM for the WEEK:

Psalm 52:8-9

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Tuesday

11am Holy Communion
[Church Hall]

7pm Rupert & Suzy's Cell
group

7.30pm Colin & Lyn's Cell group

Wednesday

7.30pm 'An evening of *Psalms*,
Pudding and Praise'.

[Women Only] Church

Thursday

7.30pm Worship Group practice

Next Sunday

10.30am Remembrance Sunday &
Eileen's 60th celebration

1pm Eileen's celebration
lunch [Church Hall]

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Saturday 16th November @ 9am**
Men's breakfast. Venue TBC
- **Wed 27th November @ 6pm**
'Decorating Church for Christmas'
party [+ food] Please come & help
- **Saturday 14th December @ 6pm**
Church Christmas Meal [Hall]
[more details to follow]
- **Sunday 22nd December @ 6.30pm**
Church Christmas Concert

FUTURE DATE FOR DIARY:

- **Bank Holiday Weekend Fri**
22nd - Mon 25th August 2025
Moorlands Church Weekend
Away [More details to follow]

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES

All shoe boxes due in NEXT SUNDAY 10th
November. Many thanks. O.C.C.S.B Team



KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE ORANGE LIGHT

When visiting the eye clinic last Monday, I was asked by the eye technician to position my head in something that looked like the inside of a giant egg. The technician told me *'Don't look to the left or to the right, but keep looking at the orange light in front of you'*. In fact, the technician said it several times because when the test started, she knew it would be easy for me to lose concentration and then the computer would give a false reading of the condition of my eyes. The technician kept repeating herself, *'Don't look to the left or to the right, but keep looking at the orange light in front of you'*, because she knew just how easy it is to get distracted. And although the technician was only reciting a very well-rehearsed script for her clients, for me, they were very profound words, but not for my eyes, but for what every Christian should be doing in the difficult days in which we live: *'Don't look to the left or to the right, but keep looking at the orange light in front of you'*, and the orange light in this instance, is the bright light of Jesus Christ. In these dark days and trying times, it's easy to get distracted, but I encourage you all not to be swayed by *'looking to the left or to the right'*, but to stay firm on what you believe and with your eyes firmly rooted on Christ himself. It's very easy to get angry, despondent, upset and disillusioned with world events and world news but keep focused, for Matthew 24:13 says, *'the best is yet to come'* for those who follow Christ, and as every believer knows, Jesus wins through eventually. Furthermore, the devil is out to destroy this world and is doing a very good job, we also know that the world is going to get much worse before it gets better, and we also know, it's all part of the end times prophecy. So, I encourage every bible-believing Christian to be *diligent, focused and to stay true to their spiritual convictions*, because we can easily get distracted if we aren't. With the world having just celebrated Halloween which is commonly known as satan's birthday, we know just how important it is to keep the light of Jesus shining in a very dark world. At the eye clinic last week, the orange light was a very small dot, but every day the orange light of Jesus gets bigger and bigger, brighter and brighter as Christ returns gets nearer and nearer. So, I encourage you all to, *'keep your eyes on the orange light'*. 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 & Saviour, Healer, Baptiser in the Holy Spirit and the Coming King'**.



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*

PASTORAL CARE

Carmen`s contact number is **07766 453137** if you need to contact her.

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*

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.

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*

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

If you have been attending *ECC* for *three months* & would like to come into membership, then please see *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*

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*

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**

PASTOR REV. STEVE GUNN
CHURCH LEADERS ALAN KEEN

EILEEN KOPPOE
RICARDO NEVES

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