



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Sunday 7th December 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 COMMUNION & CELEBRATION SERVICE

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

ADVENT REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK: PEACE

John 14:27 says, 'Peace, I leave you, my peace I give you'. Advent peace is more than the absence of trouble, it's the presence of Christ in the middle of it. It's calm in the chaos, rest in the pressure and trust in uncertainty.

2. ADVENT CHALLENGES

- 1. SPEND 5 MINUTES a day in SILENCE**
[NO phone, NO music, just listen to God in Peace]
- 2. PEACE WALK.** Walk outside for 10 mins and let God's peace come over you.

ADVANCED CHRISTMAS DAY NOTICE

PLEASE NOT THERE WILL BE NO
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE ON 25TH DECEMBER

Tea and coffee are served
AFTER today's service in
the church. Enjoy.



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

Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

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

- † **Give Thanks** to the Lord, for He is good
 - † **Give Thanks** for the birth of Jesus
 - † **Please remember Rosleen who's been unwell recently**
 - † Please continue to pray for Diane's friend Carol, who has a cancerous tumour.
 - † Please continue to remember Sharon after her recent operation
 - † Pastor's brother-in-law James who is now permanently in a hospice. Please continue to remember his wife Ruth and his family
 - † Pray for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers – for protection and compassion
 - † Please remember Christine and Helene's mum in your prayers.
 - † Pray for Debbie's mum and stepdad with their different health issues.
 - † Pray for Amie's daughter Elissia who is struggling with life and health issues
 - † The MediaServe team and Suzy and for the difficult challenges some of team are experiencing serving God abroad.
 - † Dangers of social media and online abuse
 - † For all persecuted Christians & churches
 - † Church finances and new finance officer
 - † Lyn, who is still struggling with her health
 - † Those seeking employment or who have recently started a new job.
 - † Those living with depression or anxiety.
 - † Our Family Support Project [Foodbank]
 - † Cell Groups and all those who attend.
 - † Church leaders: Alan, Eileen and Ricardo
- ALSO, if you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, then please contact**
Debbie on: 07557917866

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Tuesday

- 11am 'Talking Heads' Coffee Morning [church lounge]
- 1pm Alan's Cell Group

Wednesday

- 7.30pm Prayer Meeting [Church Lounge]

Thursday

- 7.30pm Worship Group practice

Saturday

- 6pm Church Christmas Meal
[Please be on time - thankyou]

Next Sunday

- 10.30am All-Age Christmas Service

VERSE for the WEEK:

'Psalm 62:7, 'God IS my MIGHTY rock and MY refuge'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- **Sunday 21st December @ 6pm**
Carol Service followed by refreshments
 - **Tuesday 23rd December at 7pm**
Church Car Park Festive Fun + Evangelistic Opportunity
[Drink, sweets, pies and music]
- 2026**
- **Wednesday 7th Jan @ 7.30pm**
Church AGM [Hall]
 - **Saturday 10th January @ 5pm**
New Year All-Age Party [Church]

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'**.



NOTICE FOR MIDGET GEMS

[Under 4's]

We are still in desperate need for helpers to help look after the children during the sermon. If you can help with this vital work, then please speak to Pastor, Debbie or a church leader. Many Thanks

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

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

TALKING HEADS

Talking Heads Coffee Morning meets *fortnightly* on Tues from 11am in the upstairs lounge

Be Vigilant Please ensure all your valuables [especially ladies with handbags] are with you at all times. *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.

PASTOR REV. STEVE GUNN
CHURCH LEADERS ALAN KEEN

EILEEN KOPPOE
RICARDO NEVES
TREASURER PETER DENNISON
SECRETARY DIANE WARNER

PASTOR'S CONTACT DETAILS

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PASTOR'S SURGERY [Fortnightly]

Monday from 6pm - 8pm - [Church]

Wednesday from 11am - 2pm [Church]

[BOTH BY APPOINTMENT ONLY]

Please text '**Surgery**' to book your 30 min appointment on Pastor's Mob **07984185209**

and a time slot will be given to you

'TALK TO PASTOR ABOUT ANYTHING'

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

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*

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*



NO ROOM [Luke 2:6-7]



Have you ever tried to reserve a table at a restaurant or a room at a hotel but they were fully booked? Or you tried to get tickets for a football match or the theatre but both were sold out? I can answer yes to all four and I'm sure you can at various stages in your life too. And it can be extremely annoying and frustrating when your heart is set on something, but you are turned away because there is no room. Advent: *the beginning of Christmas*, can be a time when there is No Room whether in: *Santa's grottos, car parks, café's, town centres, the spare room where all the presents are often kept or even in the fridge with all those festive goodies that you're ready to tuck into*, and of course, the majority of *shops* will be jammed packed with people, often with No Room to 'swing a cat in'. No Room is a constant theme during Christmas, especially in the living room on Christmas Day when the children cover the floor with all their gifts. And there was also No Room over 2000 years ago for Mary and Joseph too. The small towns and villages even in their day were heaving with people, no more so than when Jesus was born. And of course, there was No Room in the inn, so a stable round the back of the inn, 'had to do' instead. No Room for Jesus and that must have been so frustrating for His parents, especially not knowing what to do next. And sadly, that hasn't really changed in the subsequent years. Even today, people are still saying: Jesus, there's No Room for you 'in my life, in my job, in my career, in my studies, in my finances, in my family, in my relationships and in my social time'. And like the innkeeper in the nativity story, they have pushed Jesus 'out of the way and round the back' rather than allowing Him to take centre stage in their lives. And consequently, their lives become very smelly, dirty, messy and chaotic, just like the stable that Jesus was born in. With the busyness of Advent, let's make sure there is plenty of room for Jesus this Christmas, both in your heart and in your home, and that He isn't looking in from afar, because there is no room amongst the presents, the food and the family. Moreover, when Jesus was born, he was always in the *middle* of something: in the *middle* of nowhere, in the *middle* of the stable, in the *middle* of Mary and Joseph and in the *middle* of God's plans too, and as Jesus grew older, he was also in the *middle* of the 3 crosses on the hill at Calvary. So, if you want the best Christmas ever, make sure Jesus is in the *middle* of your Christmas celebrations. Yes, enjoy the festivities during December, but as the world continues to 'push Jesus OUT', let's make sure 'we let Jesus IN' this yuletide. Furthermore, if you want your life to be more 'stable' in 2026, make sure the 'King of the stable' both literally and for our lives, always takes centre stage in everything you do. Advent blessings. *Pastor*



JOKE TIME What carol do you sing in the desert?
O camel ye faithful [Submitted by Anthony]

