ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Sundays: 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th August 2026

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Welcome to ECC **Pastor Steve and the Church Leadership** extend to each one of you a very warm welcome.

11am – 12pm Morning Celebration Service
3pm – 6pm Picnic in the Park [Coate Water - bring a picnic]

THIS IS THE ONLY NEWSLETTER FOR AUGUST – please don`t lose it or delete it!

PASTOR`S *AUGUST* THOUGHT: `WHAT LIES BENEATH`** is not only a movie with Harrison Ford, but my challenge to us all about `What Lies Beneath? ` What Lies Beneath reveals our true status with God but is also exactly where God wants to build the kind of Spiritual strength that lasts. There is always more going on inside of us than we realize, and God in His kindness often uses seasons of pressure, change, challenge and heat to reveal What *really* Lies Beneath and where are strength is actually coming from? God or the world? Despite summer being a beautiful season, especially if the sun is shining, it can however, wear us down too: the heat, humidity, children at home if you are blessed to have them, and entertaining them as well, can be exhausting. Furthermore, packing suitcases for your holiday can be tiring. Even trying to please the boss can be exhausting if the humidity is making us uncomfortable and irritable. And for people with health issues or disabilities the summer can make for unpleasant living. The summer can sap our energy if we aren't careful. However, the summer can also bring another type of heat, not from the weather, but heat from the pressures, circumstances and responsibilities of life. They can add extra stress that steadily and quietly build in the background. In the bible God often meets people in a season of heat, not to overwhelm them but to strengthen them. Isaiah 43:2 says, `*When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flame will not set you ablaze*`. This is not a promise that life will be cool, calm and breezy. It is a promise that even in the `hottest` seasons, God`s presence is your protection, your shade and your strength. In many parts of the world, the acacia tree thrives in scorching temperatures, while other plants wilt. The acacia tree stands tall, green and fruitful. Why? Because its roots reach deep into the hidden water sources that the surface heat cannot touch. The heat does not destroy it, it reveals the strength of What Lies Beneath. During August, God invites us to sink our roots deeper into His presence and water source. We are not meant to live our lives on surface strength but to draw from the deep wells of the Holy Spirit. So, beneath the surface, beneath the noise and beneath the parts we only show to the world, God is healing you, leading you and strengthening you. What Lies Beneath is only preparing us for What Lies Ahead. Just make sure you are connected to God`s water source. Summer Blessings. ***Pastor Steve*

VERSE for the MONTH:
Lamentations 3:22

Tea and coffee are served **AFTER** the services in the church. Enjoy.



WHAT`S ON IN AUGUST…
[ALL CHURCH SERVICES 1 HOUR ONLY]

Tuesday 4th August

11am - *`Talking Heads`* Coffee Morning [Hall]

Sunday 9th August

11am - Morning Celebration Service

12.05pm - Strawberries and cream /ice cream [Hall]

Tuesday 11th August

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting [Church Hall]

Wednesday 12TH August

11am - *Talking Heads`* Coffee Morning [Hall]

Sunday 16th August

11am - Morning Celebration Service

3pm - Picnic in the Park [Lydiard Park]

Thursday 20TH August

11am - *Talking Heads`* Coffee Morning [Hall]

Sunday 23rd August

11am - Morning Celebration & Communion Service

Sunday 30th August

11am - Morning Celebration Service

12.15pm - St Marks Park: `Picnic in the Park`

[*Bring your lunch – there is a coffee shop there too*!]

JOKE TIME

My wife says I can be an idiot sometimes. That's good of her to give me permission like that!

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The police rang me to say they`ve recovered my stolen sofa, which was nice of them. It was starting to look a bit scruffy

AUGUST PRAYER REQUESTS

- Kjell has moved to *Bassett House Care Home* in Royal Wootton Bassett. *[If you want to visit Kjell, please contact Gillian first]*
- Ebony who is experiencing pregnancy complications
- Fires in France, Spain and Suffolk
- Venezuela and Japanese earthquakes
- New Prime Minister Andy Burnham
- Gillian`s grandson Arlo who has been in hospital recently
- That people will be refreshed, renewed and revitalized during August
- For parents with children at home especially those who are working from home.

QUOTE FOR AUGUST: *`Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire`.*

[St Catherine of Siena]

CHURCH GIVING If you are able to give more to help financially, the **Church Bank Account** details are:

Account Name:
Elim Pentecostal Church
Account Number: 00847586.
Sort Code: 30-98-41.

Thankyou
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