



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Sunday 31st May 2026



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

SWINDON YOUTH FOR CHRIST CELEBRATION SERVICE

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

VERSE for the WEEK

Psalm 56:11

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

Enjoy.



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



CHURCH NOTICE

IF YOU....

- **If you** open windows, please close them
- **If you** turn on a tap, please turn it off
- **If you** turn a light on, please turn it off
- **If you** use crockery or cutlery, please wash them up
- **If you** drop litter [in the church or in the church car park], please pick it up
- **If you** bring a plastic drinks bottle to church, please dispose of it or take it with you.
- **If you** use sanitary items, please dispose of them in the nappy sacks provided in the toilets
- **If you** bring coats or other items to church, please remember to take them with you after the service.

Thank you for your co-operation. *Pastor Steve*



Prayer Topics for your Prayer Time

Pray Without Ceasing [1 Thess. 5:17]

- † Please continue to remember Kjell who is still in hospital and very unwell
 - † Please remember Grace and her family, after her father passed away last week
 - † All Elim church pastors and leaders
 - † For Di's eyes to be completely healed
 - † Pray for discernment in safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults
 - † Our church's finances & all money matters
 - † For Chris our finance officer & the tasks & challenges in dealing with our finances.
 - † Pray for those who have been affected by wars and conflicts throughout the world
 - † Pray for immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers – for protection and compassion
 - † Dangers of social media and online abuse
 - † For all persecuted Christians & churches
- ALSO, if you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, then please contact**

Debbie on: 07557917866

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK:

‘The GOSPEL is NOT good ADVICE. It is GOOD news.’

[Evangelist Reinhard Bonnke]

CHURCH GIVING If you're able to give more to help the church financially, the **Church Bank Account** details are:
Account Name: Elim Pentecostal Church
Account Number: 00847586.
Sort Code: 30-98-41.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK...

Tuesday

11am Holy Communion [Hall]

7.30pm Colin & Lyn's Cell Group

Thursday

12pm Cell Group Leaders

Meeting [at Colin & Lyn's]

7.30pm Worship Practice

Next Sunday

10.30am Morning Communion
and Celebration Service

WHAT'S COMING SOON...

- **Saturday 20th June @ 10.30am**
Ladies ONE Conference at ICC
in Newport [£35pp]
[Please see Debbie or Lavinca if you plan to go]

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED

Safeguarding Reminder

Our church's safeguarding team's aim is to protect the well-being and human rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults. All children's and youth workers are DBS checked, our policies are updated yearly and we follow careful recruitment and supervision procedures. As a welcoming and open church, we encourage everyone to remain vigilant at all times. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for helping us create a safe church community.
[The Safeguarding Team]

JOKE TIME I used to be addictive to the hokey-cokey. *But I turned myself around.*

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, Baptist in the Holy Spirit and Coming King**.



NOTICE FOR TINY TREASURES

[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 RICARDO NEVES
FINANCE OFFICER	CHRIS OFFORD
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 & 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 **Chris Offord** [church Finance Officer] for more details. Many thanks. *Pastor Steve*

FROM THE PASTOR'S PEN

THE HEAT IS ON

The last few days have been unbearably hot; the kind of heat that makes even the shade feel exhausted. The fans are on full blast in every room, just pushing the muggy air around like a warm fog. The heat is draining too but not only that, it's been too hot to sit outside which is ironic for a country that hardly gets any sun anyway. And at night, the duvets have been kicked off and replaced with thin sheets that cling to us like warm towels. And as Glenn Frey sang in his iconic 1984 song, *"The heat is on"*, and that's not just with the temperature, but in our homes, in our work places, in our routines and in our patience as the heat rises with what life throws at us. Yet that lyric *"The heat is on"* also brings a Spiritual prod, because sometimes the physical heat around us mirrors the Spiritual heat God wants to stir within us. The weather may have been searing, the nights may have made us very restless and the air making us struggle to breathe, yet in the middle of it all, the Holy Spirit whispers: *"As the temperature rises around you, let the temperature rise within you."* Not the heat of frustration, stress or worry, but the heat of holy passion, renewed zeal, and Spirit-filled fire. Paul captures this beautifully in Romans 12:11: *"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord."* The word *fervour* literally means *to boil*. Not lukewarm. Not tepid. Not half-hearted. But boiling with the Spirit. As the sun has been boiling recently, perhaps God is reminding us not to cool down Spiritually while everything else heats up. I read an article by a potter recently who explained that clay fired at low temperatures becomes brittle and easily broken, but clay fired at high heat becomes strong, durable and ready for purpose. He said, *"The hotter the fire, the stronger the vessel."* Maybe the last few days of heat are a gentle parable: God is not trying to exhaust us; He is forming us, strengthening us and igniting us. Voices from history echo the same truth. Theologian John Wesley said, *"Catch on fire with enthusiasm and people will come for miles to watch you burn."* And evangelist Leonard Ravenhill added, *"You don't have to advertise a fire. Everyone comes running."* Heat attracts attention, but holy heat transforms lives! So perhaps God is saying something simple yet profound to us in this recent heatwave: *"Don't just endure the heat, become the heat."* Yes, become the warmth of compassion, the fire of prayer, the spark of revival or the flame that lights someone else's faith again. The sun may have been scorching but it's time for the church to sizzle for God once again. The weather may have warmed your skin but let the Holy Spirit warm your heart. Yes, *"the heat is on"*, but not the kind that drains us but the heat that burns inside of us. Last week we celebrated Pentecost where the fire fell upon the disciples in Acts 2, so let's make sure the heat of our faith is still rising in us and the heat of God still stirring His people. Yes, *"The Heat is On"*; but this time it's not the weather; it's the Holy Spirit. Blessings *Pastor Steve*

OVERSEAS MISSIONS. If you have a heart for overseas mission [*i.e., travelling abroad with a team of people to share the love of Jesus in other countries both in local churches and communities*] & would like to find out more or to get involved, then please speak to Suzy [our Mission's Director at ECC] or to Pastor Steve.