



ELIM CHRISTIAN CENTRE

Sunday 29th March 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 PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICE

PLEASE JOIN US FOR PRAYER IN THE BACK HALL FROM 10.15AM

PALM SUNDAY FACTS AND TRIVIA

1. Palms represent victory and eternal life.
2. In Latin America, Palm Sunday can include large street celebrations
3. In the Philippines on Palm Sunday, people bring elaborately woven palms leaves to church
4. Palm Sunday always falls between March 15th and April 18th
5. Any Palms that are used at a Palm Sunday service are then burned to create ashes for Ash Wednesday [The start of Lent] the following year.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED

Safeguarding Reminder

Our church's Safeguarding team's aim is to protect the health, well-being and human rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults in every area of church life. All children's and youth workers are DBS checked, our safeguarding policies are updated yearly and we follow careful recruitment and supervision procedures. As an open and welcoming church, we encourage everyone to remain vigilant, especially as new visitors regularly join us. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for helping us create a safe church community. **Pastor and the Safeguarding Team**



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 *Maria Rooney, Kjell, Lyn, Debbie, Diane, Sharon, John and Violet, John Marlow and Jules* who all have health issues.
 - † Please remember Scott's Dad who had a stroke recently. Pray for God's total healing upon his body
 - † Please remember Jules & her family after the passing of her mum Olive recently and for Olive's funeral on 20th April.
 - † Pray for discernment in safeguarding our children and vulnerable adults
 - † Our church's finances & all money matters
 - † 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
 - † Church leaders: Alan, Eileen and Ricardo
- ALSO, if you have a prayer request for the prayer chain, then please contact Debbie on: 07557917866**

6 PRAYER POINTS FOR OUR WORLD TODAY

1. Places of education – *teachers, lecturers, students and children*
2. *Communities suffering from poverty, war, conflicts and extreme weather*
3. Those facing hunger, homelessness, abuse or exploitation
4. *Aid to reach those in need due to the war in the Middle East.*
5. Local businesses and work places to thrive
6. *Pray that the worldwide church would offer Christ's compassion, not judgment*

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`***.

WHAT `S ON THIS WEEK...

Tuesday

11am Talking Heads Coffee Morning [Church lounge]

1pm Alan's Cell group

Wednesday

12pm Eileen's Cell group

Thursday

7.30pm Worship Practice

Good Friday

11am Meditation Service [Church]
[Followed by hot X buns]

Next Sunday

10.30am Resurrection Sunday Celebration Service

[Led by Fearless – Youth Group]
[Followed by church lunch]

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.

PALM SUNDAY QUOTE FOR THE WEEK

``Hosanna today, crucify Him tomorrow, ` says the crowd can change, but Jesus doesn't`. [Unknown]

VERSE for the WEEK:

Zechariah 9:9



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

EILEEN KOPPOE
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 FOR PALM SUNDAY

EAST OR WEST

I read an article recently that said that there were 2 processions taking place simultaneously on that very first Palm Sunday. On the West side of Jerusalem, Pontius Pilate, the governor of Judea, led an Imperial procession of Roman cavalry and centurions into the city, but riding on *horseback*, and on the East side of Jerusalem, Jesus led a casual procession with his disciples but riding in on a *donkey*. Christian scholar Marcus Borg explained that Jesus's entry was a deliberate counter-procession to Rome's show of power. And while both men greeted the watching crowds, one was dressed in his everyday clothes, while the other was dressed in his shiny armour. One came in unarmed while the other carried weapons. One came in unannounced, while the other made a dramatic entrance. One came in quietly with a humble, braying donkey, while the other had a war horse and drummers beating out their anthem. One had a crowd of peasants and pilgrims waving them on with spontaneous cheering, while the other had soldiers worshipping their every decision with chief priests, temple authorities and collaborators looking on in a politically charged and controlled crowd. Furthermore, Jesus' entry would have generated excitement and hope, but Pilate's arrival would have generated fear and tension. What a contrast of events. However, both had people bowing to them, even *laying their cloaks* on the road as they passed by. Both crowds were jubilant and in celebratory mood and paying homage to their heroes. But if we had been there, I wonder who we would have cheered? Pilate or Jesus? What procession would we have joined: East or West? In 'the heat of the day' and everyone watching, who would we have chosen? And today, the world is just as confused. *Who do I follow? What do I cheer? Where do I lay my cloak? Who do I celebrate and get excited over?* As Christians, we made the decision to *'lay our cloak'* before the Messiah on a donkey and not before a Roman governor on a war horse. And I want to encourage us all to *'keep laying down our cloak'* [Mark 11:8] or more specifically, 'laying down our lives' for our Lord. In other words, to keep surrendering, honouring and serving Jesus in everything we do. The first Palm Sunday was about 2 men, 2 animals, 2 crowds, 2 celebrations, 2 processions and 2 roads, but the truth is, it was always about ONE King: Jesus. In a world where 'East and West' collide and dominates our news, let's make sure the dominating factor in our lives is: Jesus, the Saviour of the World. *Pastor Steve*

NOTE TO ALL PARENTS Please ensure that your children **DO NOT** consume any leftover communion bread or wine in the kitchen after the service. The bread and wine are set apart for use during Communion and is not appropriate for them to be eaten or drunk irreverently in the kitchen after the service. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation. *Pastor Steve*

NAPPY SACKS [PARENTS WITH BABIES] Please could you **NOT** put dirty nappies in the bin **UNLESS** they are in a nappy sack. **NAPPY SACKS** have been provided in both the male and female toilets, if you don't have any. Thanks. [The Nappy Sack Department]