

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

Pastoral Care is a vital part of Gateway family life and we want to be there for you. Your first point of contact will always be your Life Group Leaders.

Life Groups are held in our homes where we come together as a church family to learn, to grow, to fellowship and to share.



If you are not part of a Life Group and would like to know more, please contact the church office for more details.



CARERS' SUPPORT

Carers

If you have any issues you would like to discuss, need help, advice, assistance with completion of Benefit forms and Appeals or support at Tribunals please contact David and Denise through the Church Office (01454 322616 option 0) and we will do our best to help you.

We are also available to pray with you and "just to listen" and will respect your privacy.

David and Denise

Prime Time

...an opportunity for all over 50s to spend quality time together

Every other Tuesday at 2:00pm
Speak to Don or Doreen for more details



gateway KIDS

Exciting things are happening with the Children's work

There will be:

1 st Sunday:	Connection
2 nd Sunday:	Ignition
3 rd Sunday:	Connection
Last Sunday:	Family Sunday

Please Contact the church if interested.

Alpha

Commencing Tuesday 19 March

the gateway **Life**

ELIM CHURCH

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To the Gateway family

Happy New Year everybody!

I have a friend who'd say Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition. I have no idea when and why he started to use this phrase, but I've found myself many times over the years saying out loud and in my own head 'Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition'.

As followers of Jesus, we've been drafted into a war, a war for souls, a war for the advancement of the Kingdom of God. Praise the Lord for such an honour to co-partner and serve with Him and pass the ammunition, prayer, praise, fasting, thanksgiving, His words on our lips as we go forward together in battle! Years ago, some military orders had to be sent via a series of radio relays. Each radio operator would listen to a command and then repeat it to the next operator in a series. There is a story that states that the message that was sent was 'send reinforcements we're going to advance', which became 'send three and four pence we're going to a dance'.

You can imagine the confusion which results when the message which is sent has been twisted, changed, corrupted from its intended message.

On Sunday 7th January, Elim is having a National Day of Prayer. A day where we as a movement will come together and seek His face.

We believe that God is awakening His people to the urgency of the times, the promise of the harvest, and the fresh enabling power and presence of His Holy Spirit. Amid an increasingly secular and hostile culture, people are coming to faith in Christ all around us. And we long for the trickle to become a flood.

So, at the start of the New Year, we are asking each of our Elim churches to come together as One Movement for the Elim National Day of Prayer to pray for:

- A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our churches, leaders, and congregations
- A harvest of souls in the UK and around the world
- A transformation of our culture and society

I would encourage you, start January by seeking His face, seek His face for direction for your life, seek His face together as His body.

In Joel 1:14 it says

Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
Into the house of the LORD your God,
And cry out to the LORD.

Let's set aside time as a church to pray and fast on January 7th as we move forward into 2024.

God's Richest Blessings

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