

Mission Statement - To Know the Lord Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, recognising His calling and purpose for our individual lives. **To Show** the love of God to the Church, the family of God and to the family He has given to us. **To Go** into our community, country and world sharing the Gospel message by word and by deed.

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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 the Lord Jesus Christ as 'The Saviour', 'Healer', 'Baptiser in the Holy Spirit', and 'The Coming King'.

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Thought for the Week:

Are You Listening to God?

"They said to Moses, 'You speak with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die' " ([Exodus 20:19](#)).

We don't consciously and deliberately disobey God—we simply don't listen to Him. God has given His commands to us, but we pay no attention to them—not because of wilful disobedience, but because we do not truly love and respect Him. "If you love Me, keep My commandments" ([John 14:15](#)). Once we realize we have constantly been showing disrespect to God, we will be filled with shame and humiliation for ignoring Him.

"You speak with us, ... but let not God speak with us" We show how little love we have for God by preferring to listen to His servants rather than to Him. We like to listen to personal testimonies, but we don't want God Himself to speak to us. Why are we so terrified for God to speak to us? It is because we know that when God speaks we must either do what He asks or tell Him we will not obey. But if it is simply one of God's servants speaking to us, we feel obedience is optional, not imperative. We respond by saying, "Well, that's only your own idea, even though I don't deny that what you said is probably God's truth."

Am I constantly humiliating God by ignoring Him, while He lovingly continues to treat me as His child? Once I finally do hear Him, the humiliation I have heaped on Him returns to me. My response then becomes, "Lord, why was I so insensitive and obstinate?" This is always the result once we hear God. But our real delight in finally hearing Him is tempered with the shame we feel for having taken so long to do so.

NEW BUILDING - LATEST NEWS!!!!

We really need to find a buyer for our current building; please keep praying that we will secure a sale very soon. See page 3



Welcome: if you are a visitor to Bont Elim we would like to extend a warm welcome to you; - so that we can keep in touch please complete the following, tear it off, and pop it into the box by the front door or hand it to Pastor Jason;

Full name: **Telephone:**

Address: *Please turn over*

Open The Rose:

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact...It wasn't long before he realized how it was impossible to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to recite the following poem...

It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of GOD's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.
The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.
If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of GOD's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?
So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.
The pathway that lies before me,
Only my heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

NEW BUILDING - DONATIONS WILL BE MOST GRATEFULLY RECEIVED!

If you feel led to make a donation to our new building project, all you need to do is put cash or a cheque (made out to Elim Pentecostal Church) in an envelope with Building Project written on the front. You can either give it to Mike or Pastor Jason or just put it into the collection bag.



Welcome continued: e-mail address: -----

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| I would like to be contacted as I have an issue for prayer | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted as I need someone to talk to | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted to learn more about Bont Elim | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I would like to be contacted about opportunities for ministry | (please tick) | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Write your sermon notes here:



Some of the History of Our New Home:

This was the first school built by the Education Board in the Bont. It was built (believe it or not) in the 1870s by a Mr Thomas Jones of Cross Inn.

The school was opened to pupils on Thursday June 27th 1878 and the first headmaster was a Mr John Roberts.

from "Hanes Pontarddulais" by E Lewis Evans

Prayer Warriors - because prayer matters!!

A fellowship who pray together, stay together. Please pray:- that God will have His way in every part of our lives.

Throughout this week please uphold in prayer these specific people/things...

- † Please pray for Ieaun who is unwell and really needs a touch from the Lord.
- † Please pray for Anthony and Penny, that the Lord will meet their needs at this time.
- † Please pray for Christine who has had a fall and broken her shoulder.
- † Please pray for Sue Cole's sister who needs the Lord's help.
- † Please continue to pray for Annice Lewis who is still in hospital but is recovering.
- † Please pray for Simone and the family, that the Lord will touch them.
- † Please pray for Peter and for the night shelter programme in Swansea.
- † Please pray for Euan that his job application will be successful, despite the setback.
- † Please pray for Fiona in Australia who is having treatment for breast cancer.
- † Please pray for Jo's neighbours David and Rebekah at this time of bereavement.
- † Please pray for Gail who is unwell and finding things difficult at the moment.
- † Please pray for Matthew's business, that he would get more painting work.
- † Please pray for our fellowship, that we will be open to the Lord's prompting and that we will be a blessing to those He has asked us to serve and love.
- † Please pray for those people who are struggling with addiction, that the Lord will break the chains that hold them and set them wonderfully free.
- † Please pray that our purchase of the school will go through without a hitch and that we sell our current home quickly. **Finally – let everything that has breath, praise the Lord!**

Valentine's Day Word Search Puzzle

I L P D C D Y U E D T K J S Y
 A P I T P A K Z O E P Z C R A
 J I Z G X Z R V D T S C J P D
 E H S S U A A D W F D P S R Q
 G S E C S M I S S A A R R O W
 L D S H Y E R N N C J M D P A
 O N S Y S E N C S T T G I N K
 V E I T W T E I F G Q D N L Y
 E I K O R S F E T N N P N L Y
 A R L Q D A B I L N D I E X E
 Q F V F O R E X G V E I R F F
 U W X U U M S H V B K L P L N
 B P U A T N T D Z X W R A U Z
 L W R C H O C O L A T E F V C
 L Y I J W O B H U G S E S O R

ARROW KISSES
 BOW LOVE
 CARDS RINGS
 CHOCOLATE ROSES
 CUPID TEDDIES
 DANCES VALENTINES
 DINNER
 FAMILY
 FEBRUARY
 FLOWERS
 FRIENDSHIP
 FUN
 GIFTS
 HEARTS
 HUGS

What's on This Week:

Coffee Pot Community Lunch	9.30 am 1.30 pm	Monday		
Community Lunch	1.30 pm	Tuesday	7.00 pm	Prayer meeting
Community Lunch	1.30 pm	Wednesday	5.50 pm	'The Zone' Kids club
'Little Treasures' Mums 'n' Tots Community Lunch	9.00 am	Thursday	6.15 pm 8.00 pm	'The Zone' & 'JAM' Teens club Discipleship group
	1.30 pm	Friday		
Communion service Kingdom Kids	10.30 am 2.30 pm	Sunday	4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Traditional Gospel service Contemporary Gospel service

Tailend: The vision must be followed by the venture. It is not enough to stare up the steps - we must step up the stairs. *Vance Havner*