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Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield

Welcome to Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield

We love God

(encounter)

We love God – so that all will be brought into a deepening relationship with Jesus Christ.

We love as a family

(community)

We love as a family – so that all will be brought into Christ-centred, deepening relationships of trust and authenticity, where everyone is known, accepted and valued.

We let God change us

(discipleship)

We let God change us – so that all will be brought into a deeper experience of God's power, transformation and freedom in Christ.

We change the world around us

(mission)

We change the world around us – so that all the world may hear, see and encounter the life-changing love of God and the saving power of His gospel, through His church.

Meet the Pastors



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Associate Pastor



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- Sunday morning services at 10.30am
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8th Alpha, 15th HOPE Huddersfield

22nd Leadership Development Programme & 29th Freedom in Christ

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Death where is your victory?

Pastor Tim Cobham

In our English culture, death is something we traditionally don't talk about. There are times when we really have to, however, what we tend to do is rely on euphemisms from the more comic: "popped his clogs" to the solemn: "didn't make it" or "no longer with us". If we have the opportunity to ignore it or bypass it in conversation though, most will try our utmost to do so.

Yet our media and the arts seem incredibly engaged with the drama and inevitability of death. Novels, movies, games, all contend to make sense of our mortality in their various narratives and storylines.

We seem ill-equipped on our own to be able to deal with the reality that the statistics prove time and time again that 1 out of every 1 of us will have to face our own death.

Could it be that our pursuit of cosmetics and plastic surgery exist not just because of our striving for beauty, but more for our striving to hold off our own decay and, ultimately, our own death?

Commenting similarly on his culture 2000 years ago, a Roman citizen stated "We, like all of creation struggle to be liberated from our bondage to decay".

Many are aware of the Psalms (particularly 'famous' ones like Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd). The writer; David wrote many of

the Psalms while under great pressure and in anguish. In Psalm 16 David views death in a different way to some of us:

"No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice. My body rests in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave".

David in this Psalm is trusting, not that death will fail to come (when he wrote this his life was under the threat of death), he recognised that as with all of us he will die, but that God had a plan and a purpose for him beyond this life.

One of Jesus' disciples, Peter, when addressing the gathered crowd at Pentecost, declares this Psalm prophetic in that it is speaking of Christ's defeat of death and of His restoring all that it means to truly live.

The Bible declares that we can all benefit, like David, in our confidence through the work Jesus did. That, through Jesus dying on a cross for the things that we did wrong, and three days later being viewed alive again, death had been defeated. This is what we remember this time of year – Easter. In a culture that fears and recoils away from death, Christians have a hope, a privilege and responsibility to share our assurance that death does not have the final word.

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been
defeated

The resurrection is more than just an event that happened once in history. It's the source of the power that anyone can experience in their own life, every day simply by asking that what Jesus achieved at the cross to count for them. The same resurrection power that brought Jesus from death to life is available to everyone who will put their trust in Jesus.



Diary Dates

April 2018

Group Week

SUNDAY: 1 APRIL | EASTER SUNDAY
Celebration Service 10.30am

'The foolishness of God' (1 Corinthian 1:18)

Pastor Michael Reid

NO evening service

MONDAY: 2 APRIL

TUESDAY: 3 APRIL

Soul Sistas – Oasis Centre 7.30pm

Funk Soul Brothers – Oasis Centre 7.30pm

VITAL (college small group) 7.30pm

Grace Centre

THURSDAY: 5 APRIL

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 3.30pm

FRIDAY: 6 APRIL

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 2.00pm-3.00pm

4:8 Youth (High school age & up) 7.30pm

Oasis Centre

SATURDAY: 7 APRIL

M³ (Men's Bible Study) 7.00am-8.00am

Oasis Centre

Alpha Holy Spirit Away Day 10.00am-4.00pm

Blackley Centre

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm

Oasis Centre

United Week

SUNDAY: 8 APRIL
Communion Service 10.30am

'FIRST LOVE: Letter to the Church in Philadelphia'

'Be Encouraged to Endure' (Revelation 3:7-13)

Pastor Andy Pearsons

including dedication of Abigail Lily Preston

King's Kids (0-3yrs) & History Makers (3-11yrs)

Word Up! (high school age)

Rooted (18-30s) – Oasis Centre 1.00pm

'Alpha: Why and how should I tell others?' 6.30pm

MONDAY: 9 APRIL

Worship Group Practice (Red Team) 7.30pm
Grace Centre

THURSDAY: 12 APRIL

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 3.30pm

FRIDAY: 13 APRIL

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 2.00pm-3.00pm

4:8 Youth (High school age & up) 7.30pm

Oasis Centre

SATURDAY: 14 APRIL

M³ (Men's Bible Study) 7.00am-8.00am

Oasis Centre

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm

Oasis Centre

Alpha Holy Spirit Away Day

Saturday 7th April 10.00am-4.00pm

Blackley Centre

Who is the Holy Spirit

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?



Please note that many of our regular meetings are not on during the Easter school holidays

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Group Week

SUNDAY: 15 APRIL

Communion Services 10.30am

'FIRST LOVE: Letter to the church in Laodicea'
 'Be Hot for Christ' (Revelations 3:14-22)
 Pastor Michael Reid
 King's Kids (0-3yrs) & History Makers (3-11yrs)
 Word Up! (high school age)

Hope Huddersfield Mission Launch 7.00pm

with Roy Crowne at North Light Gallery

MONDAY: 16 APRIL

Worship Group Practice (Red Team) 7.30pm
 Grace Centre

TUESDAY: 17 APRIL

Soul Sistas – Oasis Centre 7.30pm
 Funk Soul Brothers – Oasis Centre 7.30pm
 VITAL (college small group) 7.30pm
 Grace Centre

WEDNESDAY: 18 APRIL

EPIC (50+ yrs) – Oasis Centre 11.00am

THURSDAY: 19 APRIL

Tiddlers – Grace Centre 10.00am-11.30am
 Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 3.30pm
 Missions Prayer Group 7.30pm
 Andrew & Susan Lockett – Paula Patterson's house

FRIDAY: 20 APRIL

OpenDOOR – Oasis Centre 12.00pm-3.00pm
 Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 2.00pm-3.00pm
 4:8 Youth (High school age & up) 7.30pm
 Oasis Centre

SATURDAY: 21 APRIL

M³ (Men's Bible Study) 7.00am-8.00am
 Oasis Centre
 Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm
 Oasis Centre

United Week

SUNDAY: 22 APRIL

Communion Service 10.30am

Guest Speaker: Stuart Blount
 from Elim's National Leadership Team
 King's Kids (0-3yrs) & History Makers (3-11yrs)
 Word Up! (high school age)

Rooted (18-30s) – Oasis Centre 1.00pm

Leadership Development Programme 6.30pm

MONDAY: 23 APRIL

Worship Group Gathering (ALL) 7.30pm
 Grace Centre
 Men's Night – Grace Centre 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY: 25 APRIL

EPIC (50+ yrs) – Oasis Centre 11.00am
 ARK (7-11yrs) – Oasis Centre 7.00pm-8.00pm

THURSDAY: 26 APRIL

Tiddlers – Grace Centre 10.00am-11.30am
 Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 3.30pm

PRESENCE – Grace Centre 7.30pm

FRIDAY: 27 APRIL

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 2.00pm-3.00pm
 OpenDOOR – Oasis Centre 12.00pm-3.00pm

SATURDAY: 28 APRIL

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm
 Oasis Centre

Group Week

SUNDAY: 29 APRIL | ONE CHURCH SUNDAY

UNITED Service 10.30am

Pastor Andy Pearsons & Elliott Sharp

Freedom in Christ 6.30pm



*"It was for freedom
 Christ has set us free"*

sixoneone
 asylum work

611 Asylum Support Work – Oasis Centre
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday
 10.30am-2.30pm

**Everyday English
 Classes**

Everyday English Classes – Oasis Centre
 Monday – 10.00am-11.30am

sixoneone
 bus ministry

611 Bus Ministry – Grace Centre & town
 Wednesday – 7.00pm Saturday – 8.00pm

OpenWORD
 Bible and English Classes

OpenWORD Bible classes – Oasis Centre
 Tuesdays 1.00pm-3.00pm

Missions Prayer Group

Thursday 19th April

at Paula Patterson's house

Andrew & Susan Lockett

*talking about their time in
Bangladesh*



Freedom in Christ course

Sundays at 6.30pm

starting

Sunday 29th April

at Grace Centre

Gordon Neale

Guest Speaker

Sunday 6th May

10.30am

at Grace Centre

Come and See
Mission Huddersfield



2018

Our HOPE Huddersfield

Mission Week is

26th June-1st July

How to become a Christian

If you would like to know Jesus Christ personally as your saviour then it is as simple as ABC:

- **ADMIT** that you have sinned, kept God out of your life and gone your own way.
- **BELIEVE** that Jesus, God's only son, took the punishment you deserve when He died for you on the cross, that He rose from the dead conquering the power of sin and death, and making a restored relationship possible.
- **COMMIT** your life to Him. This involves being truly sorry for your sin and turning around from living your life for yourself, towards living your life to please God.

The simple prayer below is one you can pray if you want to accept Jesus into your life:

Father God, I know that I have not put you first in my life and my sins have separated me from you. I am truly sorry, and now I turn away from my past sinful life toward you. Please forgive me. I believe that your son, Jesus Christ died for my sins, rose from the dead, is alive, and hears my prayer. I invite Jesus to be the Lord of my life. Help me live for you each day.

Amen

If you have prayed this prayer, tell a Christian friend, join a church and ask them to help you to understand more about what it means to be a Christian. If you would like to talk to one of the leaders from the Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield then please contact Pastor Michael Reid on 01484 535554.

HISTORY MAKERS

A page for children and parents to know what is happening in History Makers this month:

'God remains committed to fulfilling the promises He made'

Themes this month

Across all of the age groups within History Makers, we will be helping the children grasp a bigger sense of how God keeps His promises.

We want them, through the teaching and worship together, to build a picture of how God created us, made to be loved by Him and for us to love God forever. It begins with how God crafted Adam and Eve, perfect in His sight.

Ages 3-5s will hear the stories of the Widow's Offering, Jesus calling his first disciples and when he heals Peter's mother.

School Years 1-6 will look at the creation story in Genesis 1-3 and we will explore God's intention and purpose for Adam and Eve, and for us too, to have a perfect relationship with Him. We will also explore how sin has consequences. We will continue through this to understand God's relationship with Noah (Genesis 6-8) and with Abraham (Genesis 12-22) and how He is a God of promises.

We will enjoy creating with **Years 1-3** the image of the rainbow as we talk about Noah and his trust In God; The sign and promise that God will never flood the world again.

Years 4-6 will focus on being inspired by the example of Noah, in how he lived, how he listened to and trusted God when all around him didn't, and how God kept His promise to Noah. Abraham was promised by God to become the father of a great nation, an amazing blessing. There was a commitment and a cost that was

high for Abraham too, and we will explore with History Makers the courage, the adventures, and the obedience required of Abraham as he was called by God to step out in faith and trust that God would keep His promises.

At home

It would be great if you could talk with your children about each Sunday's teaching across April as it really does help them to think more about what they learned and what it means to them. Sometimes that can begin from a picture they bring out of their session, or a bible verse.

3-5s: Maybe you could look for the stories in a children's Bible and encourage your children to think about what it means for them to follow Jesus. Did they know that they can follow Him like the first disciples did? Also, take the time to thank God that He still heals today and pray for the needs of people around you that you know.

Years 1-6: Be curious about what they learned about Adam and Eve, ask about the rainbow and what it meant, talk with them about Abraham and who he was and how God used him. Maybe over the month, think as a family about God's promises. How is He showing your family that He keeps His promises? Are there promises that each of you in your family can make to God? Maybe talk about one promise each, or a shared family promise that you want to make, and write them down. Ask God to help you to keep that promise to Him as He keeps His to you.



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