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Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield

# Welcome to Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield

The Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield, was formed in 1931 with a message of salvation and a demonstration of the Holy Spirit's presence in Pentecostal power.

We are an international congregation of all ages, spreading the good news of Christ in our services, through small groups, and out on the streets. Our Sunday morning services offer you the chance to let the Word of God impact your life and meet others in a friendly atmosphere of both fellowship and worship with a full range of children's activities from a crèche to a teenagers'

group. We are a servant-hearted church, providing practical care in the community and touching those on the fringes of society, including refugees and those with drug and alcohol problems. Our desire is to see people grow in their faith in Christ in our wide variety of weekly meetings for all ages, areas and ethnic backgrounds.

***There is something for YOU!***

For more information on events and activities at the church please visit our web site at:

[www.huddelim.org.uk](http://www.huddelim.org.uk)

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2nd July-23rd July

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30<sup>th</sup> July & during August

## Meet the Pastors



Michael Reid  
Senior Pastor



Mark Stone  
Associate Pastor



Tim Cobham  
Associate Pastor



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Pastor



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Lay Pastor

### Content Deadline for September issue

If you have any articles, events, reviews or photos for inclusion in the September issue of encounter then please see Claire Jones or e-mail [encounter@huddelim.org.uk](mailto:encounter@huddelim.org.uk) by **Sunday 6th August**.

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# Certain hope in uncertain times

Pastor Mark Stone



As a nation there is a lot of uncertainty in the air – the Brexit negotiations are making people nervous, the outcome of the elections have left the government without a clear majority, people are nervous and uncertain about the future. We also face the everyday uncertainties of jobs, health, relationships. The hopes and dreams we have for the future are rarely certain. Yet, even in these days of uncertainty, it is possible to have a certain hope. A hope that we can hold on to and that holds onto us!

Hebrews 6:19 says, *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure"*.

It's a hope available to all of us.

In the first book of the Bible (Genesis) we read about Abraham and Sarah. Long ago God told them that through their descendants all the nations would be blessed (Genesis 12:1-4). This childless couple would have a child and many descendants – as many as the stars in the sky if one could count them (Genesis 15:5). Yet years went by and Sarah (Sarai at that time) and Abraham (Abram at that time) had no children. You can imagine them starting to lose hope, wondering if God was really going to keep His

promise. Sarah was now well past the normal age for having children. What should they do?

After 11 years they feared they would miss the opportunity altogether and decided to use a surrogate, Sarah's servant girl, Hagar. But when it comes to trusting God, taking

shortcuts

doesn't get you there any quicker, and it created more problems

than

solutions!

Eventually after waiting another 13 years, finally God reminded them of His promise. He hadn't forgotten. God gave them what they were waiting for, a son and heir! Isaac was born. God had kept His promise.

Life is full of uncertainties. We often wonder what God is doing. Like Abraham and Sarah we think about taking shortcuts, taking the matter into our own hands, but like waiting for any child to be born, there is a time of waiting that cannot be sped up. Just as nature must take its

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course, so trusting God has a course of its own. When the time is right, God will do what He promised. His word is sure. It can be trusted because He can be trusted.

Looking back on this story, the writer of Hebrews is able to say that God has proved Himself faithful. God holds Himself to His word. *"When God made his promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater for him to swear by, he swore by himself, saying, 'I will surely bless you and give you many descendants.'"*

Abraham believed God, trusted Him and His word as certain. In the end, both he and Sarah saw God fulfil it. *"And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised"*.

There are things God has promised each of us that need to take their own course in our lives. For example, God has promised, *"for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose"* (Romans 8:28).

In the end, all things will work for our good. Yet, this promise may take a lifetime for us to see HOW He will do that. We may even have to wait for heaven itself to see the ways God has woven together the events of our lives for our good and His purpose. In the meantime, we have to let it take its course and trust that God will do what He promised, patiently trusting Him. Letting God Himself and His promises be our certain hope.

The writer of Hebrews concludes *"We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure"*.

You might feel like Abraham and Sarah: waiting for something to happen, uncertain about the future, wondering when God will answer your prayer the way you want Him to. But let me encourage you that you can always rely on God's promises. They will take a course of their own, but they will complete their purpose. If we keep trusting, they will be for us, and God behind them, an anchor for us, a certain hope in times of uncertainty.

# Prayer



## Please pray for:

- Pray that in a quieter time of the year we find our rest in the Lord. Resting in His goodness, grace and love which is steadfast and sure.
- Keep in prayer those who find the summer a difficult time when they feel more isolated due to things such as health, work, family difficulties etc. Ask God to draw near to them.
- Remember those in our church who are going away on holiday this summer and to Christian camps such as Elim Festival. Pray for safe travels and God's protection, time for rest and reflection as well as God moving in power.
- Pray for those out of work who are finding it difficult to find employment in the current economic environment. Also remember those who have finished courses and exams and are looking to God to lead them in their future.

## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request for yourself, or your family or friends there are a number of ways you can pass these on for people to pray for them:

- Fill in a prayer request form and put it in the **prayer box** on the table at the back of church (before the start of the Sunday evening service) or e-mail [prayer@huddelim.org.uk](mailto:prayer@huddelim.org.uk) and these requests will be prayed for by the 'In The Gap' intercessors group..
- Let Pastor Michael Reid know if you would like it to be included on the **prayer sheet** that we produce for Sunday mornings.

*time for praise, prayer, fellowship & fun*



**Elim Summer Central**  
**Thursdays 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August**  
**7.30pm at Grace Centre**

## **Sunday mornings**

2<sup>nd</sup> July-27<sup>th</sup> August  
10.30am services

## **Sunday nights**

30<sup>th</sup> July & during August  
NO evening services

We are pleased to celebrate with  
Pastor Daniel Habtey:

**Daniel's Ordination on Saturday 1st July** at Birmingham Christian Centre  
and **'My Story' on Sunday 2nd July**  
**10.30am at Grace Centre**

If you are not in one of our  
small groups (that meet  
fortnightly on Group Week)  
but would like to be please  
speak to Pastor Mark Stone  
or e-mail

**smallgroups@huddelim.org.uk**

## **Elim Festival 2017**



**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July**  
**- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August**  
**www.elimfestival.org**

## **Guest speaker: Gordon Neale**

*from Elim's National  
Leadership Team*

**Sunday 9th July**  
**10.30am**

## **Table Top Sale**

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**  
**10.00am to 2.00pm at Grace Centre**

**FREE entry**

**Table hire: £10 per table (must be pre-booked with Stuart Sharp by Friday 14th July\*)**

**Children's crafts with Lianne Woodward.**

**Coffees, teas & soft drinks will be on sale along with cakes and buns.**

**Asian and Eritrean food will be available from 12 noon.**

***Money raised will go towards funds to support Daniel Habtey's work  
with the Eritrean community.***

**\* E-mail: [swfs1@fiscali.co.uk](mailto:swfs1@fiscali.co.uk) or phone Stuart on mobile: 07771 990396**

# July & August 2017 Diary Dates

## 611 Asylum Support Work at Oasis Centre

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 10.30am-2.30pm  
Open throughout summer except Monday 28th August

**sixoneone**  
asylum work

## 611 Bus Ministry – Grace Centre & town

Wednesday – 7.00pm Saturday – 8.00pm

**sixoneone**  
bus ministry

## OpenWORD Bible classes at Oasis Centre

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 1.00pm-3.00pm  
Classes finish for summer on 19th July.

OpenWORD

## United Week

### SUNDAY: 2 JULY

**Communion Service** 10.30am

My Story – Pastor Daniel Habtey  
King's Kids (0-3yrs) & History Makers (3-11yrs)

**Summer Night of Hymns** 6.30pm

### MONDAY: 3 JULY

Worship Group Practice (Red Team) 7.30pm  
Grace Centre

### WEDNESDAY: 5 JULY

EPIC (50+ yrs) – Oasis Centre 11.00am  
ARK – Oasis Centre 7.00pm-8.00pm  
Prayer Meeting – Grace Centre 7.00pm-8.00pm

### THURSDAY: 6 JULY

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

### FRIDAY: 7 JULY

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: 8 JULY

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm  
Oasis Centre

## Group Week

### SUNDAY: 9 JULY

**Communion Service** 10.30am

Guest Speaker: Gordon Neale  
from Elim's National Leadership Team  
King's Kids (0-3yrs) & History Makers (3-11yrs)

**Evening Service (for 18-30s)** 6.30pm

### MONDAY: 10 JULY

Worship Group Practice (Blue Team) 7.30pm  
Grace Centre

### TUESDAY: 11 JULY

Soul Sistas – Sarah Stone's house 7.00pm-9.00pm  
Funk Soul Brothers 7.30pm-9.30pm  
Oasis Centre  
College Small Group 7.30pm-9.30pm  
Oasis Centre

### WEDNESDAY: 12 JULY

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

### THURSDAY: 13 JULY

Tiddlers – Grace Centre 10.00am-11.30am  
Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 3.30pm  
Small Group Central – Grace Centre 7.30pm

### FRIDAY: 14 JULY

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: 15 JULY

Wedding of Rachel Moss & Tim Hogg 1.00pm  
Grace Centre (*join us for tea & cake after the service*)  
Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm  
Oasis Centre  
Asian Fellowship – Oasis Centre 6.00pm

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## United Week

### SUNDAY: 16 JULY

**Communion Services** 9.15am & 11.15am

Passion for the Poor – Pastor Michael Reid

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

Word Up! (high school age + Year 6) [11.15am only]

**Prayer & Praise** 6.30pm

organised by College Small Group

### MONDAY: 17 JULY

Worship Group Social 7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY: 19 JULY

EPIC (50+ yrs) – Oasis Centre 11.00am

ARK – Oasis Centre 7.00pm-8.00pm

### THURSDAY: 20 JULY

Tiddlers – Grace Centre 10.00am-11.30am

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 3.30pm

611 Bus Ministry Prayer Meeting 8.00pm

Grace Centre

### FRIDAY: 21 JULY

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: 22 JULY

Table Top Sale – Grace Centre 10.00am-2.00pm

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm

Oasis Centre

## August

10.30am Sunday morning services  
**NO** Sunday evening services in August

### THURSDAY: 3 AUGUST

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 4.30pm-6.30pm

### SUNDAY: 6 AUGUST

**Communion Service** 10.30am

Elim Festival Review

### THURSDAY: 10 AUGUST

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 4.30pm-6.30pm

Elim Summer Central 7.30pm

### SATURDAY: 12 AUGUST

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service – Oasis Centre 4.30pm

### SUNDAY: 13 AUGUST

**Communion Service** 10.30am

'Passion for Justice' – Pastor Michael Reid

### THURSDAY: 17 AUGUST

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 4.30pm-6.30pm

Elim Summer Central 7.30pm

### SATURDAY: 19 AUGUST

Asian Fellowship – Oasis Centre 6.00pm

### SUNDAY: 20 AUGUST

**Communion Service** 10.30am

'Passion for the Lost'

### THURSDAY: 24 AUGUST

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 4.30pm-6.30pm

Elim Summer Central 7.30pm

### SATURDAY: 26 AUGUST

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service – Oasis Centre 4.30pm

### SUNDAY: 27 AUGUST

United Service 10.30am

followed by picnic in Greenhead Park (weather permitting)

**No King's Kids throughout August, though there will be a crèche corner at the back of church and we ask that parents/carers supervise their own children in this area.**

## Group Week

### SUNDAY: 23 JULY

**Communion Service** 10.30am

Passion for Serving – Pastor Mark Stone

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

**Evening Service** 6.30pm

### THURS 27 JULY-SATURDAY 5 AUGUST

Elim Festival

### FRIDAY: 28 JULY

Farsi Fellowship – Oasis Centre 2.00pm-3.00pm

### SATURDAY: 29 JULY

Amharic/Tigrinyan Service 4.30pm

Oasis Centre

### SUNDAY: 30 JULY

Communion Service – Grace Centre 10.30am

NO evening service

**History Makers over summer:** During July History Makers will be: 3-5s in the upstairs rooms U1 and U2; Years 1-6 at St John's Centre, *apart from* 16th July when 3-5s will be in U3, Years 1-4 in U1 & U2, Year 5 & 6 at St John's Centre (Year 6 with Word Up). History Makers will not be on during August.



## Volunteers Needed for Deliver Pregnancy Ministry!

Could you spare the time to make a meal once every few months for new parents or expanding families within the church?

Could you add a pregnant couple to your prayer list?

Deliver supports pregnant mums and their families by praying for them throughout their pregnancy and providing cooked meals after their baby has arrived. Good eh?! We're particularly looking for retired/semi retired people and grandparents, what wisdom you possess! Claire Harper and Cheryl Sharp are the people to contact on [contactdeliver@gmail.com](mailto:contactdeliver@gmail.com) or grab us in church.

If you are pregnant yourself and could do with some lifting up and feeding up, we'd love to hear from you! Email [contactdeliver@gmail.com](mailto:contactdeliver@gmail.com) or talk to Claire or Cheryl.

## Elim Summertime

The summer offers us an opportunity to break from the routine, and enjoy rest and hopefully sunny weather. **We will be going to one Sunday morning service at 10.30am during all of July and August.** This takes the pressure off our plans and rotas as people take well-earned holidays. We will return to two morning services in September.

During August **we will not have Sunday evening services throughout the month.** Instead we will have a mid-week service on Thursday evenings on 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> August called **Elim Summer Central.** This provides a great opportunity for fellowship, prayer, praise and study while small groups take a break.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August we will have a Church Picnic. Please bring a packed lunch and after the United Service join with us at Greenhead Park (weather permitting) for a great time of fun and fellowship.

## Volunteers required to help at ARK

Wednesdays (term-time)  
7.00pm-8.00pm  
Oasis Centre

Working with 7-11 year olds  
(DBS check required)

For more information please fill in a volunteer form, speak to Gecil William or Nicola Pogmore, or e-mail [admin@huddelim.org.uk](mailto:admin@huddelim.org.uk)



DON'T BE AFRAID GOD IS WITH YOU

# This is a safe place

Hello! We would like to introduce ourselves as the Safeguarding Team at Elim Pentecostal Church, Huddersfield. We want to take the opportunity to make you familiar with our roles so that you will know who you will need to see in different circumstances.



Natasha



Tom



Barbara



Nicola

**Natasha Jamieson – Safeguarding Coordinator**

**Tom Greensides – Deputy Safeguarding Coordinator**

**& Barbara Proctor**

Our role within church is to advise and deal with any safeguarding concerns and child protection issues as they arise. We will provide support to anyone who has any concerns. We will advise on good practice within our different ministries and provide safeguarding training so that all our volunteers are kept up-to-date with policies and procedures.

If you have any concerns or questions of a safeguarding matter, please can we ask that you come and speak to us so that we can help you.

**Nicola Pogmore – Lead Recruiter**

My role is to work alongside the rest of the team. It is my responsibility to deal with DBS checks and coordinate the volunteer process that we have in place. If you have a DBS form to complete, please come and see me in the church office and I will gladly assist you.

In order to ensure that we are providing a safe place for children and vulnerable adults **we need your help!**

**Your roles:**

- To bring in your DBS check once you have received it
- To be responsible for your own children when children's work is not taking place.
- To not allow your child/ren into Grace Centre's entrance area/foyer unaccompanied.
- To accompany your child (under 8 years) to the toilet.
- To not allow children to play on the stage, in the stairs or upstairs before or after the service.
- To not use physical punishment within church.
- To not wander into children's activities if you are not an approved children's worker.
- To recognise that you have a duty of care for health and safety, for example if there was a fire.
- To recognise your responsibility – if you see something that troubles you, you must act and report it to the safeguarding coordinators as soon as possible.

As you can see, keeping children and vulnerable adults doesn't happen by accident. Thank you for your support in making church a safer place for everyone.



## A New Day...

**In case you have missed it, I wanted to make sure you all knew about a major change to the worship group: I have now handed over leadership of the worship group to Ross Lander (applause please!).**

Ross has been my right-hand man for the last 12 years and has a vast amount of experience in leading, playing, co-ordinating and writing praise and worship songs. I have seen Ross grow a great deal in that time, and have given him more and more responsibility, so this is just the next step!

Putting his (annoyingly good) abilities aside, I know that Ross is mature in his faith, has a passion for worship and a deep commitment and calling to lead others in encountering God in worship.

As a worship team we all know that worship is bigger than singing, that we are called to bring our whole lives as a living sacrifice to God (Romans 12:1). Our goal on a Sunday is to let our lives of worship overflow together in such a way that Jesus is exalted, His presence is encountered, and His people are encouraged. When we do that together, making that our goal, amazing things can happen – people are drawn to Jesus and know that the God of heaven can be found on earth! It has been such a privilege to be part of this, and I am excited about all that God will do in this new season.

I will continue to fill in where needed and will also aim to invest more in my regional role supporting worship teams in the North East with Elim Sound, Elim's National worship resource.

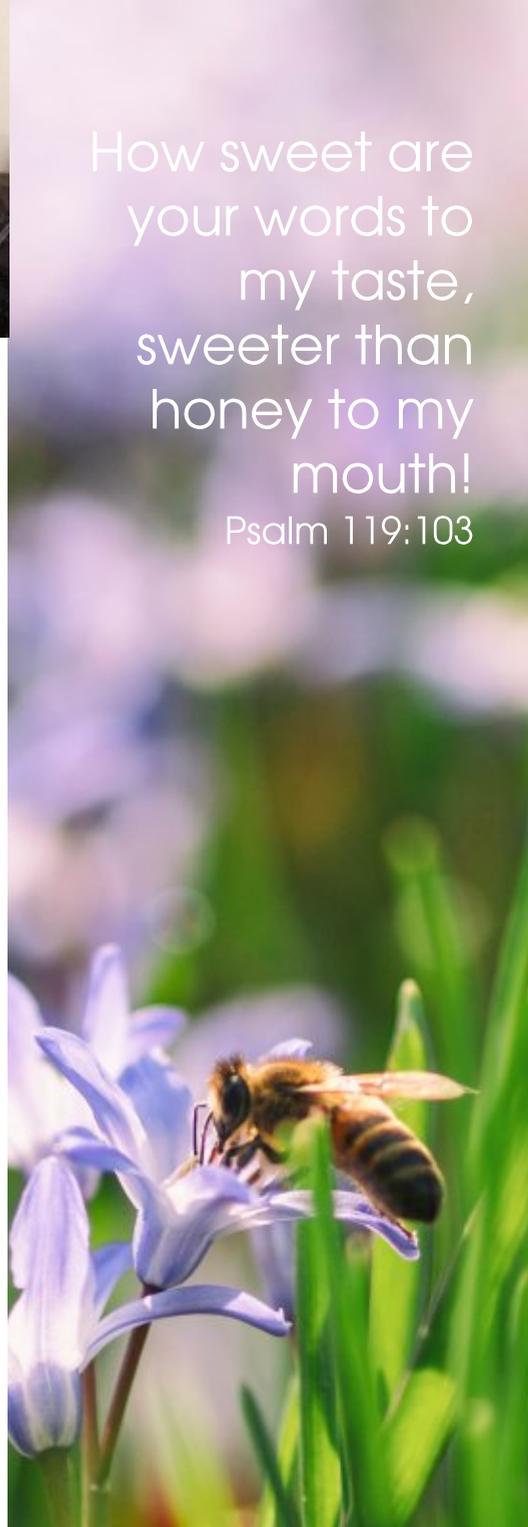
Thank you to everyone who has made this such a rewarding role.

Ross, it's over to you!

*Pastor Mark Stone*

How sweet are  
your words to  
my taste,  
sweeter than  
honey to my  
mouth!

Psalm 119:103





# Extended Prayer Ministry

## What is it?

Starting in September we are excited to be launching extended prayer ministry. This new ministry will provide a way of offering people an extended time of prayer support (up to several sessions, as required) to work through deeper life issues with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We are aiming to have a larger team that can minister longer term into people's needs, with a view to having a team in place in 2018 to strengthen the existing pastoral care available through our Restore Ministry.

## What does the training involve?

Training will take place on Thursday evenings, 7.30pm at Grace Centre, beginning Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September.

Topics covered by the training sessions will include:

- listening skills
- relationships
- boundaries
- confession
- forgiving others

## Who is it for?

You are encouraged to come along if:

- you have a passion to see people grow and develop into all God intended them to be
- you are already involved in an area of ministry in church where you are supporting and praying with people

## What do I do if I am interested?

If you would like further information or to be involved and can commit to the training please speak to Linda Daniel, Helen & Tim Cobham or Carol Reid or e-mail [admin@huddelim.org.uk](mailto:admin@huddelim.org.uk)

# 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.



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