

ELIM INGATESTONE
PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

7th March 2010



"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house." Matthew 5:13-15

Jesus likened His disciples to salt. They were to the world what salt is in everyday life: salt seasons food; it hinders the spread of corruption; it creates thirst; it brings out the flavour. So His followers add spice to human society, serve as a preservative, and make others long for righteousness.

If salt loses its flavour, how can its saltiness be restored? There is no way to restore the natural taste. once it has lost its flavour, salt has lost its value.

The disciple has one great function - to be the salt of the earth by living out the life of discipleship we see in the Beatitudes. If he fails to exhibit this spiritual reality, men will tread his testimony under their feet.

Jesus also calls Christians the light of the world. He spoke of Himself as "the light of the world" (John 8:12; 12:35, 36, 46). The relationship between these two statements is that Jesus is the source of light;

Changing our
world with
Christ, one
person a time.

Christians are the reflection of His light. Their function is to shine for Him just as the moon reflects the glory of the sun. The Christian is like a city that is set on a hill: it is elevated above its surroundings and it shines in the midst of darkness. Those whose lives exhibit the traits of Christ's teaching cannot be hidden. We should let our light so shine that as people see our good works, they will glorify our Father in heaven.

The winsomeness of lives in which Christ is seen speaks louder than the persuasion of words. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Go preach...and when necessary use words." Let's do it!

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or listen to recent
teaching on the web.

This Tuesday is the third of five stand-alone Ingatstone Churches Together Lent Meetings.

The format is a 15 minute introduction & worship followed by an hour of group discussion and then feed-back. Please do your best to come along - the evening starts with refreshments at 7.45 pm.



CHARITY CONCERT
MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA
7.30 pm SATURDAY
27th MARCH
From **GERSHWIN** to **PUCCINI**
With **Adam & Meg Moore (UK)**
& **Ciprian Droma (Romania)**
Tickets **£6 (see Ian)**

MOZAMBIQUE Please pray for the preparations for the team leaving for Mozambique, arriving in Tete on 2nd May leaving Quelimane 11th May. Jean & Brian H. together with Robin & Janet make the 4-strong team. This year, as well as building upon the ministry with the Wessels in Quelimane, the team will visit Elim missionaries (The Kane's) in Tete. Donations can be gift aided through the church clearly marked 'Mozambique.'

Second Sunday Lunch
1.15 pm 14th March
Shepherd's Pie/Chili Con Carne

Please add names to list
Our Building! (Adults £2.50)



In an email to a friend I wrote,
"lynches are still going well - the next is on 14th March" Did you know the letter 'y' is adjacent to 'u' on the keyboard!! Second Sunday Lynching is a good way to maintain the fear of God."

PRAYER CHAIN: While Brian & Heather are away (4th-12th March), Colin and Shirley have responsibility for the email and telephone prayer chains.

CLEARING AWAY: As a precaution, if it is wet please leave the slope to those with appropriate, safe footwear. Thank you for everyone who helps pack away & set up each week.

PRAYER & OUR ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Thank you to everyone who has prayer for direction for the church during the past week. As we approach our AFM (20th March) we need to know the will of God for the future so that we can plan and strategise.

If you feel that the Lord has spoken to you in a specific way then please speak to Kliff in the next couple of days.

Please do all you can to come to this year's AFM , 10 am 20th March, when will consider our priorities and the way ahead. This meeting will be critical as through it we will agree the plans for the future. We will also feed into this meeting the thoughts of the Community Contact Group which has been meeting in recent weeks.

If you can stay, french bread and soup will be served for lunch.

ELECTION 2010

CARE hopes the resources and information on www.makethecrosscount2010.net will help us to prepare for the forthcoming general election. At a time when many people have become disillusioned with politics CARE believe passionately that Christians have a role to play in our democracy and pray that many Christians and individual churches will be actively involved in our nation's political life.

We welcome Patrycja back with us after a holiday in Krakow, Poland. Please pray for Brian & Heather (Egypt), Julie & Ken (Harne Hill, Cirencester) and Ian & Carol (Statford-upon-Avon).

Thank you for the anonymous gift towards Symplice's airfare (the total cost is c. £1,000). Should you wish to give then simply please your marked gift in the offering.

Charlie & Judy moved home on Thursday their new telephone no. is 01702 464398 (address to follow).

Sandie reports that last quarter's Elim Missions Box receipts amounted to almost £240 for which we are very grateful.

ADAM & MEG

We are pleased to announce that Adam has formally accepted a full-time role with Chatswoth Baptist Church, West Norwood starting early April (youth & worship leader).

This will mean that Megs & Adam will no longer be available to help with teens. We are thankful for the help and encouragement they have given. Over the next two months we will be considering how to meet the needs of our young people - if you feel led to help then please speak to Ian.

@ Elim

Sun	09.30	Intercession: Mary
7th	10.00	Elim @ 10: Robin
	17.30	Fellowship Prayer
Tue:	14.00	Margaretting HF
	19.45	Third Lent Meeting @ URC House of Prayer/Den of Robbers Jesus Clears the Temple Mark 11:12-19
Wed:	20.00	Ingatestone 1 HF (see Edmund)
	20.00	Elders Meeting
Thu:	19.30	Hutton/ Billericay HF (Sandra's)
	19.45	Deacons Meeting
Sat:	11.00	No Strings Attached Prayer
Sun	09.30	Intercession: Open
14th	10.00	Elim @ 10: Mothering Sunday
	13.15	Second Sunday Lunch
	17.30	Fellowship Prayer

NEXT SUNDAY 14th MARCH MOTHERING SUNDAY

Tear Fund Sunday will be rescheduled to a Sunday in April.

We are pleased to accept Caroline, Keith & Linda, Lee & Jo and Henry into membership.

A team will be going to HMP Chelmsford to lead Chapel. Please pray for Terry, John Wagstaff, Esther, Olu & Funmi. If you would like to be considered to join the team, initially as an observer then please speak to Robin. It is an amazing ministry - why not ask the Lord?

"Following an unexpected amendment to the Civil Partnerships Act on March 2nd, CARE recognises that in line with religious freedoms churches should be free to conduct civil partnerships on their premises if they so wish. However, this religious freedom must be extended to those churches who would not wish to do so because of their beliefs about sexual morality. The Government must guarantee that in the future no church would be prosecuted for refusing to conduct such ceremonies. This amendment also has potential serious implications for the nature of marriage in this country and confuses the difference between religious and civil ceremonies." CARE 4 March 2010

Praise!

- That God our Father's desire is to change us into the likeness of His Son Jesus.
- For new people who have visited in recent weeks and those becoming members (14th March)
- Adam's new role in West Norwood and the provision of a house.
- The work of SASRA (Evangelism within the Armed Forces)
- The word brought to us by Mike Sherwood, reminded that the Eternal God can step into our lives in a moment!
- The opportunity for Ian teach in AES. Last week speaking to yr. 7 and yr. 11 classes.

Prayer!

- For the needs of those suffering as a result of the earthquake in Chile
- For our nation, righteousness ion Government, Godly policies, Christian participation and MP's of god's choice.
- For our elders, deacons, ministry team leaders, youth and children's workers and home fellowship leaders.
- For us to see a flow of people coming to faith in Christ. For next Sundays prison visit..
- Every believer to come into personal renewal with a resultant passion for Jesus and the over-flow of the fire of Holy Spirit.
- For the church to be committed to prevailing prayer and in particular for those who are yet to know Jesus.
- For the preparations for the team going to Mozambique (30 Apr to 12 May) and Romania (May 8-15)
- For Colin', Pastor Symplice, Sarah & John and for Terry & Sandra needing breakthroughs
- For Robin's MIT placement.
- For Kath Gladys, Dick, Mary D. and for Margy.
- For our schools, children & teachers in Ingatestone, Mountnessing and Margaretting and especially for the work of BSCWT.
- For IngatestoneChurchesTogether, and Churches in BADEF (Brentwood & District Evangelical Fellowship).
- For Ebenezer, John Bochian, Symplice, Pastor Frank (Ghana), Stella & William (USA), Tony & Johanna (Botswana), Eugene & Tina (Mozambique), Pete & Zanne (Roubaix) and Pastor Suresh (India), Pastor Sam (Uganda), Pastor Joseph (Toronto), Pastor Sam (California), Pastor Raz (Pakistan)
- For our Queen, Government, Opposition & all in authority. For the peace of Jerusalem.

We welcome you to Elim today and pray that the Lord blesses you in every way. May you find grace & strength from God's mighty hand. May your head be lifted and your heart filled with God's amazing love. If you need prayer, please speak to someone before you leave.



Saturday 17th April 2010 at 19.30

Tickets £5 per person

Maximum of 8 people per table

Bring own drinks and nibbles

All proceeds for Smiles Romania

Organisers - Susan & Sandie

(should be fun!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

Venue will depend on number-church or school



**Little Sparrows
Day Nursery**

Monday to Friday
8:15 am to 5:45 pm

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Pastor: Ian Moore 01277 355382
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Kliff Ho

Ministry Team Leaders

Mission/Evangelism

Robin Fenner

Small Groups/Discipleship

To Be Appointed

Prayer

Kliff Ho

Worship

To Be Appointed

Youth

Ian Moore

Social Action

Carol Moore

Administration/Finance

Susan Lee

Child Protection Coordinator

Jane Ho

Home Fellowships:

Ingatest'ne 1: Edmund
Ingatest'ne 2: Ian & Nathan
Billericay/Hutton: Susan McC/Terry
Margaretting: John & Mary
Ingatestone am: Carol/Jean

Deacons:

Emeritus: John Day
Building: Bryan Smith
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Prayer Chain: Heather & Brian
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