

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

The Gateway Elim Church has been enriched by ministry gifting to encourage and develop the people of God. Pastoral care is vital to us because we want to be there for you. Your first point of contact is your Life Group leader; however, via the Church office or on personal numbers upon request, the team is available.

- Pastors Marty & Rebeca
- Pastor Adam & Vanessa
- David & Denise
- Phil & Vera
- Alistair & Nadine
- Pastor Don & Doreen
- Pastor Jim & Margery
- Pastor Andrew

We are here to serve you.

LIFE GROUPS

Small groups form an important part of Church life at Gateway Elim. If you would like to attend, please speak with David or Denise Nicholas.



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



Parents & Tots
Every Tuesday
(term time)
10:00am - 11:30am
Little Blessings



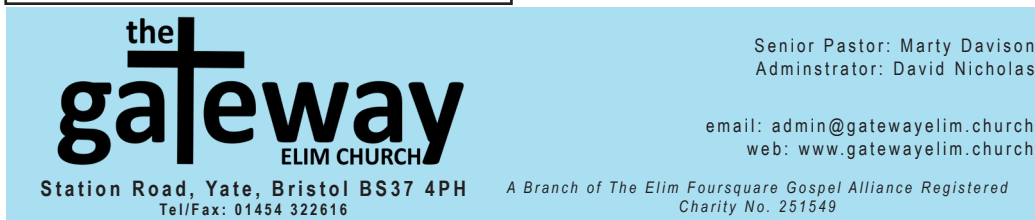
BITS 'N' BOBS
SATURDAY
10TH FEBRUARY
1:30PM - 3:30PM



gateway youth
See Programme for full details of what's on.
Watch Facebook for special messages



LIVE
Our Sunday Morning Meetings
(Preach Only) are being streamed
live on YouTube. Visit our
website for more details.



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the gateway ELIM CHURCH *Life*

To the Gateway family

February already! It has been an exciting start to the year as we are looking at Elim's vision for the next three years (VISION 20/20):

- Making and Maturing Disciples
- Growing more and more Leaders
- Planting, growing, Multiplying Churches
- Reaching Nations

Jesus' words ring in our ears 'Come follow me and I will make you fishers of men'. Jesus' words still ring out, come!

Come - be intimate, see how I live, see how I interact with those around me, see how I spend time with my Father, see how I deal with adversity, challenges, confrontation, sickness. The list is endless, the invite was to be in close relationship, literally so close that the dust of Jesus' feet would fall on his disciples.

Follow me - not just walking right behind, but imitate, copy, understand. Follow me, learn all that I know and be able to pass it on to the next generation.

Fishers of men - I will teach you how to bring people into relationship with me, I will teach you how to see people restored into a true and life giving relationship with their creator!

Truly, like produces after itself, healthy sheep produce healthy sheep, it's how God ordained it.

As we've been looking at disciples and discipleship, something really struck me. There were those who had an encounter with Jesus, often they came to Jesus in their need, they came hungry for themselves, or their children or their servants but it was fundamentally for 'their' need, or their desires. Jesus in His love and mercy. It says that he was moved by compassion. Jesus brought healing, brought deliverance, restoration and life. But there were those who didn't wait for Jesus or run to him to receive, there were those who walked with him, listened to him, sat at his feet. Those he taught, he sent out to preach the gospel, preach the truth with such a conviction and as they went, signs and wonders would follow.

How awesome to be a disciple of Jesus, how awesome to be called by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords to carry out his mission here on earth and make disciples.

Let's get dusty for Jesus! Let's get close to Him in our day to day, seeking His face, listening, and learning and then be ready in season and out to preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

Be of good cheer, there will be difficult times, there will be opposition, trials and tribulations, there will be set backs as the carnal nature manifests instead of the Holy Spirit, but in this we can be assured His steadfast love never fails and His mercy, that which we don't deserve, is new every morning. Praise God for his faithfulness.

As we go through the struggles, remember the analogy that a caterpillar must break its own way out of the cocoon so that it has the strength in its wings to fly. Keep on going, you're doing great.

Much Love

Pastors Marty and Rebeca