

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
13TH JANUARY
1:30PM - 3:30PM



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

A date for your diaries, don't miss ...

Annual General Meeting
28th January 2018 @ 5:30pm

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ELIM CHURCH

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ELIM CHURCH *Life*

To the Gateway family

Happy New Year!

As we continue on our journey together through reading the book of Acts and as I let His words permeate my heart there are always passages that come alive again or all of a sudden become more real. This week I was reading the story of Ananias and Sapphira, the conspirators! Withholding the full truth, deceiving what they thought was the people, the church, but Peter's words are clear, "You have not lied to men but to God." As we read on in Acts 5, v32 says, "And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given those who obey Him." (emphasis mine).

One of the things that I seem to keep on repeating lately is that we do want to be a purposeful Church but first and foremost we want to be a Presence-driven church, not just collectively but individually. Fundamentally, God's desire for us is to be in relationship with HIM, to get to know HIM better and better. And out of an ever-increasing depth of relationship with God, because we live a lifestyle of being in His presence, exploits come naturally, or better said supernatural comes naturally.

Last year the Davison family moved into their new house in Yate! Praise God. It didn't just happen overnight. Very soon after we arrived at Gateway, we, as a family, sat down and wrote out on paper the desires of our heart and also the practicalities of what we needed. We prayed and planned. We continued to revisit the page which months before, after prayer and in prayer we had written down, and kept lifting up the impossible before God.

I went to the bank to see what kind of mortgage I could get and that further drove us to our knees as the mountain didn't seem to go away but grew even bigger. Now as we look back we see how God answered our prayers, how God directed our steps and how He gave us favour.

A couple of things - nothing just happens! We have our part to play, write the vision down, make it clear!

If you want more this year, more out of life, more for your life, more in your life... the secret is simple... HIS PRESENCE... the Holy Spirit was given and still is given to those who obey Him. That's His will being done in your life not yours; that's submitting your plans to Him and letting Him guide you!

Seek Him first, seek His presence... not at church but at home, in your secret place and carry His presence with you wherever you go...including church.

Much Love

Pastors Marty and Rebeca