

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTORAL CARE

The Gateway Elim Church has been enriched by the 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.

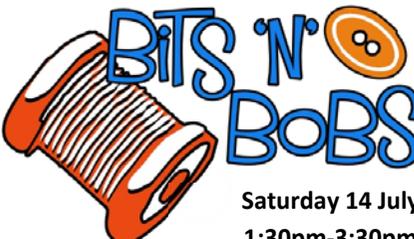
- Pastors Marty & Rebeca
- David & Denise
- Phil & Vera
- Alistair & Nadine
- Pastor Don & Doreen
- Pastor Jim & Margery
- Pastor Andrew

We are here to serve you.

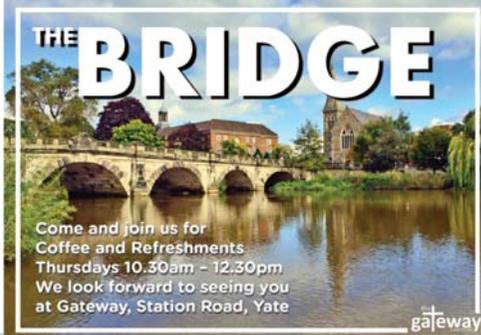
Life groups form an important part of Church life at Gateway.



Speak with David or Denise Nicholas to find out more.



Bits 'n' Bobs
Saturday 14 July
1:30pm-3:30pm



THE BRIDGE
Come and join us for Coffee and Refreshments
Thursdays 10.30am - 12.30pm
We look forward to seeing you at Gateway, Station Road, Yate



Little Blessings
Parents & Tots
Tuesdays 10:00am - 11:30am



KIDZ KLUB
School years 1-6. An action packed night with loads of fun, games & prizes



gateway youth
See programme for full details of what's on.
Watch social media for special messages.



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

Senior Pastor: Marty Davison
Administrator: David Nicholas

email: admin@gatewayelim.church
web: www.gatewayelim.church

A Branch of The Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance
Registered Charity No. 251549

the gateway
ELIM CHURCH

Station Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4PH
Tel: 01454 322616

the gateway
ELIM CHURCH

Life

To the Gateway family

"What's the Time?"

When you want to know the time, you look at your watch or your iPhone. When you want to know the 'times' we are in we go to our Bibles. We may know what time it is but do we understand the times we are now living in? There is a gem of an illustration of the importance of knowing 'the times' in 1 Chronicles Ch 12. At this time David was now King after a long journey of trials and tribulations and civil war with the followers of King Saul. The nation assembled at Hebron to install David as King over all the tribes of Israel. There was a march past of about a third of a million fighting men who were in submission to David and ready to fight for him. What a display it was! There was the loud jangling of weapons and armour as thousands of heavily armed men marched proudly past David but then there was a lull in the noise of weapons and armour as a small, very quiet group of men, numbering only a few hundred, marched past their King. They carried no weapons. They did not seem to be bringing much of a contribution to the military strength of the nation so what was it they were adding to the King's and the nation's might?

1 Chronicles 12:12 – "men from the tribe of Issachar – men who understood the times and knew what Israel should do" – what an indispensable contribution to David and the fledgling nation and how essential was their gift of understanding and knowledge to Israel at a time of major transition. Their contribution would not be as impressive as the 20,800 Ephraimites who preceded them in the parade but their contribution of wisdom and knowledge would have a much longer effect on the stability of Israel.

Understanding and knowledge – both are so important. Knowledge is the practical application of understanding and allows us to make the best use of that understanding so as to achieve the best results.

The Church, our nation and the world are all facing times of major change. Most of us prefer a settled and stable life to times of turbulent change but change is coming and we will not be able to avoid it. Our nation is quickly becoming secular and the pressure to remove all traces of Christian influence is increasing rapidly. Changes will be forced on Church and Christians that will radically change Church as we know it. So this is not a time for complacency or complaint but certainly a time for us to 'know the times' and learn to handle change with confidence and security. Our Pastor, Marty, is leading us through changes to our Life Groups. Changes are important so let's embrace them and get comfortable with the benefits the changes will bring. The 'joints' of Church life need plenty of oil to keep them lubricated and flexible to cope with today's challenges.

Much love
Pastor Jim Dick