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**CHURCH
NEWS**
April 2018

NEW DAY



Welcome!

Welcome to our April edition of CLC's church news!

If you are a visitor today, thank you for taking time out to be with us. We hope you will feel welcome and at home. After the service, please say "hi" at the **Connect Point** in the foyer. We would like to introduce ourselves properly to you and give you a welcome pack.

HOW CAN I CONNECT WITH CLC?

We would love to stay in touch, so why not complete a connect card found in the welcome pack and hand it in at the **Connect Point**. We will then text, call, or email you during the week to say "hello". You can also connect with us on facebook, instagram and twitter.

If you have any questions, or would like more information about what we do or what we believe at CLC, please also visit the Connect Point. We're here to help and have something for everyone.

For more information about our groups, activities, or events, please visit the calendar on our church website: www.weareclc.co.uk or visit Reception in the foyer.



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Who are you becoming?

If you could look in a mirror and - instead of seeing what you look like today - could see what you looked like in 10 years' time, what would you see? Who are we becoming? Some of us would see the resemblance of our parents, but would we see Jesus? Are we becoming more like Him and reflecting Jesus to the world around us?

2000 years ago, when Jesus invited Peter and Andrew to follow Him, He said, "Come follow me". But He didn't stop there. Jesus continued, "and I will make you...". Jesus invites us to follow Him but also promises to make us ready for the plans He has for our lives. We can't make ourselves; our role is to surrender to the Potter's hand and allow Him to mould and shape us, ready for His purpose. He will take all we have to offer, as He took Peter and Andrew, and will make us fishers of men.

That's what discipleship is: allowing Jesus to make us ready for His purpose. A disciple surrenders each day to the voice and hand of Jesus, who guides and moulds us into His likeness and purpose. Sometimes we don't recognise that Jesus is at work, because He often works through others. He sends that talkative work colleague at the moment when we don't have time to listen. He allows our colleague to get the promotion we know our boss had promised us. He prompts our life group leader to challenge us on our timekeeping. He reminds us to love a friend who has let us down again. It is often these moments that provide the greatest opportunity for Jesus to 'make us'; but these are often the hardest moments to surrender all and to trust in Jesus. In those moments will we surrender and trust? Will we allow Jesus to be Lord of our lives and surrender to His way?

Who are you becoming? Paul writes that we have been '*predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers*' (Romans 8:29).

Pastor Andy Boxall

SENIOR PASTOR



Easter Weekend 2018

Good Friday

Friday 30th March 7:30pm

As usual, on the Final Friday of the month, we will have a prayer meeting. On Good Friday, Pastor Andy will share a message on the cross and invite us to consecrate ourselves afresh to our Lord Jesus and surrender to His work in our lives.



Easter Sunday

Sunday 1st April 6:30pm

We have an opportunity for **baptisms** on Easter Sunday! If you would like to be baptised, please call the office to arrange a meeting with one of the pastors. We will have a baptismal class on Wednesday 25th March.

**Stay up-to-date and
connected with CLC**



Do you receive our weekly emails? If not, **we need your current email address.** To update your details (inc. phone number and address), please fill in a Connect Card in the foyer or call the church office on 0121 471 3677.

Our Monday e-news contains events for that week and updates in the life of our church. You can also stay connected online with others from our church through twitter and facebook @weareclc, where you can find daily devotionals, encouraging quotes, and you can participate in interesting discussions.

To see your information on our database and for the church calendar, etc, sign onto 'mychurchsuite' at: weareclc.churchsuite.co.uk



Discipleship

at CLC



Jesus said: *'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* (Matthew 28:19-20). These are the last recorded words that Jesus spoke before leaving earth, and have become known as the Great Commission. We, therefore, consider them to be Jesus' final instructions for our primary purpose on earth. At CLC we take this seriously and want to do all we can to become a 'disciple-making factory', but what is a disciple? From this verse, a disciple is baptised, is taught to follow the teaching of Jesus, and enjoys the company of Jesus every day as he/she goes and makes more disciples. In other words, we are not only called to be a disciple; we are called to make more disciples. Therefore, I believe a disciple has four important elements:

1. **Learns** from the teaching of Jesus
2. **Imitates** the life of Jesus
3. **Demonstrates** the character of Jesus
4. **Tells** the world the story of Jesus

Being a disciple is a personal decision and carries a personal responsibility. The church can't make disciples. Jesus calls individuals to take up their personal responsibility to be a disciple and a disciple maker. The church has two primary functions: firstly, it is the boot camp for disciple makers; the training ground to equip disciples for their frontline. Secondly, it is like a hospital; it is a place where the wounded can receive healing and strength before returning to their frontline. The church is never the destination, it is the sending centre: the place the church regularly gathers to worship and rest at the feet of Jesus, but also to receive His instructions for when we are scattered across the city on our frontline. At CLC we want to provide three spaces for you to receive equipping and healing: Sunday gatherings, Life groups, and opportunities to serve and put what you have learnt into practice. Therefore we believe it is vital that we all meet once a week to worship together. We also believe it is vital that we are all part of a life group, where we can be known and know others on a more personal level. A place where we can look after and care for each other, and receive more personal training, support, and encouragement. Finally, we believe that we all have a part to play, and can use our training and gifting to serve one another. I hope you've signed up to be a disciple and a disciple maker?

Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.'

- John 4:35

Mandatory Safeguarding Training

Saturday 28th April, 9.30am-1.30pm

Everyone working with under-18s and vulnerable adults will be required to attend this safeguarding training with Elim Churches.

You'll be hearing from your leaders (particularly in Children's work, CLCYouth, and The Ark) - please ask if you're not sure! If you're unable to be trained, we'll be unable to let you continue working with those who are vulnerable in our community. **To keep everyone safe, please do attend.**

Cost: **£1**. Address: Elim Life Church, 120 Warren Road, Kingstanding, B44 8QD.

We'll have transportation from church to drive over to Kingstanding together. To confirm that you're coming, please register at <http://bit.ly/2EUvr3g> or telephone the church office. Thanks!

Youth Plug-in Groups

Are you a parent of a teenager in CLCYouth? Have a look at www.weareclc.co.uk/youth/plugin to find a description of our midweek groups for 11-18s. Sign up for the summer term will be in the second week of the Easter holidays: **Sunday 8th April - Friday 13th**.

These groups are great for making friends, learning a new skill, or just having fun in the midst of the pressure of the school term.

Current groups: Dance, Bible Study, Football, Music, Baking.

Coming soon: Art/Photography, Coding.

Most groups are completely free!

Football and baking cost £1 per week to contribute towards the costs.

Social Night for all Kids workers!

Please join Sue and Simone for an evening of fun and food on Thursday 29th March in the City Room at the Church.

7.30pm-9pm.

Please let Sue know if you can come for catering purposes.

Thank you!



Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers in what you say, in the way you live, in your love, your faith, and your purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

MIKE PILAVACHI // GATHERING BAND

AMPLIFY

Saturday 31st March

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**Do you know anyone aged 11-18?
Friends? Children? Cousins?**

MIKE PILAVACHI (founder of Soul Survivor) is coming to speak at CLC on Saturday 31st March. He'll be speaking on the cross, particularly for those who aren't used to church.

We'll also have the **Gathering** Band, games, food, and glow paint.

We challenge you to buy tickets for teenagers you know (only £2!) and bring them to this awesome event hosted at our church.

youth@weareclc.co.uk

when: 7pm - 9.30pm (doors open 6.30pm)

where: Christian Life Church, Selly Oak, B29 6HW

tickets: £2 for 11-18s



50p tuck shop
+ hot dogs
glow paint
Play station
X-box/Wii
live band
young people from
across Birmingham

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**3 for 2
tickets
online**

• bring a friend
for free!



QUIZ night

- 1) HOW'S YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE?
 - 2) IS YOUR TEAM READY? (5 POINTS)
 - 3) MEET AT THE LIFE HOUSE
- AT 7.30PM ON FRIDAY 20TH APRIL

Students & Young Adults

If you are new to Birmingham and studying at a local university or college, welcome! Get in touch via email or Facebook to find out when our next events are and meet other students.

We have a monthly social and often pop to the pub together after church.

Next Movie night: Friday 18th May.

Life Groups for Students and Young Adults!

**Mondays, 7.30pm @ the Life House
or Thursdays, 7.30pm @ the Life House**

All 18-30s are welcome to join us at Students and Young Adults Life Groups for chats, prayer, and fun getting to know each other.



We also often do an outreach together, to show others Jesus' love.

Easter Outreach: Tues 27th March, meet at 6.45pm @the Life House



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Follow us on instagram!



@weareclcstudents

email: students@weareclc.co.uk



Join us for **Soaking Prayer** on Fridays at 11am-12 noon. This is a place of rest for your soul and encounter with the Living God. In our busy schedules, we often don't get time to be still and know that He is God. Come and spend just one hour in the presence of God to rest in Him. Open your heart to Him and give God room to speak or to fill you with His peace. Afterwards, we often fellowship together with refreshments.

Woman of Worth

All ladies are invited to our Ladies Life Group, 'Woman of Worth', which takes place in the Centre at 7.30pm.

Thursday 26th April

**Andrea Boxall,
Women's Ministry**



Prime Time

Prime Time are teaming up with **CAMEO** for a party on Thursday 19th April at 2-4pm @the Church! We'll serve refreshments and nibbles.

Cosy Toes

Cosy Toes will be closed for two weeks over the Easter Break and will reopen on Wednesday 18th April.

Sponsors Needed

Do you like meeting new people? Here's your opportunity: why not join our sponsors team? Currently we have a small team of people who are connecting and befriending new members of our CLC family during the week. Please contact Lynette Pienaar or the CLC office for more information or to join the team.

Jesus:
Who? Why? What?
The Christian message in a nutshell.



The **Christianity Explored** course journeys through the book of Mark in the Bible. We explore the answers to three questions: *Who is Jesus? Why did He come? What does it mean for us?* If you are interested in what it means to be called a follower of Jesus - also known as being a Christian - please join us for this relaxed and informal 7 week course. You don't need to know anything about the Bible and you can ask any question you want.

If you already know Jesus, why not invite a friend?

Start date: Wednesday 23rd May 2018, 7.30pm

Where: The Centre, 2-4 Frederick Road, B29 6PB

Volunteers needed: If you would like to be a course group leader (training would be provided) or provide baked treats over the 7 weeks, please contact Lynette Pienaar on 0121 471 3677 or at lynette.pienaar@weareclc.co.uk. See you there!

CAP

Christians Against Poverty's monthly prayer meeting for their clients and for breakthrough in our area is on Tuesday 10th April at 7.45pm at St Stephen's Church (Serpentine Rd, B29 7HU).



Worship Team

If you love Jesus, would like to serve in church, and play an instrument, we would love for you to join our team.

We would especially appreciate volunteers who can play a musical instrument.

We're also looking for more volunteers who would be able to help out on the audio-visual side (e.g. the sound desk or managing the display on screen).

Training will be available for audio-visual involvement.

Please speak to Michael Davis or Lynette Pienaar to arrange an audition or call the church office.

Dates for your diary

There are some exciting events coming up so please put the dates in your diary and start praying about who you can invite:



Conference Sunday

Sunday 3rd June
Guest Speaker Jarrod Cooper

International Sunday: date change

Sunday 1st July
9:00am, 11:15am, 6:30pm



Summer Family BBQ

Monday 27th August
Times and venue
to be confirmed



**NATIONAL
DAY OF PRAYER**

A powerful day of prayer and worship
to see our nation turn to Jesus.

Saturday 9th June 2018, 11am - 5pm

The International Convention Centre,
Broad St, Birmingham, B1 2EA

**Early bird tickets:
www.trumpetcall2018.eventbrite.com**

TRUMPET CALL 2018



Weekly Church Programme

TUESDAY

10.30am Daytime Life Group (CH)
10.00am Oasis Coffee Shop (LH)
7.30pm Life Groups

Venues:

CH: Church, 900 Bristol Road, Selly Oak
LH: Life House, 2-6 Frederick Road, Selly Oak
CE: The Centre, rear of 2 Frederick Road, Selly Oak

WEDNESDAY

9.30am Cosy Toes Toddler Group (CE)

THURSDAY

11.00am Drop-in Lounge (CE)
1.30pm CAMEO (CH)
7.30pm Worship Team (CH)

FRIDAY

6.30am Early Morning Prayer (CH)
9.30am Cosy Toes Toddler Group (CE)
11.00am Encounter soaking time (CH)
6.00pm Kidzone kids club (CE)

SUNDAY

9.00am Worship & Communion
incl: Children's programme (CH)
11.15am Worship Celebration
incl: Children's programme (CH)
11.15am Sunday Morning Youth (CE)
6:30pm Evening Service.
incl: Children's dance group (CH)



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