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WELCOME HOME

Church News - September 2018

Welcome home!

I'm excited about September, it already looks packed with new and the familiar things but before we get stuck in let me say, three things!

Firstly, "Welcome!" "Welcome home" to those returning after visiting family around the world, "welcome back" to those who have been on holiday and "welcome to the CLC family" if you have joined us over the summer. It is good to be together, to share our stories, deepen friendships and strengthen each other as we make Jesus famous in our city. At CLC we encourage everyone to choose and attend one of our three Sunday services 9:00am, 11:15am or 6:30pm, join a mid week life group and find a place to use your God-given abilities to serve Jesus. We believe these will help us follow Jesus and find the encouragement, support and friendship we need on the way.

Secondly, 'Thank you!' Thank you to all those who have worked so hard over the summer especially those who took our Young People to Limitless and organised our Family BBQ. For some the summer has been busy and we want to say a special thank you to David and Olivia Lezama, Seinde and Moji Balogun and the huge Limitless kitchen team. Thank you for all you have done this summer!

Thirdly, 'Pause!' We need to pause, stop and see what Jesus has to say to us at CLC. Every September we start with a week of prayer. It is essential that we take time to pray and ask King Jesus to be the loudest voice and our guide as we start the new academic year. For some this is a new beginning in a new class, school, college, university or job and we want to ask Jesus to help us be light and salt in the places we are called to be. We also want to pray for the many nations that are represented at CLC and to learn from each other about what God is doing around the world. Please look at your diary and see what you can move to make our Prayer Week a priority, we will meet every day at the Church at 6:30am, 11:00am and 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome.

Pastor Andy Boxall
SENIOR PASTOR



Opportunities

We believe everyone has a part to play in the life of CLC. The Bible likens the church to a body that only functions when each individual plays their part (1 Cor. 12:12-31).

Here are some of the ways you could get involved:

- Sunday reception
- Welcome team
- Car park stewards
- Sound engineers
- Audio visual operator
- Worship team
- Gardening
- Evening service setup team
- Reception at church office
- Foodbank
- Ark drop-in (Thursdays)
- Young adults
- Student's team
- Youth work
- Children's team



There are also some bigger roles that we are hoping to fill:

- Church book keeper
- Office receptionist
- Maintenance manager
- Health and safety officer
- Bookings coordinator



If you would like to use your talents and play your part, please email: office@weareclc.co.uk or call 0121 471 3677

September at a glance

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th September - Week of Prayer

Saturday 8th - Youth Team Meeting

Sunday 9th - CLC Youth begins

Monday 11th - Life Group Leaders Meeting

Wednesday 12th - Worship Team Meeting with Dave Wellington

Saturday 15th - She is Strong and Bournville Heritage Open Day

Tuesday 18th - New to following Jesus?

Monday 24th - Men's Gathering

Saturday 29th - Entwined Couples Night

Sunday 30th - Community Sunday

Photo's Summer 2018



NEW YOUTH AND STUDENTS WORKER

Introducing... Becca Hudson

I am very excited to be here at CLC. I'm originally from West Yorkshire (though I don't think that's obvious) where I lived for 18 years before moving to Chester to study Theology. After 3 years studying I got a job in Beeston (near Nottingham) as a 'Children's, Youth and Family worker'. After almost 2 years there I felt God call me on to something new. Which brings me here to CLC. I would consider myself to be an honest, happy, hard worker who loves a good cuppa (and yes Yorkshire tea is the best!). Throw in a biscuit and we'll be best mates for life.



Exciting dates coming up:

Saturday 8th: Youth team meeting 10-1pm (lunch provided) at the Centre.

Sunday 9th: CLC Youth begins!

We will be starting a new series in CLC Youth and it isn't one to miss. There will also be a new life group starting up for ages 17-18. More details to follow.

The Gathering is right around the corner. For those of you that don't know the Gathering is an event for young people up and down the country run by Limitless Elim. It's always a great opportunity to come together and worship and learn more about Jesus. We have decided that this year we will be going for just the day (Saturday 27th October). Cost and other information to follow soon.

Looking forward to getting to know you all.

Thanks for already making me feel so welcome.



WELCOME STUDENTS!

Welcome to all our new students, we can't wait to get to know you. Welcome back to the second and third years! We hope you had a restful summer.



FAMILY FORUM

by Joyce Sule

The family is the building block of society. This was set up by father God as a means whereby individuals are brought into the world, loved, cared for, protected, provided for, guided and supported to develop physically, emotionally and spiritually.



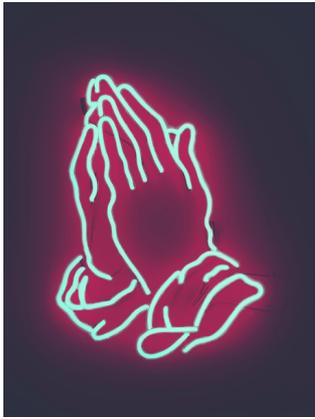
The home should be a safe haven for individuals to be free to be themselves and are accepted just as they are; a place to be told the honest truth in love and it will be gladly accepted for the purpose of encouragement and correction. Thereby offering a vibrant support system. An African saying goes 'it is easy to break a broom stick but not a whole broom'. If an individual is on their own it is easy for them to be destroyed by the storms of life unlike when there is a strong family support. Satan knows this that is why he comes to break homes to get individuals to stand alone.

God has given us our personal families and our homes. He is more than able to continue creating humans as he did Adam and Eve. But he chose to give us the glorious privilege and delight to partake in creation with him to bring forth after our own kind. This comes with the great responsibility to bring up these children in the love and fear of God in order to give to society godly and outstanding citizens. The nucleus family is to be for life to love cherish and protect its members until He takes them back to glory.



FAMILY FORUM CONTINUED

The body of Christ; the Church His bride is our eternal family which we have been blessed with here on earth and it will last for eternity. For this reason we have been commanded to love one another. We can fulfill this command only by His help. But also the bride of Christ will see tremendous growth, revival and blessings if our homes are at peace. For God commands a blessing where there is unity. We bring the blessings and riches of our personal lives to the Church. God will move mightily amongst us if our individual homes are moving in the right direction. This is therefore the purpose of the family forum and prayer for the family.



Prayer for the family:

1. Aims to stand in the gap for our homes-husbands, wives, children, in-laws and grandparents
2. Pray for the church as a family. Pray for our shepherds. Pray for the government, workplace and society.

The family forum is an avenue to meet other couples and encourage each other, supporting one another on basis of God's plan for our marriages. It is an opportunity to get to know other couples, develop friendships encourage support and cheer each other on in our journey on this hard but wonderful journey of married life. Apart from praying we have some exciting events coming up. Unless the Lord builds a city they labour in vain. See you there. Prayer for the family takes place every last Saturday of the month 4:30pm at the Life House. Furthermore, Family Forum will be launched on September 29th with Entwined Couples night!

ENTWINED COUPLES

On Saturday 29th September at Christian Life Church we are launching ENTWINED; the forum for married couples to encourage, support, draw strength and learn from each other's experiences. The aim is to invest in and strengthen our marriages and help us lay foundations for relationships built to last. It is a ticketed event and tickets are available on sale for 50 couples on a first come first served basis. Dress code: As if it were your first date (but no denim please). Tickets cost £25.00 per married couple.**

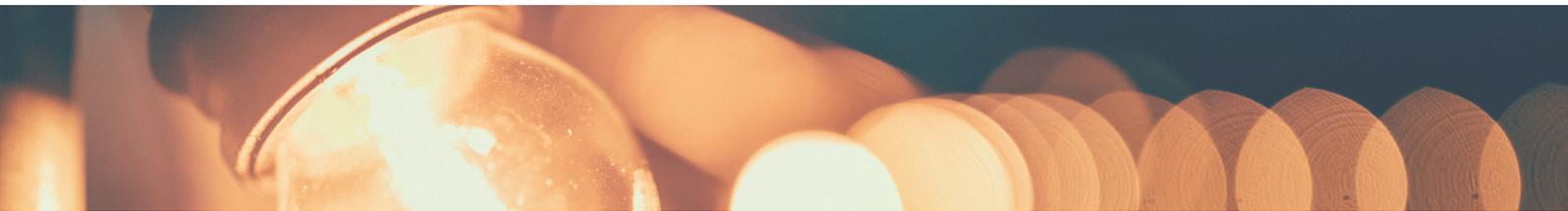
NEW CONSULTANT WORSHIP LEADER

Introducing... Dave Wellington

Dave and Liz are married with 3 adult children. Dave is a hugely experienced worship leader and an internationally published songwriter. He loves to encourage congregations into deeper worship and music teams into the excellence of their gifts and calling. He's also taught various aspects of Bible, theology and leadership up to degree level. Liz is a fantastic Maths teacher and Dave's most ardent

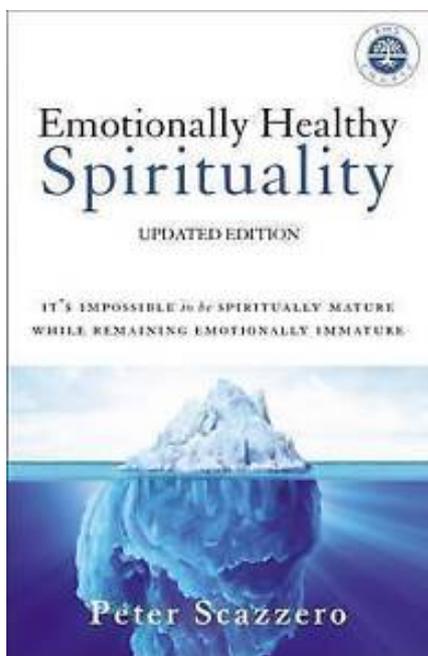


supporter and critic. Dave is one of the ministers at Cheltenham Elim Church and will be working alongside Michael, Andy and the worship team at CLC in a consulting role. You'll get to worship with Dave once a month (or more in the evenings).



Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Written by Peter and Geri Scazzero



Have you ever wondered why, even though you want to live differently, we often slip into the same old habits? Emotionally Healthy Spirituality explores why we struggle and calls us to discipleship that deeply changes our relationship with God. As a staff team we have been working through this book and found it incredibly helpful but also challenging. We have decided it should be the basis of a new teaching series in the autumn at CLC. To make the most of this series we would encourage you to read the book or get a copy of the handbook that goes alongside the course. This way we can make the most of this opportunity and learn some really helpful tips on building a healthy lifestyle and breaking some of those old habits!

ELIM SOUND CONFERENCE

The first ever national Elim Sound Conference is 2nd-3rd November 2018. Tickets are £30 for both days at Birmingham City Church. It would be great if as many of the worship team as possible could go! It is a chance to worship, to learn and to go deeper with God.



BAPTISMS *Sunday 11th November 6:30pm*

Baptism is one of the first steps followers of Jesus take. It is a step of obedience and a public declaration of our decision to follow Jesus. It demonstrates our decision to surrender all, to die to self and live each day for Jesus. It's always an exciting service as we hear the stories of those who have decided to be baptised, a great event to invite friends and family. If you would like to be baptised please complete a baptism request form at reception, speak to a Pastor or email the office and we will arrange a meeting.



healthy and growing and full of love. (Ephesians 4:16)

New to following Jesus?

Are you new to the Christian faith? Have you decided to follow Jesus in recent months? We would like to invite you to join us on Tuesday 18th September at 19:30pm in the city room (upstairs in the church). We will be exploring and journeying through the Bible together and looking at what it means to follow Jesus. It will also give you the opportunity to meet others who have started on this journey and ask questions. If you would like more information or are interested, please speak to Lynette Pienaar.

She is Strong with Leanne Mallet

Proverbs 31:25

Leanne is married to Darren and has two children, Abigail and Jack. Although originally from Cardiff, she is an executive pastor at Hope City Church Hereford. As the national leader for Aspire, Leanne's passion is to equip, encourage, and enable women to rise up in their giftings and callings.



*"She is clothed with strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future."*

15th September 2018 - 10:30-12:30 - £3.50

LIFE GROUP LEADERS MEETING

Life group leaders evening on the 11th September. Venue is the life house lounge, and time is 7:30 pm. It is a time of encouragement, prayer and to look ahead. Being a fresh season we also encourage church members to join a group if they are yet to. Life group is a very good place to meet and to know other members of CLC family, and to journey together in discipleship.

WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

Wednesday 12th September 7:30pm at the church

This meeting is for everyone serving on the worship team; musicians, technicians, singers and the youth. It will be an opportunity to meet Dave Wellington, who will be joining us on team for two days a week, to re-group and catch up after the summer and to look at the way forward for the team and the church. We would really appreciate your attendance as the information shared will be crucial for the direction we want to take.

Mark Greenwood
GUEST SPEAKER



The BiG Invite

Sunday 22nd October

9:00am, 11:15am and 6:30pm

Mark Greenwood is a gifted communicator and loves to introduce people to Jesus through his unique blend of story telling and humour. So this Sunday is our BiG Invite, we would like to invite as many people as possible to hear about Jesus. Whether they have heard many times, or never heard about Jesus, why not invite them to the BiG Invite. Don't forget, it's not easy to come to church for the first time so why not arrange to pick them up, travel with them on the bus or save a seat and meet them outside. At each service there will be an opportunity for people to get to know and follow Jesus. Please start to pray for this day and for who you can invite.

WEEK OF PRAYER// WEEK OF PRAYER// WEEK OF PRAYER//

We believe prayer is essential and underpins everything we do at CLC so can I encourage you to look at your schedule and move what you can to prioritise joining us to pray. Each day we will meet at 6:30am, 11:00am and 7:30pm and our theme is Prayer for the Nations. Recently we have realised many people who attend CLC carry burdens for their home nations. We have over 40 nations represented at CLC and if we want to be family we want to come alongside and stand together in prayer for home nations and to join together to pray for revival in Birmingham and beyond. Each evening we will hear about different nations and how we can pray and help carry each other's burdens to the Lord in prayer. This a week not to be missed.

WEEK OF PRAYER

Monday 3rd - Friday 7th September

ORDERING SERMONS ON CD

Please note that the procedure for ordering CDs has now changed. If you wish to order a CD of any sermon please give your order in at reception. They will need your name, date and time of sermon and £1 per CD. CDs must be paid for when ordering. There is also a CD sale. There are many CDs that have been copied and not collected and so they will be available for 50p at reception after each service.

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Gift Aid is a government scheme to help charities. The government will refund 25p on every £1 given to the charity. CLC is a charity, but we are only able to claim Gift Aid if individuals sign a declaration that you would like to join the scheme and pay tax in the UK. Once you have signed a declaration this is registered with HMRC via our head office and you will be assigned a number. This number enables us to accurately claim back the tax. It sounds complicated but it's a short and simple form and makes a HUGE difference to our income. If you've not completed a Gift Aid declaration please do, forms and envelopes can be picked up at reception.



BOURNVILLE HERITAGE OPEN DAY



10am - 4pm on Saturday 15th September

11 historic venues in Bournville are open for free.

For more information call 0121 472 0199,

email: sellymanor@bvt.org.uk or go to www.bvt.org.uk

COMMUNITY SUNDAY

At all three services on September 30th, we'll be celebrating the work of our social action teams - such as the Ark and Cosy toes who are finding ways to demonstrate Jesus ' love practically to people. Find out how you are already having an impact, some of our hopes for the future and how we can work together to help make Jesus famous in our community. At each service we will have a special food offering for our foodbank and invite everyone to bring one thing from our list of needed food items:

Sugar, Rice, Pasta sauce, Curry sauce, Long-life milk, Tinned beans, Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Tinned meals, Tinned soup, Tinned, vegetables, Tinned tomatoes, Desserts, JAM, Just-add-water dried meals (e.g. supernoodles etc.)

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MEN'S GATHERING

The next men's gathering at the Life House Lounge is Monday 24th September at 7:30 - 9:30pm. All men are welcome see Ricky Harris or Robert Hunter for more details.

Robin and No Mi Kung: Elim Missionaries in Myanmar

Remember Robin and No Mi? Robin spoke at CLC in May and told us how they were building a place for their church to meet, train leaders before sending them out to make disciples and a home for the many children they look after.

They are close to finishing but were running out of money and so the Elders decided to donate £3000 towards their building fund. They were so excited and sent some pictures of the work so far! Please pray they soon complete and move in.



New Elim Missions Director



Elim's National Leadership Team have chosen Iain Hesketh to be the new International Missions Director. Iain will be leaving Encounter Church (formerly Selly Oak Elim) on Sunday 23rd September. Please pray for Iain and Rachel and the team at Encounter Church through this transition.

Stay Connected with CLC



At Christian Life Church we want to invite you to everything. We don't want you to miss out on encountering God or making deeper friendships at an event simply because you didn't know. To help us keep in touch we use a database called ChurchSuite and from there we can email, text, and call you. This is also what we use for pastoral calls (for example, if you or your family members are ill) and to create rotas for those on teams.

However, with the Data laws changing (GDPR), we need your express consent again for us to continue holding your personal information (e.g. name/address/phone/email). We have a new Privacy Policy: www.weareclc.co.uk/privacy-policy. But if you don't respond, we will unfortunately need to delete your data, which will mean that you'll need to sign up again later.

Sounds like a lot of work, doesn't it? **We need your help!**

1. Please respond to the emails sent to the email address you provided us. It is easy to update your information and give consent for us to keep your data: just click on the link, and it'll help you with the rest.
2. If you didn't receive an email, please check your details at reception. You'll find a printed copy of your information to review and the opportunity to give your consent again.
3. If you don't think you're on our database but would like to be, please send our office an email with your name in the subject to: office@weareclc.co.uk or call 0121 471 3677.

We send an email every week, highlighting the events that week. There is also a calendar on our website: www.weareclc.co.uk where you can find out lots more information. We can be found on social media with @weareclc.

Hopefully you will never miss an invite again!

The CLC staff team.



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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, B29 6HW
LH: Life House, 4 Frederick Road, Selly Oak, B29 6PB
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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