







A Year of Blessings and Battles

The past year has been one of blessings and battles. As a church, we have continued to move forward and have seen God at work in amazing ways across all our congregations.

Celebrations and Growth

Over the past twelve months, we have celebrated 18 baptisms — each one a powerful testimony of lives transformed by the love and grace of Jesus.

We also launched our 1:30 p.m. Tamil Congregation, which has added new depth and diversity to our church family.

Our Bonfire Night and Easter Sunday celebrations once again drew hundreds of people from our local community, along with many other special events throughout the year that have helped us build relationships and share the message of hope.

A particular highlight was sending out our first mission team to Serbia, where those who took part grew deeply in faith and vision for what God can do beyond our own borders.

Leadership and Ministry Developments

This year brought several changes and exciting steps forward in leadership and ministry:

- Pauline Simpson retired from leading the Luncheon Club, and we are deeply thankful for her years of faithful service. Qin, assisted by Kay, has now taken on this important ministry.
- We launched a new 20s/30s Life Group, providing community and discipleship opportunities for a growing number of young adults.
- Many new faces have joined our ministry teams, strengthening our capacity to serve across all congregations.
- Michelle has overseen the launch and growth of our TLG Mentoring Project in a local school, which has gone from strength to strength in supporting children and families.

In terms of leadership structure, we began a process of restructuring and strengthening our leadership team after introduced our new local constitution:

- Steve Kettle joined the Eldership as a probationary elder.
- Shirley Allen and Alex Clarke were appointed as deacons.
- Ps. Min took on responsibility for overseeing the Burslem Congregation, while our 4 p.m. congregation has continued to flourish under the leadership of Ps. Praveen and Sweetie.

Vision and Future Planning

Together with our elders, deacons, and staff, we have been prayerfully developing our three-year vision and strategy, seeking to build on the strong foundations God has given us and to ask, "What's next?"

To support this, we have established three focus teams:

- Discipleship Team led by Ps. Jim and Malcolm Salt
- Developing Leaders Team led by Ps. Praveen and Steve Kettle
- Buildings Team led by Ps. Jim and Ps. Min

These teams are helping us to shape a framework for the future — how we raise leaders, grow disciples in a fast-changing world, and create spaces where God's plans can continue to unfold.

Finance

Financially, we have faced increasing costs over the past year due to inflation, higher staff costs, and rising National Insurance contributions. However, we are thankful that for the second consecutive year, we have broken even.

Our offerings have also increased, which has helped us to meet these growing costs. We want to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who gives so faithfully and generously across our church. Your giving enables ministry to continue and expand.

Challenges and Care

This year has not been without its challenges. We have lost several members of our church family, and many have experienced personal loss and grief. Others have faced health struggles, leading some to step back from roles they have faithfully held for many years.

Through it all, it has been inspiring to see how our church has come together as a family — supporting, praying for, and encouraging one another. This unity and love are a true reflection of Christ at work among us.

Looking Ahead

As we look to the year ahead, our focus is on consolidation and strengthening — continuing to build on what God has started.

We are:

- Exploring opportunities to bring more people into leadership, both in eldership and diaconate roles.
- Reviewing and streamlining our Life Groups to strengthen connection and discipleship.
- Continuing to invest in our next generation, developing our youth and children's ministries to equip future leaders.
- Engaging in ongoing discussions regarding the long-term future of our buildings, ensuring they serve our mission effectively.
- We are going to be pausing our Chinese congregation. As many of the attendees are based in the Trent Vale area and not Chinese, therefore, we are also exploring the possibility of re-launching this congregation in that area, potentially in mid-2026.

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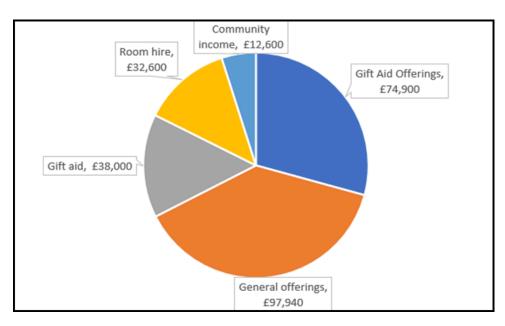
Finally, on behalf of the leadership team, we want to record our heartfelt thanks to all our church partners, volunteers, and ministry teams for your faithfulness, commitment, and hard work over the past year.

We give thanks to God for His continued goodness, provision, and presence among us — and we look forward with faith and expectation for all that He will do in the year to come.

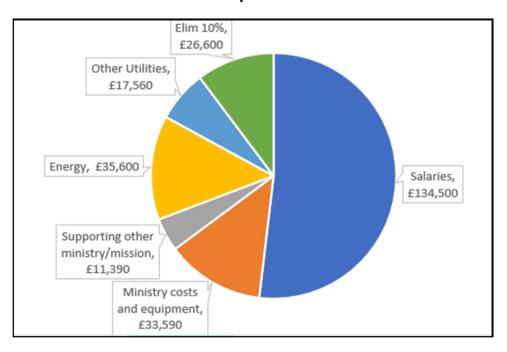




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Financial Update

Leadership Update:

• The leadership would like to formally present Steve Kettle to be a church elder. Our constitution requires a vote at our AGM and 50% majority in favour

Church and Vision Update

Buildings Update

Questions

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Cornerstone Elim church exists to:

'to raise up passionate and devoted followers of Jesus, who bring Jesus' hope and life to North Staffordshire, Stoke on trent and beyond.'

Our Mission is to:

to Make Disciples
Raise Leaders
Transform Communities
Grow and Plant Churches
Reach Nations





At the heart of everything we do is our shared mission to plant the gospel of Jesus Christ: in a relevant way; in individual lives and communities; making life-long disciples in the North Staffordshire and beyond.

A disciple is more than just a church attender; disciples are prepared to submit their lives to the call and cause of Christ. Embedded in every sphere of society, they seek to live out their commitment in a real way within their communities.

- Creating community groups where people can grow spirituality. This will take various shapes.
 - Prayer groups
 - Lifegroups
 - Bible study groups
- Create a culture of spiritual mothers and fathers, where everyone becomes a disciple while also becoming a disciple.
- Develop a pastoral care system that fits the 21st Century.





We are committed to training, developing, and supporting leaders across our church and beyond, seeking to develop servant leaders who are committed to working on behalf of others and have a positive contribution to make in wider community life.

We are excited when we see men and women serving God to their fullest potential, and individual growth is always in the stretch; it is rarely comfortable, but always retrospectively satisfying.

We want to raise leaders who shape the future that God desires to see in our church, community and world.

- Creating clear leadership structures and systems across the congregations (we achieved this in 2024/25)
- Develop our leadership program 'Impact360'.
- Aim to send one person to Bible College each year.
- Create opportunities for people to lead areas of the church.
- Identify future leaders and allocate them mentors.





We want to see God's hope and light shining into the darkest and broken parts of our communities.

We desire to see our local communities and neighbourhoods transformed, flourishing and with renewed hope. We aim to do this practically by meeting the needs that we are equipped to and also partnering with other community groups, churches and authorities wherever we can.

- Launching TLG school mentoring program (we achieved this in 2024/25)
- Moving beyond just responding to needs and address the root issues in our community.
 - o eventually exploring the possibly of Sure-start style support
 - Parent support groups
 - Mentoring young people with challenges in schools.
 - Explore the launching a nursery inline with a new building.
 - Adult literacy and numeracy classes
 - Back to work classes
 - Basic budgeting and home economics
- Relaunching Youth Outreach.
- Creating affordable space and units for entrepreneurs in the community.





We are fully committed to our shared task of making the gospel of Jesus Christ known in individual lives and communities.

We aim to facilitate the Elim movement's ever-increasing and effective planting of churches worldwide.

As a local church, we aim to do this by partnering with other churches to launch fresh expressions of church in the towns and communities around North Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent and beyond that do not have a Pentecostal witness.

- Identifying and moving to a larger church building as a thriving central hub.
- We will eventually launch two Sunday morning services. This gradual approach acknowledges that with an increased congregation will come more volunteers and musicians to facilitate two services.
- In addition to strengthening our central hub, we need to also commit to looking at planting churches in underserved areas, especially those areas where people are more than 15 minutes from a charismatic congregation. This endeavor aligns with our mission of sharing our faith with those who lack access to charismatic or Pentecostal church in their area.





The Elim Movement aims to be an international disciple-making movement with strategies for church planting and leadership development in every nation.

We will support this through our continued focus on supporting (and eventually sending) missionaries and the promotion of the Church in the UK and overseas.

As a local church in North Staffordshire, we aim to continue to develop ways to reach out and connect with the diverse nationalities that reside in our area.

- Continuing to build our relationships with our partners in Serbia, India, zimbabwe.
- Each year seek to send one mission team to our partner organizations.
- Develop plans to reach the unreached nationalities in our community.





Our AGM will be on 16th November 2025 at 6 p.m.

If you are a church partner (member) and you have a question you would like to raise for the AGM. Please email:

Malcolm@cornerstoneelimchurch.co.uk by no later than 3rd

November.

If you would like to become a partner, please go to www.elim.family/partnership to find out more.