

# Life News

Real Faith for Real Life

## Leaders Letter

FROM PASTOR DAVID

Dear Church,

The other Sunday, I preached on the prophet Elisha praying in 2 Kings 6:17 *"Lord I pray open his eyes that he may see"* about his servant. Elisha could see into the spiritual world and was aware of the great army of the Lord surrounding them and protecting them, but his servant could not see. In Acts 9:17 Annanias goes to the apostle Paul who has been struck with blindness on the road to Damascus saying *"the Lord Jesus...has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit"* in both these incidents we see men having their eyes opened by the power of God. In a sense we are all blind to certain things, our vision is impaired. The author Paul Tripp writes of his friend George who was blind. He says even though he is blind, in many ways he can see clearly because the eyes of his heart have been opened by the Lord Jesus and he has determined to live his life to the utmost. To live his physical life, he has invited as many people into his life to assist him where he needs help and is bravely confronting his situation and living a life of bravery and accomplishment. To do this however he has had to accept his limitations and not live a life of denial.

We also must accept that we are partially sighted and blinded by our own shortcomings and we are blinded to the glory of God that surrounds us everyday. Like this man we must invite others around us to help us with our blind spots, and to point out and support us in the areas where we cannot see clearly.

This year it is my prayer that we may live transparent lives and make any adjustments necessary so we can fully see the purposes and power of God for our lives and our church.

May God richly bless you

*David*

## Life Diary

Sunday Worship (on Zoom)

21 FEBRUARY @ 10:30 AM

Bible Study (on Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 24 FEB. @ 19:30

Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

THURSDAY 25 FEB.  
@19:00 - 19:30

**ALPHA Sunday Worship**  
(on Zoom)

28 FEBRUARY @ 10:30 AM

ALPHA Training (on Zoom)

WEDNESDAY 03 MAR. @ 19:30

Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

THURSDAY 04 MAR.  
@19:00 - 19:30

## Notices

**Life Church bids a fond farewell to Theo & Mary who've moved on to a new church in Billeracy. We thank them for their love, support and fellowship. Please pray for God's continued blessing on them and that they will accomplish His purposes in this new season of their lives.**

## Be Encouraged...

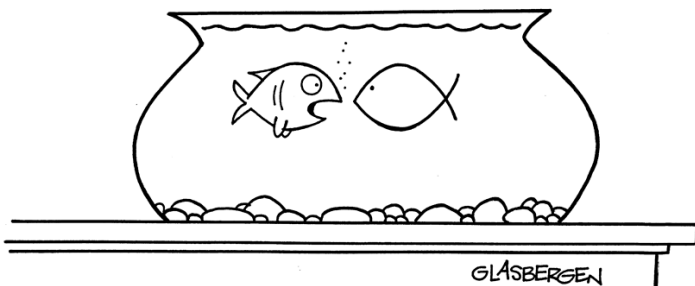
*'For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.....'* 2 Timothy 1:7

*Shared by Edna Law. Edna says 'When you are frightened God is who you turn to.'*



### Statement from the ELIM National Leadership Team regarding Covid-19 vaccination

**Whilst respecting that receiving a Covid-19 vaccine is an issue of individual conscience, the Elim National Leadership Team views the provision of current coronavirus vaccines as an answer to prayer and an extension of God's common grace. We recognise that some believers have expressed concerns about the Covid-19 vaccination programme and we do not wish to minimise these convictions. That said, we would highlight the need to seek good sources in light of the prevalence of misinformation that is currently circulating and advise you not to neglect the specific advice of your medical professionals. For our part, having weighed the ethical considerations and the risk to life, we see no moral objection for Christians to accept a vaccine against Covid-19, which has devastated so many. We regard vaccination as one of the best ways to control the pandemic, lessen the pressure on the NHS, save lives and ultimately express our Christian duty of loving one's neighbour and protecting the vulnerable.**



"Can't we talk about something besides religion for a change?"

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**Alpha Online at Life Church**  
**Starts 21 April / Wednesday 19:30**

### Prayer Focus ...

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. **Matt 18:19**



- **All Life Church members** - especially those without Zoom. Including David and Lynette
- **Thanks for vaccinations** - pray that everybody will accept it and that it will be a means out of crisis
- **Hospital, School and Supermarket Staff** and all who have worked throughout the year and are exhausted physically, mentally and emotionally.
- **People who are mourning**, frustrated, cannot see loved ones, waiting for operations and treatment.
- **Holy Spirit to sweep through Epping**, England and the world that through this awful time people will turn to God.
- **Government** and wisdom in their decision making

**In Jesus Christs Name. Amen.**

*Prayer Focus by Irene Bass*