

## **SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES**

10:30am @ Boston Centre Stage (Communion fortnightly)

### **GIVING IN NOVEMBER**

Tithes & Offerings: £2905.45 (provisional)

### **EXTRA INFORMATION**

Street Evangelism - Fridays 9:30am-11am

Meet at Elim Chapel @ 9:30am

Family Christmas Service - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am

@ Boston Centre Stage

Carols by Candlelight (Menai Brass Band) - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm

@ Elim Chapel

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MONTH AT A GLANCE - December 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>
Service 10:30am @ BCS Communion	Prayer Meeting 7pm	Young @ Heart 2pm		Life Groups	Evangelism 9:30am	<b>Leaders' Meeting</b> Gary Gibbs
8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
Service 10:30am @ BCS Gary Gibbs	Prayer Meeting 7pm			Life Groups	Evangelism 9:30am	
15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>
Family Christmas Service 10:30am @ BCS Chapel Carol Service 6:30pm	Prayer Meeting 7pm			Life Groups	Evangelism 9:30am	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	23 <sup>rd</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	25 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>	27 <sup>th</sup>	28 <sup>th</sup>
Service 10:30am @ BCS Communion	Prayer Meeting 7pm		Christmas Day Service 10:30am @ St. David's			
29 <sup>th</sup> Service 10:30am @ BCS	30 <sup>th</sup> Prayer Meeting 7pm	31 <sup>st</sup>			BCS = Boston Centre Stage (Boston Street) All meetings held at Elim Chapel on Thomas Street, unless otherwise stated. HSEN = Holy Spirit Encounter Night (monthly)	



# Church News

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# THOUGHTS FOR THE MONTH

Christmas is a time when families often gather together. These times may remind us that some of our family are no longer following Jesus, or are not yet followers of Jesus. With this in mind, I hope the following encourages you this Christmas.

This week I witnessed an unusual sight. While driving down the slip road into Holyhead on my way home from Valley, I noticed a van pulled over on the side of the road with some men gathered around. Looking closer, I saw that they were attempting to herd a large woolly sheep off the road! The sheep must have wandered away from the fold in the nearby fields, close to Treaddur Bay.

As I watched, I wondered if God wanted to speak to me through this unusual scene. I didn't hear the audible voice of God speaking to me, but I did get a clear sense that He was asking me this question - "If the sheep leaves the fold does it cease to be a sheep?" In response, I thought - "No, it's still a sheep; only lost."

The sight of the men rescuing the lost sheep on the road, encouraged me. The sheep was obviously confused, or maybe the wool had grown over his eyes and he couldn't see where he was going! The scene reminded me of the parable of The Lost Sheep in Matthew 18 and Luke 15. In the same way, Jesus is the good shepherd and dearly loves those who have wandered off; they are still his sheep, only lost. These sheep may have wandered off because they found a hole in the fence and wanted to see if the grass was greener on the other side, or maybe they wandered off because of a past hurt. Whatever the reason, the point is God loves lost sheep!

So let's not give in to fear regards those in our families who we love and pray for, who are not currently following Jesus. They haven't ceased to be God's beloved sheep. Jesus will go after them, bring them back into the fold and take care of them so that they "shall not want" (Psalm 23).

## COMING UP...

GARY GIBBS ~ Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December Director of REACH - Elim's evangelism & church planting department

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

FAMILY CHRISTMAS SERVICE ~ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am @ BCS BRASS BAND CAROL SERVICE ~ Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 6:30pm @ Elim Chapel CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE ~ Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10:30am @ St Davids

# **Elim Directions Magazine**

Available for £2 monthly. Speak to Paul Taylor to purchase a monthly copy (minimum 3 months)

### Pastor on WEDNESDAYS

Gus & Keren have changed their day off from Tuesday to WEDNESDAY. If you have an urgent matter on a Thursday, please contact Gwil Williams.

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"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

**Pastor Gus & Keren Coney** 

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