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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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WELCOME



A very special welcome to our Ordination Service, especially to the family and friends of our Ordinands. Today represents a milestone in the journey of all those being ordained. From the first moment they began to be aware of God calling them to serve Him, with the many and varied aspects of their personalities, gifts and passions, they have each witnessed that calling being shaped and demonstrated in so many individual ways. We are here to rejoice with them in this celebration moment today.

Christian ministry is a huge privilege and a great responsibility. It can bring much joy and fulfilment as well as great challenge. Yet each of our ordinands today have given themselves to make full proof of the ministry and calling in their lives. Each has undertaken training

and served in local churches or as chaplains, evangelists, missionaries or church planters and will rightly appreciate the recognition today of their peers, those they have been serving and leading and of course their friends and family.

Our service is designed to give thanks to God who we recognise first of all gave each of us a wonderful gift of new life in His Son Jesus, but who also calls us to work with Him in spreading the good news and hope of His gift of salvation. You may not be a follower of Jesus but will, we hope, be curious enough to explore the truth we have found in Him that has forever changed our lives and eternal future. We do pray that the service we share in will be something very special for you as it will for those being ordained.

So as each of our ordinands make a pledge today at the culmination of our service, we invite you to join us in committing our lives afresh to the great commission of Jesus and to the transformation of our communities in all their diversity and need.

Chris Cartwright

Elim General Superintendent

'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

LUKE 4:18-19

ORDINATION PLEDGE

CHARGE TO MINISTERS:

All Christians are called to make Jesus Christ known as Saviour and Lord of all people, but you are being set apart in a particular way as a servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are to keep the Good Shepherd always before you as the pattern of your calling as you proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to all. You are to shepherd, teach, and proclaim afresh, the faith that comes to us from the Apostles as recorded in Holy Scripture.

As the duly appointed representative of the Elim Pentecostal Church and as your colleague in Christ, I put to you the following challenges and request your public response.

1. Recognising its high and holy call, do you believe that you are truly called to the Christian Ministry?
2. Valuing the privilege and responsibility of Christian ministry, do you dedicate your time and talents to serving the people of all ages committed to your charge and to reaching the communities among whom you will minister with the Gospel?
3. The Church is the People of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit. Will you endeavour to promote unity, peace, and love among those you serve?
4. Believing that the Holy Scriptures, the inspired Word of God, are sufficient in all matters of teaching, doctrine, good conduct, and discipleship, will you be a diligent Minister and Teacher of the Word of God? Will you devote yourself to prayer and the study of it? Will you, with your household, order your life in accordance with the teachings of Scripture?
5. Will you develop this calling to ministry through prayer and training, growing in competence and stature as a Christian Minister?
6. Do you affirm loyalty to Christ's Church, and particularly to the Elim Pentecostal Church, subscribing without reservation to its foundational truths and submitting to its Constitution and its discipline? Will you lead by encouragement and example? Do you pledge faithfulness in prayer, preparation, and a lifestyle consistent with Christian ministry?
7. Recognising a commitment to Elim nationally beyond the local church or personal ministry, do you commit to fully participate in all that is required of a Minister at regional and national level and to promote the vision and values of the Elim movement? Will you accept the discipline of Elim and give due respect to those set-in authority over you?
8. You cannot fulfil this ministry in your own strength. May the Lord who has given you the will to undertake this work, give you also the strength and power to perform it. Welcoming the Holy Spirit's empowering for ministry, do you commit to continual dependence upon His guidance, anointing and fullness?

ORDINANDS



DANIEL ADAMS

Dan and his wife Lianne have two daughters, Lucy and Chloe. Dan's home church was CLC Selly Oak before he studied at Regents Theological College. In June 2018 he graduated from RTC with a BA (Hons) in Applied Theology and was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the Malvern Hills church where he served until September 2019 when he moved to join the team at Lifehouse Worcester. He was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and continues his ministry in Worcester.



OLIVER ANDOH-KESSON

Oliver is married to Annabella and has two children, Kharis and Eldrick. Following study at Birmingham Christian College Oliver recently graduated with a BA (Hons) in Theology. Upon the request of Church of Pentecost UK, having served in COP UK churches in the Northampton area for a number of years, Oliver was accepted as a Minister in Training in October 2018 and subsequently as an Elim Network/ECI Minister in November 2021.



ELIJAH ASARE-BEDIAKO

Elijah is married to Emma and has 3 children - Emmanuel, Betty and Priscilla. He recently graduated from Newman University Birmingham with a BA (Hons) in Theology. Elijah has served in a number of Church of Pentecost UK churches including the Camberwell Assembly and the James McKeown PIWC in London, and at the request of COP UK he was accepted as a Minister in Training in October 2018 and in November 2021 became an Elim Network/ECI Minister.



FAYE BENTHAM

After undertaking a YWAM Discipleship Course, Faye felt God's call to return to her home church in Barmouth. After serving there for a number of years, she was accepted as a Minister in Training in March 2019 and as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022. Faye and her husband Matthew have two children Lilyella and Jenson and she continues her ministry in Barmouth.



JASON BROWN

Jason and his wife Steff have two children, Bay and Ocean, and another baby due any day now. After training at Westminster Theological College, Jason was accepted as a Minister in Training in June 2018 and appointed to continue his ministry on team in Stafford. In September 2020 he was stationed to his current ministry role on team at Birmingham South CLC. He was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and will shortly take up a new team ministry position in Wells, Somerset.



GARETH CARROTHERS

Gareth is married to Charlotte. Having graduated from Belfast Bible College with a BTh in 2017, he was already on team in Enniskillen when he was accepted as a Minister in Training in September 2018. He was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and continues to serve in Enniskillen.



JORDAN CHRISTIAN

Jordan's home church is Birmingham City Church and he is married to Nitasha. He studied at Redcliffe College before graduating with a Diploma in Applied Theology in Inter-Cultural Contexts. In November 2018 he was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to his current role on team at BCC, subsequently being accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022.



SAM COLLINSON

Sam graduated from Regents Theological College in 2013 with a BA (Hons) in Applied Theology. He met his wife Hannah at RTC and they now have a daughter, Faith. In December 2018 Sam was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to OneChurch Norwich. In May 2022 he was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve as Lead Pastor of OneChurch Norwich.



CATHERINE DE SOUZA

Catherine is married to Dominic (also an Elim Minister) and they have two daughters, Ariella and Apphia. After completing the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents Theological College, Catherine was accepted as a Minister in Training in March 2019 and appointed to continue to co-lead One Church, Norwich along with Dominic. In July of that year they moved to City Church Cardiff. Catherine was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and she and Dominic continue to lead City Church Cardiff together.



CHRIS DRURY

Chris is married to Lynette and he has four children, Benjamin, Olivia, Esther and Timothy. Chris was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to join the team in his home church in Lancaster in April 2020. He ministered there until he was appointed to Burton-Upon-Trent in April this year. Chris was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and continues to serve as Lead Pastor of the Burton-Upon-Trent church.



VICTORIA FAGG

Victoria and her husband Mike have three children, Robyn, Louis and Izzie. Having studied on the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents Theological College Victoria was accepted as a Minister in Training in March 2019. She was appointed to the team of her home church in Broadstairs, ministering there until February 2021 when she commenced Reset, a pioneer church in Ramsgate. Victoria was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and continues to lead Reset in Ramsgate.



JASON J HERON

After graduating from Regents Theological College with a BA (Hons) in Applied Theology in 2017, Jason, who is the son of Elim Ministers Jason and Lynda Heron, was accepted as a Minister in Training in September 2017 and appointed to the team in Letchworth Garden City. He served there until September 2020 when the arrival of their very premature baby daughter, Noah, meant Jason needed to take a few months out to support her and his wife, Emily. In May 2021, with Noah doing well, Jason felt able to recommence his ministry and was appointed to the Sheffield church. In May 2022 he was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve as Lead pastor in Sheffield Central.



LYNDA HERON

Lynda is married to Jason (an Elim Minister) and has three married children, Callum, Beki (Nicholls) and Jason J. Beki and Jason J are also Elim ministers, Beki in Luton and Jason J in Sheffield Central. Having completed the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents Theological College, Lynda was accepted as a Minister in Training in September 2018 and appointed to continue serving alongside her husband Jason in Northampton. In May 2022 she was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve alongside her husband in Northampton.



SARAH HINGLEY

Sarah's home church was Elim Life Church, Kingstanding, Birmingham where, following a career as a geography teacher, she was involved in various ministries before studying on the School of Ministry at Regents Theological College. In March 2019 Sarah was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team of her home church. In May 2022 she was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve on the ministry team in Kingstanding.



REBECCA HUDSON

After graduating from Chester University with a BA (Hons) in Theology, Becca, who is the daughter of Paul and Greta Hudson, took up the position of youth worker at Beeston Elim Church in 2016. She continued in that role until she was accepted as a Minister in Training in August 2018 and appointed to the team at Birmingham South CLC. In May 2022 Becca was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and she continues to serve on team at Birmingham South CLC.



RICHARD KEELER

Richard and his wife Colette have two sons, Toby and Arlo, and he graduated from the London School of Theology with a BA (Hons) in 2021. Richard was already on the team of Thundersley Congregational Church (a recently accepted Elim Network church) when he was accepted as a Minister in Training in September 2018. In November 2021 Richard was accepted as an Elim Network/ECI Minister and he continues to serve on the ministry team at Thundersley.



DAVID PARFITT

David holds a BTh (Oxford) and an MA Missiology (Bristol) and served as an Ordained Vicar with the Church of Wales for approximately 20 years before relinquishing his credentials with them in 2015. Having been a member of City Church Cardiff for some time, David was appointed by the local church as their Director of Pastoral Care in 2020. He was accepted as a Minister in Training in March 2021 and accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and he continues to serve on the ministry team of City Church Cardiff.



BENJAMIN RYAN

Ben's home church was CLC St Helens before studying at Regents Theological College. He and his wife Laura have three daughters, Arabella, Ebony and Rosie. After graduating with a BA in Applied Theology in 2012, Ben returned to St Helens, serving there for a number of years. In February 2019 he was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to Telford where he ministered until moving to join the team in Living Waters, Chorley in November 2020. In May 2022 Ben was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and he continues to serve on the ministry team in Chorley.



MICHAEL RYDER

Mike is married to Julie and they have two children, Chloe and Eddie. Mike graduated from Mathersey Hall with a BA Hons in Biblical Studies and Theology in 2016. He then continued his studies at Regents Theological College graduating with an MA in Applied Theology in 2019. He was accepted as a Minister in Training in November 2018 and appointed to the team of his home church in Warrington. In May 2022 Mike was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and he continues to serve on the ministry team in Warrington.



JOEL SINGLETON

Joel is married to Sarah who he met while studying at Regents Theological College. He graduated from RTC in June 2018 and in November of that year was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team in Hereford where he served until his recent appointment to the Christian Broadcasting Network where he will head up their Church Partnerships. As he is no longer stationed to the team of an Alliance church, Joel was accepted as an Elim Network/ECI Minister in March 2022 and continues his ministry with CBN.



DAVID TURNER

David and his wife Beth have two sons, Reuben and Judah. He graduated from the London School of Theology in 2020 with a BA (Hons) in Theological Studies. He was already on team at Thundersley Congregational Church (a recently accepted Elim Network church) when he was accepted as a Minister in Training in September 2018. In November 2021 he was accepted as an Elim Network/ECI Minister and continues to serve on the ministry team at Thundersley.



NICOLA WILKINSON

Having undertaken a number of studies at IBTI and Gateway MTC in BC Canada, Nicky was accepted as a Minister in Training in April 2018 and appointed to her home church in Dewsbury where she served until being stationed to Knottingley in September 2020, and then to the team in Huddersfield in September 2021. She was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2022 and continues to serve on the ministry team in Huddersfield.

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



SPEAKER

DOMINIC DE SOUZA

Dominic has been a member of the National Leadership Team since 2018. Having previously ministered in Elim churches in London (Kensington Temple), Letchworth Garden City and Norwich, Dominic and his wife Catherine now co-lead City Church Cardiff.

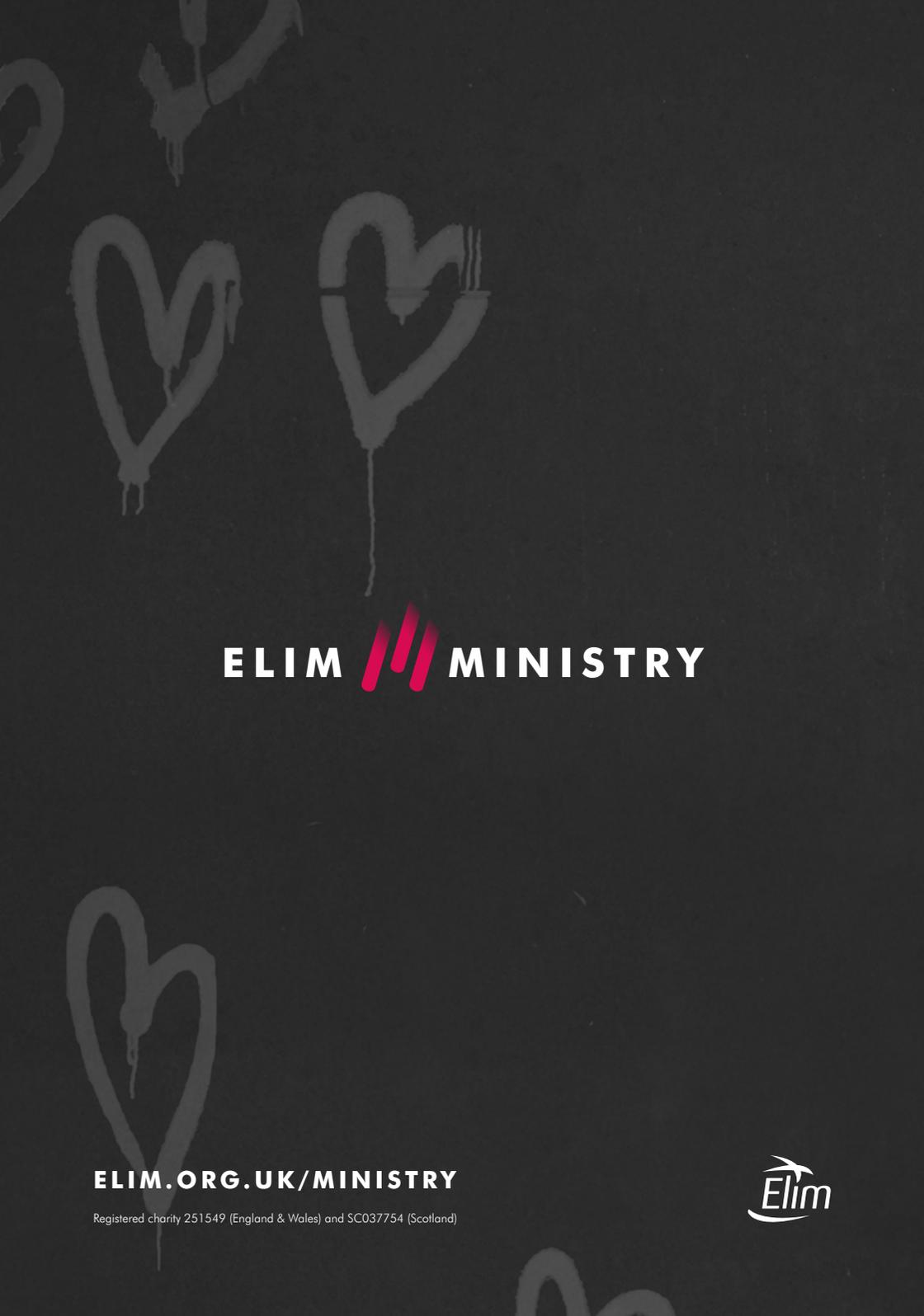
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