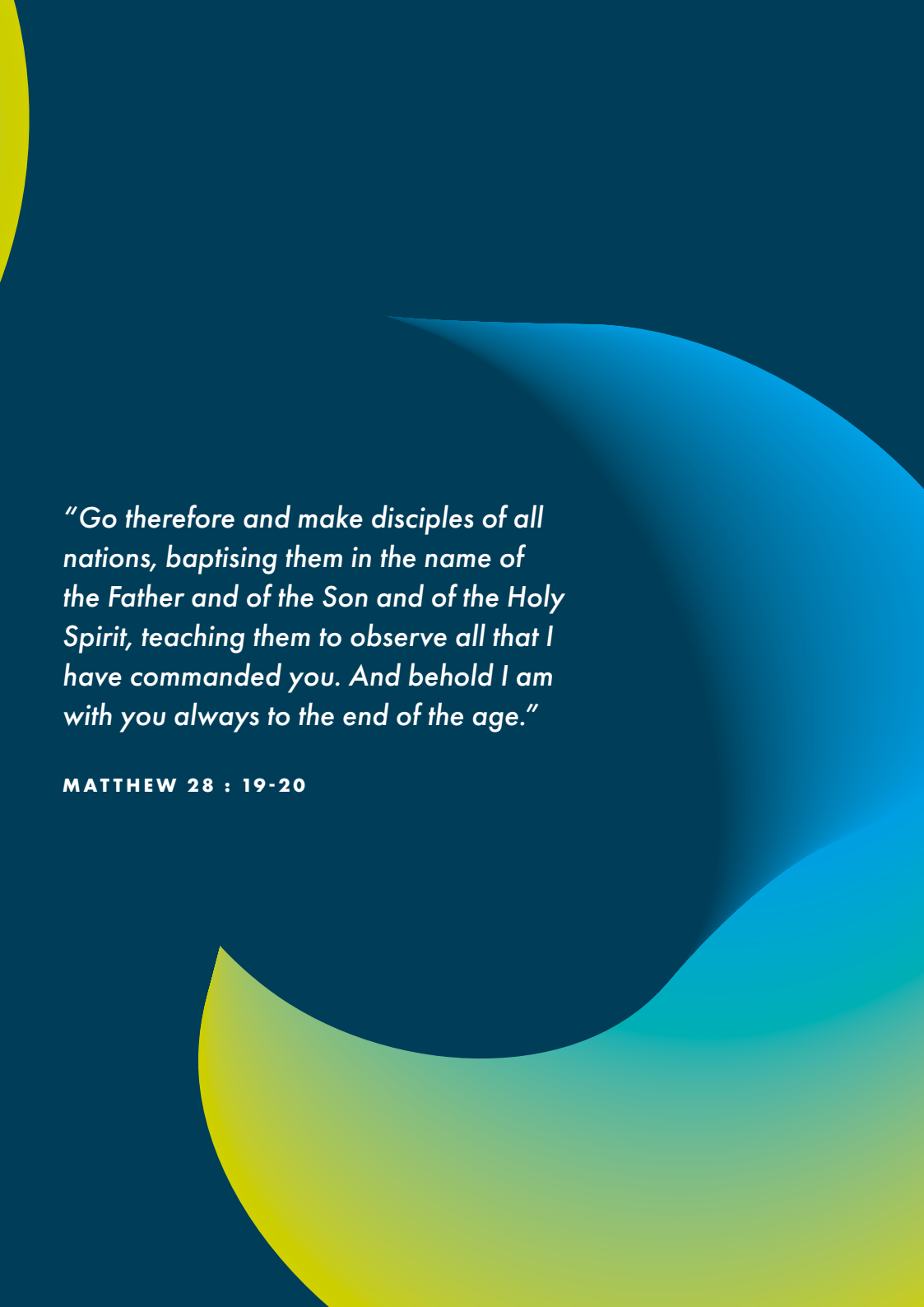




# **ORDINATION SERVICE 2025**

**14TH JUNE 2025**

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*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold I am with you always to the end of the age."*

**MATTHEW 28 : 19-20**

# WELCOME



**We welcome you to this very special occasion when we get to mark a significant moment in the lives of those whom we love and value.**

Each person being ordained today have their own stories of coming to faith in Jesus and their subsequent pursuit of a calling or vocation into Christian ministry - a pursuit which has involved commitment and sacrifice by each of them and their families. It is likely you have been invited to join them today because you have been a

supporter and encourager on their journey, and as well as celebrate them we also thank you for investing in their lives and helping make this day possible.

Ordination isn't just a moment to mark accomplishments but is a culmination of a process of recognising by way of observation, training, and support that they have made 'full proof of their ministry'. It is also a moment where we recognise the holy calling to which they are committing themselves to serve.

This is a high calling – a calling to serve Jesus and His purposes in the earth expressed in many different ways whether through church leadership, chaplaincy or missionary ministry, helping others to encounter the love and power of God available to all. They will be invited to make their ordination vow in response to this holy call and will be prayed for and commissioned into the next stage of their ministry adventures.

Thank you once again for joining in this special day and we pray you will know the richest blessings of God in your life.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. Below the signature is a horizontal line.

**Mark Pugh**

General Superintendent



# PROGRAMME

## WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Stuart Blount (Director of Ministry)

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# 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



## CONNIE ASHTON

Connie and her husband have served in Sheffield Central for a number of years but Connie's call has always been to Chaplaincy, especially with the healthcare in NHS. In July 2021 Connie was accepted as an Elim Network Minister in Training as a Chaplain. She holds a BA in Christian Leadership & Biblical Studies (Mattersey Hall Bible College - 2011), and a Masters in Healthcare Chaplaincy (Leeds Beckett University - 2016), and is also a registered member of the UK Board of Healthcare Chaplaincy (UKBHC). Connie was accepted as an Elim Network Minister in January 2025 and continues to serve as a Lead Chaplain at Barnsley Foundation NHS Trust Hospital.



## DEBORAH BULLOCK

Debbie has served in ministry alongside her husband John, an EFGA Minister, for over 30 years in a number of our churches and on the mission field in Tanzania. They have a son, Christopher, an EFGA MIT, and a daughter, Bethany, and Debbie's father, Jim Thompson, is one of our Retired Ministers so she is truly Elim. Having graduated from Regents College in 2015 with an MA in Applied Theology, Debbie was accepted as a Minister in Training in January 2021 and appointed to Kingdom Life Church Newcastle Upon Tyne. In May 2025 she was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues her ministry in Newcastle Upon Tyne.



## MARCELO DE ALBUQUERQUE

Marcelo hails from Brazil and he and his wife Fabiana have two daughters, Marianne and Esther. Having led the Ministerio Novo Tempo (Portuguese speaking) KT church in London since he planted the church in 2003, Marcelo was accepted as a Minister in Training in September 2023 and subsequently accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2025. Marcelo continues to lead the Novo Tempo church alongside undertaking his role as the leader of the Elim Global Central and South America region.



### **ERNESTO DEL ROSARIO**

A Filipino by birth, Ernie came to London after marrying his wife Brenda in 1992. They have two sons, Eliezer and Elisha and two daughters, Elise and Princess. Ernie studied at the KT International Bible Institute of London in 1993 and served in pastoral roles in the Filipino churches KT- ICM and KT- LSC until 2018 when he became the leader of Sunderland Christian Community Church (SCCC). In July 2021, after completing the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents College, Ernie was accepted as a Minister in Training. In May 2025 he was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and he continues to serve as the senior minister of SCCC.



### **ALED FROST**

Aled was serving on team as a youth worker in Victory Church Cwmbran when he felt God calling him to pursue the ministry. He studied on the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents College before being accepted as a Minister in Training in January 2022 when he was appointed to the senior leadership team in Victory Church Cwmbran. He was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2025 and continues to serve in Victory Church Cwmbran alongside his role as a Prison Chaplain.



### **CHRISTY GOODWIN**

Christy is married to Connor and has one son, Murray. She is also the daughter of Neil Passmore, an EFGA Minister. Having obtained a BA Hons in Theology & Pastoral Care at the Scottish Baptist College, Christy joined the team in Holy Trinity Church (Elim), Weston Super Mare as Youth Pastor in 2018. She was accepted as a Minister in Training in July 2021 and formally appointed to the team in Weston Super Mare. Christy was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2025 and continues her ministry in Weston Super Mare.

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## JOSEPH HANCOCK

After serving in the Weston Super Mare church in a number of areas of ministry, Joey studied at Regents College graduating with a BA Hons in Applied Theology in 2019. He is married to Abigail, an EFGA MIT, and they have a son, Noah. In July 2021 Joey was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team in Weston Super Mare continuing to serve there until moving to his current role as senior leader in Crewe in January 2024. Joey was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2025 and he continues to serve in Crewe.



## JOSHUA HILLS

Joshua served with Teen Challenge UK for a number of years before studying at Hillsong College and graduating with a Cert IV in Ministry in 2020. He is married to Jane and is also the grandson of Gordon Hills, an EFGA Retired Minister, and the son of Phil Hills, an EFGA Minister, so has true Elim pedigree. In July 2021 Joshua was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed as the senior leader of the Elim Church in Sunderland. In May 2025 he was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues his ministry in Sunderland.



## ANDREW HITCHCOCK

Andrew and his wife Emma have two daughters, Abigail and Lucy, and two sons, Andrew and Nathan. He was serving as an elder and leader of evangelism in his home church in Burntwood while studying on the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents College. In January 2022 Andrew was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team in Derby with responsibility for the Ilkeston church. In May 2025 he was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and he continues to serve in Ilkeston.

**BRADLEY HOWELLS**

Being the son of Trevor Howells, an EFGA Retired Minister, Brad has been in Elim all his life, most particularly in his home church in Rochdale. He is married to Adelle, an EFGA MIT, and they have a son, Jordon, and four daughters, Katie, Chloe-Jane, Skye and Rebekah. In June 2017 Brad was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team in Rochdale. He undertook the training which was required of him but due to personal circumstances he resigned in February 2018. In November 2021 he was reaccepted as a Minister in Training and again stationed to the team in Rochdale being appointed as senior leader of the church in September 2022. In May 2025 Brad was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and he continues his ministry in Rochdale.

**CORINNE JESS**

Corinne studied at the International Bible Institute of London (IBIOL) for two years and obtained a Higher Diploma of Ministry in 2021. She served at Kensington Temple and Lighthouse Community Church (a KT satellite church) for a number of years before being accepted as a Minister in Training in April 2022 and appointed to the team at KTLCC. Corinne and her husband Hasani have four children, Anaya, Janna, Micah and Amariah. In May 2025 Corinne was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and she continues to serve at KTLCC.

**MICHAEL JOHN GRASS**

Mike and his wife Sheri hail from USA and initially came to Scotland in 2012 as missionaries working under AOG with whom Mike held credentials. Mike served as an Elder of the Edinburgh Elim church and planted a church in Haddington in 2020. He was accepted as a Minister in Training in July 2021 and was appointed to the team of Edinburgh Elim. In May 2025 Mike was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and he continues to serve in Edinburgh with particular responsibility for the Haddington campus church.

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## RACHEL JONES

Rachel had been serving as a Youth Pastor in the Nantwich church for a number of years before graduating from Regents College with a BA Hons in Applied Theology in 2020. She was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team in Nantwich in July 2021 where she continued to serve until being stationed as senior leader of the Hanley church in October 2024. Rachel plans to marry Sam Hopkins on 4 July 2025 and we pray God's blessing on them as they now serve Him together. In May 2025 Rachel was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues her ministry in Hanley.



## GARY MACE

Having studied for a Diploma in Ministry at Hillsong College, Australia, in 2021 Gary and his wife Jan planted Waymaker Church UK in Nottingham which is now part of the Alliance. In April 2022 Gary was accepted as a Minister in Training and formally appointed as the senior leader of Waymaker Church. In May 2025 he was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve in Waymaker Church UK in Nottingham.



## LLOYD OWEN-REECE

Lloyd is married to Nicola and has three daughters, Rebekah, Chloe and Sara. Having studied on the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents College, Lloyd was accepted as a Minister in Training in July 2021 and appointed to the team in Pontarddulais where he served until moving to join the team in Neath in July 2024. Lloyd was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2025 and he continues his ministry in Neath.

**JOSEPH PERRY**

Joseph, who has a son, Izaia and a daughter, Sereya, studied at the London School of Theology where he obtained a Certificate in Theology in 2016. He was already serving as Creative Director at City Gates Ilford when in March 2021 he was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to City Gates. Although being ordained today, Joseph was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister in May 2024 and he continues his ministry on Team in Ilford.

**ZOE PRESLAND**

Zoe completed a BA Hons in Theology and Ministry from the University of Manchester through Cliff College in 2023. She and her husband Neil have three children, Alanna, Caleb and Abigail. She was already leading South Normanton Community Church, an Elim Network Church, when she was accepted as an Elim Network Minister in Training in April 2022. In January 2025 Zoe was accepted as an Elim Network Minister and continues her ministry as leader of South Normanton Community Church.

**SIMEON STURNEY**

Simeon and his wife Julie have a daughter, Kathryn, and a son, Daniel. He has been an active member of Kingdom Living Church, Staines for 16 years and was also involved in missions to Romania. Having served in chaplaincy for many years, including working closely with the Ghana Prisons Service, Simeon was accepted as an Elim Network Minister as a Chaplain in November 2011 and continues to serve in prison chaplaincy.

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## CRAIG WALKER

Craig was the Youth Pastor in Southport for three years before studying at Regents College. He graduated with a BA Hons in Church Leadership in 2021 and was accepted as a Minister in Training and appointed to the team in Letchworth Garden City in July 2021. He served there until he was appointed to the team in Formby in April 2025. Craig is married to Charlotte and is also the son of Neville Walker, an EFGA Minister. In May 2025 Craig was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve in Formby.



## DANIEL WHITTAKER

Daniel and his wife Kirsty have one daughter, Grace. He studied on the Ministry Foundation Course at Regents College before being accepted as a Minister in Training in November 2019 when he was appointed to the team at The Well, Wakefield. Following a short time out of ministry, he was stationed to the team in Yate in August 2021. In May 2025 Daniel was accepted as an Elim Alliance Minister and continues to serve in Yate.



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