



E-limb Aberystwyth

One Body, Many Parts

One Body, Many E-limbs!



1 Cor 12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

Many Parts

-  We are different
 -  Physically
 -  Culturally
 -  Socially
 -  Preferentially
 -  Ideologically
 -  Theologically
 -  Giftedly

One Body



We are the same



One Spirit (Eph 4:4)



One Baptism (Eph 4:5)



One Faith (Eph 4:5)



One Cross (Eph 2:16)



One Saviour (Eph 2:16)



One God (Eph 4:6)



One Church



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Different Roles



1 Cor 12:14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

Different Roles

- 🏃 Embrace our differences (Phil 2:3-4)
- 🏃 Embrace and understand ourselves (Paul's Intros)
- 🏃 Accept and play our role (Col 3:23)
- 🏃 Celebrating loving and and honouring others (Ro 12:10)
- 🏃 Encourage one another (Heb 10:25)

Same Body



1 Cor 12:21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”
22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Same Body

-  We journey through ups and downs together
-  Rejoice together, suffer together
-  Stick together
-  Serve together
-  We NEED each other

Be Your Part

1 Cor 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? 31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Be Your Part

-  Be who you are
-  Commit to your role
-  Earnestly seek the gifts
-  Understand the 'more excellent way'...
-  Love God, love people



**Membership
at Elim
Aberystwyth**

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

Church (Capital C)

- ✎ Following Jesus is something we each decide to do for ourselves. But God does not want us to go it alone. As soon as we become Christians we are part of the Church.
- ✎ Church is not a building, an institution, or a denomination, but people.

Pictures of Church in the New Testament

-  **Family** John 1:12-13
-  **Building** 1 Corinthians 3:9
-  **Temple** 1 Corinthians 3:16
-  **Body** Romans 12:5
-  **Bride** Revelation 19:7
-  **Together**ness, commitment, life

We need church...

-  *To encourage us.*
-  *To help us get to know God better.*
-  *To help us fulfil our purpose as individuals as part of His body.*

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. **24** And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **25** not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb 10)

Acts 2 Church



*“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ **teaching** and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42-47)*

Elim



- ✎ We are an Elim Pentecostal Church, part of the world-wide Pentecostal movement. Over 600,000,000 Pentecostal Christians worldwide (1997).
- ✎ Over 600 Elim Churches in the UK, partnering with millions worldwide.
- ✎ Pentecostalism is the fastest growing church movement in the UK (2006, BBC Website).
- ✎ Part of the Evangelical Alliance, which unites, supports & speaks on behalf of evangelical churches of all denominations across Britain.
- ✎ Elim has a rich history of over a century being founded in Monaghan, Ireland in 1915 by George Jeffries and the 'Elim Evangelistic Band'
- ✎ The name 'Elim' is taken from the book of Exodus, where we read that the Israelites *'came to Elim, where there were twelve wells of water and seventy palm trees; and they camped there by the waters'* (Ex 15:27).

Elim Foundational Truths

-  **THE BIBLE:** We believe the Bible, as originally given, to be without error, the fully inspired and infallible Word of God and the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
-  **THE TRINITY:** We believe that the Godhead exists co-equally and co-eternally in three persons Father, Son and Holy Spirit and that these three are one God, sovereign in creation, providence and redemption.
-  **THE SAVIOUR:** We believe in the true and proper deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His real and complete humanity, in His sinless life, in His authoritative teaching, in His substitutionary and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His heavenly intercession and in His second advent to receive His Church.

Elim Foundational Truths

-  **THE HOLY SPIRIT:** We believe in the deity of the Holy Spirit who proceeds from the Father and the Son and the necessity of His work in conviction of sin, repentance, regeneration and sanctification and that the believer is also promised an enduement of power as the gift of Christ through the baptism in the Holy Spirit with signs following. Through this enduement the believer is empowered for fuller participation in the ministry of the Church, its worship, evangelism and service.
-  **MANKIND:** We believe in the universal sinfulness of all men since the Fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
-  **SALVATION:** We believe in the necessity for salvation of repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ by which the sinner is pardoned and accepted as righteous in God's sight. This justification is imputed by the grace of God because of the atoning work of Christ, is received by faith alone and is evidenced by the Fruit of the Spirit and a holy life.

Elim Foundational Truths

-  **THE CHURCH:** We believe in the spiritual unity and priesthood of all believers in Christ and that these comprise the universal Church, the Body of Christ.
-  **THE MINISTRY:** We believe in the ministries that Christ has set in His Church, namely, apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, and in the present operation of the manifold Gifts of the Holy Spirit according to the New Testament.
-  **THE ORDINANCES:** We believe in the baptism of believers by immersion in water in obedience to the command of Christ and in the commemoration of Christ's death by the observance of the Lord's Supper until His return.

Elim Foundational Truths

-  **THE COMMISSION:** We believe that the gospel embraces the needs of the whole man and that the Church is therefore commissioned to preach the gospel to the world and to fulfil a ministry of healing and deliverance to the spiritual and physical needs of mankind.
-  **THE COMING KING:** We believe in the personal, physical and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to reign in power and glory.
-  **THE FUTURE STATE:** We believe in the resurrection of the dead and in the final judgement of the world, the eternal conscious bliss of the righteous and the eternal conscious punishment of the wicked.

Elim Aberystwyth



 'We exist to LOVE GOD and LOVE people'

37Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^c 38This is the first and greatest commandment. 39And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^d 40All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22)

 'We seek to be express the good news of Jesus Christ to the people of Aberystwyth, Wales and beyond and to become fully devoted disciples' (In progress!!!)

19Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. (Matthew 28)

Membership in the Elim Constitution

- ✝ All born again persons shall be eligible for membership of the Elim Pentecostal Churches.
- ✝ The Church Session shall have the right to accept any such persons as Church members and to remove them from membership.
- ✝ Anyone who desires membership should complete a Membership Application Card.
- ✝ Applicants should be interviewed by the minister who must satisfy himself as to their suitability and make recommendations to the Church Session.
- ✝ New members should be welcomed into fellowship at a Sunday service when the Minister should introduce them to the church and give them the right hand of fellowship.
- ✝ The church Session may not accept into membership persons who are Freemasons.

Why Membership?

- ✎ Express support to the church, its leadership and vision.
- ✎ Commit to your responsibility as a part of the church – in fellowship, finance, ministry and so on...
- ✎ Have a voice in voting issues such as the confirmatory selection of elders.
- ✎ Counter culture – the world we live in is often skeptical of the demands that come with commitment and accountability. In contrast to this skepticism, we can express trust, faithfulness and responsibility

Membership and Me?

- ✚ I have prayerfully considered becoming a member of Elim Aberystwyth.
- ✚ I confirm that I am born again and have been or am seeking to be baptised in water and baptised in the Spirit.
- ✚ I also agree with the Elim Foundational Truths and desire to support the leadership and vision of Elim Aberystwyth.
- ✚ I will seek to...
 - ✚ ... be in regular attendance at church meetings
 - ✚ ... participate in the life of the church
 - ✚ ... contribute financially through tithes and offerings
 - ✚ ... submit to the authority of the leaders as they submit to God
 - ✚ ... maintain good relationships with other members of the Church

Membership and Me?

Leadership Commitment

 *We are committed to supporting you as you seek to develop your relationship with God & with others in the church. We will stand with you, to serve & strengthen & help stimulate your spiritual welfare, so that you may fulfil your purpose in God.*

Members Commitment

 *Having received Jesus Christ as my Saviour & Lord I commit myself to follow Him with passion. I desire to live a life obedient to God's call, consistent with the church's values. I commit myself to partnership in the mission of Elim Aberystwyth, accepting the privileges, responsibilities & accountability of the church.*