

# IngatestoneElim Church

IT'S NOT  
IMPORTANT WHO  
DOES THE PLANTING,  
OR WHO DOES  
THE WATERING.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT  
IS THAT **GOD** MAKES  
THE SEED GROW.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:7



## Newsletter

### 23rd August 2020

Dear Church

We had a really good start to our services back in the building last Sunday. Thanks to those who work in front and behind the scenes to make it happen!

If you want to register for attending our services in the building then please do get in touch with Shirley Childs, our administrator on 01277 350671 or email her using [office@ingatestoneelimchurch.org.uk](mailto:office@ingatestoneelimchurch.org.uk)

Last week's message, from the parable of the sower in Matthew 13, showed us a whole life approach to scattering kingdom seeds. Rather than one seed at one time, our lifestyle, which is an outworking of our faith in Christ, will automatically scatter kingdom seed wherever we are.

This week, as we revisit the parable we reflect on the hands-off approach to growing the crops from which our seed is sown.

In modern gardening and farming there's all sorts of treatments we can use to help crops grow; chemical supplements such as fertilizer, pesticide, PH treatments etc. In the 1st century, however, the growth of a crop was a little more nature dependent and, as our parable points out, soil dependent.

With all good motives, many Christians are desperate for people they know and meet to respond to the gospel. They're so desperate that they will give time and attention to persuade, cajole or just persistently badger someone in the hope they will commit their life to following Jesus.

As we'll reflect on today, however, there is something of a 'let go and let God' approach which is evident in Scripture and which we can learn from ourselves.

Blessings and Peace

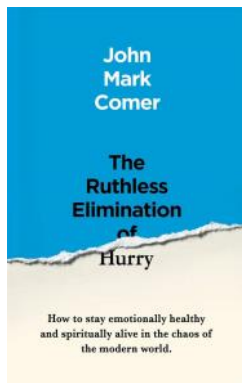
Pastor Lee



## PRAY

Join together on Zoom on Wednesday  
26th August at 7:30pm to pray for:

- Our nation and world as we continue with the effects of Covid-19
- Those returning to education
- Our future journey as a church



**Book recommendation:** The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry by John Mark Comer

This is a thought provoking and challenging read for our times and culture, especially for anyone who finds they struggle to spend quality time with God and with loved ones.

Find it on [Eden.co.uk](http://Eden.co.uk) or Amazon

**Men's Fortnightly Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays at 7:30pm**  
**Zoom mtg ID available from Jason or Lee**

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

**Account Name:** EFGA Re: Ingatestone  
**Acc. No.** 24915246 / **Sort Code.** 60-05-16

If you have a Gift Aid code for our church then please include it in your reference when setting up a standing order

**Coming up on Sundays online at  
10am**



**Sunday 23rd August**

**Speaker: Pastor Lee**  
**New Series - Parable Lessons**  
**Part 2 - Organic**

**You can find us at 10am each Sunday on Facebook  
Live via our church page**

**You must register in advance to attend a service -  
please contact Shirley Childs on 01277 350671**



Need a mask? Zanne Joy has been busy making them - contact her via Facebook or Marcia weeks for more info.