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His sacrifice had been accepted by Father God (Ephesians 1:20), death could not hold the Lord of Life (Acts 3:15). Satan, who had buffeted him on a grand scale, was defeated (Hebrews 2: 14-15) and here is the remarkable thing, that all those who put their faith and trust in his death and resurrection share in his victory (Hebrews 2:6) with the power to defeat Satan too! (Luke 10:19).

You can truly celebrate this Easter, if you are a true follower of Jesus, because you're on the winning side! You may physically die, but you're spiritually alive, & will experience Heaven for ever. You may get buffeted and tempted, but you can beat Satan because of Christ's death and resurrection. You are no longer held back by 'an empty way of life' (1 Peter 1:18) because you have life in all its fullness (John 10:10). The question is, how will you use that life to serve your Saviour? And, can those around you really see the difference that Christ's resurrection has made to you? Come on ... on your feet, raise your hands & celebrate!

Prayer Requests

† Please pray for 388 children & their teachers from 12 schools who will hear the Easter Story through Experience Easter on the 8th, 9th, 10th & 22nd March. Pray for all the volunteers that they will make the message clear, for good weather as they walk between 3 churches, and for good follow up conversations with the children and the schools. We intend to offer them further Christian Education opportunities, so pray that they will be receptive to this.

† Pray for the Invitation Services for Mother's Day and Easter Sunday.

† Pray for the March of Witness on Good Friday, that we will have good weather and give a good witness in the town.

† **PLEASE** pray for the healing service that the Leaders will be running on Wed 16th March. Start to think about inviting those you know who need a touch from the Lord.

† Also, continue to pray for everyone looking after sick or ageing relatives and friends, and for those who mourn. Pray that they will be comforted, and that we will have wisdom to offer sensitive and appropriate support.

† Please pray for Ray's wife Lynne, and for Derek & Dorothy Weaver.

† Pray for employment for Pete and improved health for Bev.

† Also, please pray this month for: Andy & Cherilyn Roberts, Pete & Trish Ryder, Jackie Shaw, Karl Shaw, Jamie Shingler, David Smith, and Maureen Smith.

Church Finances

Over previous years we have had the cushion of 'reserves' to help us, not only pay our running costs, but purchase capital items, including the building. These reserves are quickly diminishing, and difficult choices may have to be made this year with regard to the salaries of Tim and Dain. **PLEASE PRAY FOR YOUR LEADERS AS THEY GRAPPLE WITH THIS.**

We will have to make difficult decisions at our 9th March meeting. This matter is a spiritual matter! The bible tells us that we are to tithe 10% of our income to the Lord, and that his part comes first, before we commit to other personal expenditure. For some, this can sometimes be a difficult teaching, as it may mean a lifestyle change. We simply ask that you are faithful to God in your giving, as he has been faithful to us. If you want to chat these issues through, please feel free to see Tim or one of the leaders. If you currently don't 'gift aid' your giving, but are a UK tax payer, we can legitimately recoup one quarter of what you give from the government. PLEASE help us by making sure that your giving is maximised in this way. Also, if you could give your giving through the bank by Direct Debit, this would make sure that your gifts are consistently received. Please see Carol if you wish to set this up. We are NOT banging a drum on this issue, but we need to prompt faithful discipline in God's people, and then be faithful as leaders in what we commit to. Please help us to achieve this.

Ludlow Youth Worker

For many years now CTAL have talked about the possibility of appointing a Christian Youth Worker. For various reasons those discussions stalled. With the demise of a County Council led service, CTAL charged Tim, along with Rev Kelvin Price and Pastor Simon Lambourne, to make some investigations and proposals. This has been going on for many months at a steady pace. **On Thursday 3rd March at 7.00 pm** there will be an open meeting to present our ideas and seek further financial support. **PLEASE pray about this and join us for the discussion if you can.**

Could you contribute to the Newsletter?... We would love to hear from you!

Please submit any items by FRIDAY, 22nd MARCH to: timcoles@me.com

INVITATION SERVICES

TIM SAYS: I want to commend Cherilyn for the hard work she put into delivering our Invitation Service on Feb 14th. The service was aimed at people who currently have no faith, and was designed to allow them to connect in a low key way with the Bible and Christianity. If you think about it, this concept sits one step up from our 'foody' outreaches, e.g. Pancake Night & Harvest Supper, etc. We intend to run more Invitation Services through the year, BUT, they will only be of value if we take the opportunity to invite people who have either been to our 'foody' events, or those that we have been gently witnessing to. If we don't invite people there is no point in having Invitation Services! So well done Cherilyn, now come on all, let's get inviting for the next one!

Don't Forget the **LENT LUNCHES** in the Garden Room at the Methodist Church on **March 4th, 11th and 18th**, from 12 noon to 1.30 pm, raising funds for Christian Aid.

Future Dates for Your Diary

APRIL

- Wed 6th** 7.30 pm We will be hosting a **Creation Ministries International** talk entitled: 'Proclaiming Creation in a Scientific Age' (Freewill offering at end)
- Wed 20th OR 27th** On EITHER date, we will be hosting **EuroVision** - details still to be finalized

MAY

- Sun 15th - Sat 21st** **Christian Aid Week** If you would like to be involved, please contact Derek Longley 873330
- Sun 22nd** **Combined Christian Aid Service** at Elim

Cleaning Rota

FINAL TIME OF ASKING: We are very grateful to Avril and Glenis for the work they do in making sure that the church is kept clean and tidy. However, we need to find others who will take a turn with this job. It is not heavy or onerous work and needs circa 2 hours per week max. If you can help, please see Tim ASAP. If you want to know exactly what needs to be done, please see Avril or Glenis.



Ludlow Elim Christian Fellowship

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Text of the Month; Matthew Ch28 v6

He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said. Come, see the place where He was lying.



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Tim Says:



Of all the festivals that Christians celebrate, Easter is the most significant. The death of Jesus Christ on the cross (which is God's grace to us) opens the way for all men and women, through their personal repentance and faith, to know God for themselves, to be forgiven of all their sins, and to have the hope of eternity in Heaven become a reality for them.

The Bible puts it very succinctly in Hebrews 9:22 'without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins'. Jesus Christ became 'the sacrificial lamb'. He laid down his life for us so that we could go free from the due punishment that was legitimately hanging over us. He paid the price, and we received the benefits. No wonder the hymn writer says: "Hallelujah, what a Saviour"! But that is only part of the story, there is more, and I refer of course to the resurrection!

On the third day, after having been through the most horrific trial, beating and crucifixion; such that the record says (Isa 52:14) 'his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being and his form marred beyond human likeness'; yet on the third day he burst through the sealed tomb ALIVE AGAIN...!!

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