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Thurs 12th	9:45 am	<b>Bible Study Discussion</b> at church
Sun 15th	10.30 am	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY Worship &amp; Teaching</b> - Dain speaking
Mon 16th	10.00 am	<b>Coffee Stop</b> - finishes 12 noon
	<i>[Tues 17th to Thurs 19th</i>	<i>Elim Conference at Harrogate - please pray for those going]</i>
Wed 18th	7.30 pm	<b>Mid week meeting</b> - to be announced
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	7.30 pm	<b>Filling Station at Tenbury Wells</b> Speaker this month: Andrew Hill
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One final thought, this service that the Holy Spirit would empower is not a one-off event, rather it is a lifestyle that continues and grows. Paul tells us to 'keep in step with the Spirit' (Galatians Ch 5 v25). You don't walk one step and stop, your walk is a continuous one. The book of Acts is remarkable in the things it reveals the followers of Jesus doing, after Pentecost. This includes: powerful witnessing and preaching; sharing of personal resources; regular worship and prayer; miraculous healings and the casting out of demons; confidence in front of authorities; insightful utterances and judgement; prophecy which came true; financial giving to strangers; and the raising of the dead. (I'm still less than half way through the book!!) Either this is a purely historical record, or it should inspire you and me to be available for God, and empower us for service in a similar way. What is your prayer in response? Mine is: **"Here am I Lord, send me!"**



## Prayer Requests

- 🔥 Please continue to pray for the work of "Coffee Stop". Pray that people will pop in. Pray for those who will pray & chat with them.
- 🔥 Pray also for those doing exams over the summer, and for Rosie Harding & Jed Shepherd who will be getting married this month.
- 🔥 Please continue to pray for those who look after sick or ageing relatives, and those who mourn. Pray that they will be comforted and that we will have wisdom to give sensitive care.
- 🔥 Pray for Derek & Dorothy regarding health matters, for Pete's health & employment, and David Smith for a speedy recovery
- 🔥 Also pray this month for: Ray Bayliss, Judith Barnett, Sonia Boness, Louise & Josh Bromley, Carol Bufton, Christine Bundy and, **your pastor Tim** and his family: Judith, Matthew and Sarah Coles.

## Desk Ornaments

We are grateful to Beverly Asher who has crafted some ornaments and fridge magnets to encourage us all in our faith. Feel free to take one from the back table. All she asks in return is that you put a donation in the church offering. If any 'crafters' wish to enjoy times of craft work together, feel free to speak with her directly to make arrangements.

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## Finances

We submitted a fresh planning application to the council to cover the refurbishment of the garage. We heard from English Heritage that no special consent is required from them, as no ground works will be undertaken. We anticipate hearing quite quickly from the council, and expect to start work immediately so that the additional room will be available for Jackie & Karen to use with the children from September.

Items currently stored in the garage will be moved to a new site. The "Music cupboard" will be joined to the existing ladies toilet (i.e. the wall between knocked down, and sink/toilet removed). Ladies will then utilise the toilet for the disabled on the opposite side of the corridor. The garage floor will be raised so that there are no steps down, and the roller shutter door replaced by a door and window screen. The existing window in the garage will be enlarged or replaced; walls will be plaster boarded and painted; radiators, lights and a sink installed; and cupboards provided for the storage of Kids' Church items. There will be steps down from the new door onto the tarmac driveway.

We anticipate the total cost for this project will be less than £20,000, which we can be paid for without a loan from our designated funds. However, once these designated funds are spent, we do not envisage having a need for a separate designated property fund. Therefore, if you wish to make a donation towards this project, you should put your gift in an envelope clearly marked 'property development'. Any excess in the property fund after the end of this project will be transferred to general funds. If in the future, we are ready to build the extension as previously outlined, or any other building work, we will inform the church, give full details, and ask for specific financial help which you would be welcome to contribute too. If you have any questions about this, please see Tim or Carol about it.

## Onesimus & Family

Thank you to all of you who gave to help Onesimus and his family with finances towards a replacement car. We were able to send £2,000 to help him. We will keep you posted on what he buys. They were very encouraged by your practical help.

## Future Dates for Your Diary

### Tenbury Wells Filling Station

#### Dates & Speakers

16th June	Local speaker Bob Lillyman. Former teacher and missionary in the Philippines, India and Jerusalem
21st July	Rev Mike Harris, Ignite Ministries
22nd Sept	Rev Nick Crawley, Filling Station area overseer
20th Oct	Rev Richard Fothergill, Director and pioneer of Filling Station
17th Nov	Rev Dave Kelly, itinerant preacher

### Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid week this year runs from Sunday 15th to Saturday 21st May. If you would like to be involved, please contact Derek Longley on 873330. The Combined service will be held on the evening of Sunday May 22nd, at Elim.

### Ladies Alive Day Out

The group's annual day this year will be to Coughton Court Thursday 26th May, to Coughton Court, Alcester, Warwickshire, the home of the 'Throckmorton Family' for 600 years. The family were implicated in the Gunpowder Plot (Guy Fawkes)! There is a riverside walk, and the gardens are stunning. An entrance fee of £10.45, plus a contribution towards petrol, makes a **total charge of £15** for the outing. If you would like to join us, please speak to Jackie Shaw or Jean to book. There are a total of 14 places available on the Minibus.

### EU Referendum

At 7.30 pm on Wednesday 1st June Tim will be speaking about the EU, what we can learn from Scripture about it, and things we ought to bear in mind when casting our vote on 23rd June. Please feel free to invite others to this event.

### Summer Outreach

We will be conducting a Summer Outreach on Sunday 28th August. Details will follow soon, but PLEASE start thinking & praying about who you could invite



## Ludlow Elim Christian Fellowship

Smithfield Car Park, Ludlow SY8 1RT  
Website: [www.ludlowelim.co.uk](http://www.ludlowelim.co.uk)

**Number 81: May 2016**

Text of the Month: Acts Ch 13 v4

*'So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went ...'*



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**Tim Says:**

This month we will celebrate the day of Pentecost. The time when the Holy Spirit was poured out on all believers and gave them power to live, witness and serve powerfully, as Jesus did, before all those they encountered. This is for us today, with no exceptions!

If you are a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, He intends you to be so filled with His Holy Spirit so that you will be a walking, talking and empowered Jesus-model wherever you go. The gift of the Holy Spirit is not simply for your own personal devotion time, although it is true that he often does touch us in that context, neither is the Holy Spirit principally given so that you can be unrestrained in your worship. No, He wants to empower you so that you speak easily of what Christ has done for you, so that you demonstrate though acts of kindness and grace to those who may otherwise be judged unworthy, and so that you serve wholeheartedly when you are instructed to do so. You are the hands, feet and mouth that God will use. Of course you are incapable in your own strength, which is why you need the Holy Spirit to fill you, instruct you and empower you for this service.

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