



shame & guilt have been dealt with and that you are restored into relationship with him, in order to serve him.

Right now this church needs participators, NOT spectators. The sharing of our faith in a straightforward manner, the standing up for those with no voice, the sharing of our resources with those in need, the vocal worship, prayers and spiritual gifts to build up our fellowship - YOU have a role to play, and you won't find it by looking inwards, or regressing - you'll find it as you step out in faith.... you're released to serve. Let the example of Peter's Easter guide you and inspire you!

Prayer Requests

- ✚ Please continue to pray for the work of 'Coffee Stop': that passers-by will pop in. And prayers for those who will be praying and chatting with the visitors.
- ✚ Prayers also for the seminar on Creation, for folk to come, including some have not yet started on their faith journey!
- ✚ Continue to pray for those who look after sick or ageing relatives for wisdom in the care they give, and for those who mourn that they will be comforted.
- ✚ Pray especially for Ray and his grown-up children and families as they mourn the loss of Linda.
- ✚ Please pray for employment for Pete and improved health for Bev.
- ✚ Pray for all those preparing for examinations over the coming months (Hannah and Sarah in particular) that their revision will go well.
- ✚ Also pray this month for: Derek & Dorothy Weaver, David Wood, Margaret Wilson, David Whatmore, Lorna Woolley, Sandra Wragg, and Harry & Pam Wragg.

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 crafting together, feel free to speak with her directly to make arrangements.

Finances

Please continue to pray and be faithful regarding your tithes and gifts into the church. This is a spiritual matter and needs to be addressed in a spiritual way, but we cannot expect God to bless us when we are not being faithful as stewards with what he has presently given us.

Onesimus & Family

We support Onesimus each month, and are really pleased to be able to do so as he does a great work pastoring a number of Pentecostal churches within gypsy communities. Occasionally he asks for additional help. Since Tim last visited (Oct 14) he has continued to keep his car going, but it really is getting to be on "its last wheels [legs?]", as he travels many miles each year. As the family has increased, a bigger & newer vehicle is needed. If you could manage a gift to help towards this, please put it in an envelope clearly marked Onesimus - **CAR**, & we will forward it on. Last date for gifts Sun 17th April. Please note that this is a gift which you should consider as an extra to your tithe to the church. Thank you on behalf of Onesimus, Ella & the family.

Shropshire Youth Ministries Network

On Wednesday 18th May youth ministry leaders and workers from around Shropshire will be meeting at Elim Ludlow for a time of worship, prayer and sharing, from 10 am to 2 pm. The theme is 'Mentoring and Coaching' and there will be a visiting speaker, Tina Salter, from YMCA George Williams College, London. Please pray for Tina and all the youth workers attending, that the day will be a time of equipping and encouragement.





Dates for April 2016

Kids' Church is available at the Youth Centre on Sunday morning for the duration of Adult Church.

Life Groups to aid Spiritual Growth take place Sun eve at 6 pm, and Tues eve at 6.30 pm. We encourage you all to join one. Please enquire about venues.

Sun 3rd	10.30 am	Worship & Teaching - Tim speaking
Tues 5th	10.30-12.30	Quiet Morning , do feel free to join us
Wed 6th	7.30 pm	Creation Ministries "Proclaiming Creation in a scientific age" - please invite others to come.
Thurs 7th	9.45 am	Discussional Bible Study at church
Sun 10th	10.30 am	Worship & Teaching - Tim speaking
Mon 11th	7.00 pm	Men's meeting at church
Wed 13th	7.00 pm	LEADERS PRAYER/BUSINESS MEETING - no mid-week meeting
Thurs 14th	9:45 am	Discussional Bible Study at church
Sun 17th	10.30 am	Worship & Teaching - Tim speaking
Wed 20th	7.30 pm	Mid week meeting at church
Thurs 21st	9.45 am	Discussional Bible Study at church
	7.30 pm	Filling Station at Tenbury Wells Speaker: Mark Timmins
Sun 24th	10.30 am	Worship & Teaching - Jean speaking
Wed 27th	7.30 pm	Christian Vision with us - Invite others to join with us at church
Thurs 28th	9:45am	Discussional Bible Study at church
	12:30 pm	Ladies Alive - Details from Jean or Jackie Shaw

Future Dates for Your Diary

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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
Thurs 26th	Ladies Alive Day Out to Coughton Court

Ludlow Elim Christian Fellowship

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Text of the Month: *John Ch 21 v15 'Do you love me? Feed my lambs ...'*



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Tim Says:

Easter is a great time to remember and celebrate that Jesus Christ has redeemed us - but not everyone felt great following the death & even (initially) the resurrection of Jesus. Peter felt shame... and his shame led to a potentially big mistake. John 21:3 "I'm going fishing". For Peter, fishing represents the life he had before Christ. He was effectively saying: "My dreams are sunk, I've failed my Master, & even if he has been risen, he won't want me on his team any longer, so I'm going back to the life I once knew". Perhaps you feel shame too? Perhaps you feel that God would never want you because you have let him down in some way?

Isaiah Ch 40 v1-2 tells me that God would reassure you by speaking tenderly to you that your redemption is assured. Isaiah Ch 43 v3-4 tells me that we are precious to God and that he willingly paid the price for us so that we could know him personally & have the thrill of serving him.

Listen, Romans Ch 8 v1 says 'There is **no** condemnation (guilt or shame) to them that are in Christ Jesus'. Whatever you hold up as a reason to stop you serving God, he pushes it away. I believe that right now Jesus would look you in the eye & say "feed my lambs". He wants you to know that your