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Prayer Requests:

Please pray for:

- ➔ Dave who is undergoing further tests.
- ➔ Other health needs, to include: Angeline, David S, Pete, Dorothy and Derek, Sonia, Cal, Sally & David Harris, Peter Shaw and all those who are looking after ageing or poorly relatives.
- ➔ Pray for Ray & Tim as they go to Romania & Bulgaria from 1st - 10th September. Pray for Onesimus & family that they will be encouraged, and for Pastor Alex Vulkanov & Family in Bulgaria that there would be wisdom as they seek to investigate joining Elim.
- ➔ The work of Coffee Stop, and particularly that folk would come in and benefit from a friendly listening ear.
- ➔ Those facing challenging or unfair work situations that they will have wisdom as they respond and speak. Pray for Pete as he continues to look for work, and for Trish that the Lodge will stay open safeguarding her employment.
- ➔ Continue to pray for the church finances. If you can help by increasing your giving, please see Carol as a matter of urgency.
- ➔ That we would have the thrill of seeing people come to faith in Christ, and some others moving into the area who wish to join with us.

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Text for the month: Gal 6:9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.



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What I am about to share with you may seem a bit barmy....! We are entering September, which is often designated as a month for celebrating Harvest, yet I want to suggest to you that God is directing us to be “planters”. Over the last few months, I have been increasingly hear God say that we need to draw close to him, & I have seen examples from within our church family where that has been happening. As I sat at my desk to write this article, I drew close to the Lord, spent some time in worship and devotion, and felt him say that the time is right to plant. The Bible tells us about seasons, and we have experienced some of those seasons first hand. I believe that we have known winter as we have been through a time of spiritual battle. We have lost some folks, we have been pruned, we have needed some recuperation, and we have started to draw close to the Lord - more in fact than we have ever known before. Here is the thing, however long we have been a Christian, we should be constantly getting closer to the Lord, our depth in him should be increasing, our fruit should be more evident, our worship more easy to initiate, our witness more natural, and the barbs from others less taxing. Those things are natural evidences of a growth in Christ, of time spent in his presence having an effect. BUT, we don't draw close to him simply for the thrill of it, rather to hear his instructions, and I believe he would say to us: 'there is a time to plant' (Ecc 3:2) and that time is now. We need to work together in this as a team, just as Paul & Apollos did (see 1 Cor 3:6). There will be different methods of planting, that reflect our differing characters and

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- ➔ This month, pray especially for: Andy & Cherilyn Roberts, Pete & Trish Ryder, Jackie (& Peter) Shaw, Karl Shaw, Jamie Shingler, Maureen

We give thanks that the refurbishment of the old garage has now been completed, and has been completed within budget. We thank Ray for overseeing this work & all those tradespeople who have been on site. We thank God for safety throughout the project. Now we pray that Jackie & Karen will be able to use this resource with children, that results eventually in a discovery of faith for all who pass through it.

We would like to give the room a name, & not “The New Room” OR, “The Old Garage”. Please submit any ideas in writing to a leader BEFORE 21st Sep.

Smith, & David Smith.

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This is YOUR Newsletter, which you are very welcome to submit articles or testimonies, or prayer requests to.

All I ask is that you get your submissions to me by 20th of the month, and if possible, via email to timcoles@me.com

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emphases that the Lord lays on our hearts e.g. children, or pensioners, etc. But I believe each of us is being called to plant the seed of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus into the lives of the people that we meet. This may be done in both words & kind actions, **but it is to be done**. We are to be active in showing and telling the Gospel to others. I believe that Jeremiah 1: 9-10 is a Scripture for our church for this next season of Spring.... the season of planting: *“Then the Lord reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, ‘I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and **to plant**.”* God’s Word & his authority is IN YOU, but they are not meant to stay there.... you are to plant them in others. This should not be an arrogant thing.... e.g. I’m telling you that you’re a sinner & you need to repent! That kind of strategy is unlikely to be successful. NO... be conversational, drop pebbles of scripture into conversation, be natural... others love sport, you love God! (and have every right to do so) PLANT kindness, generosity, patience, gentleness, and forgiveness to all you meet and I am sure that you will reap a harvest of questions as a result; and one day you will be asked ‘why do you believe in God?’ and then you must be ready to give an answer (1 Pet 3:15). Actually this verse tells us when we revere the Lord (draw close to him?) that this will be a natural response from others. So be encouraged, I say to you that we are in a new season, and I invite you to join with me in planting the Gospel, so that in a little while we will reap a harvest.



We will be starting the “Freedom in Christ” discipleship course on Thursday 15th December at church. It will commence AFTER the discussion Bible Study (circa 11:30am) & will include a light lunch. The course lasts 13 weeks, and also includes a separate session called “Steps to freedom in Christ”. (This element will be open to others also & will be run on a Saturday) The course will be run by Jean & Tim, and if you would like to undertake it, you should register with Tim ASAP. The Ladies Alive will be un-affected by the course as we now have an additional room available to us.

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This month’s Diary:

In addition to the details shown below, please note:

Kid’s church is available in the Youth Centre, for the duration of the Sunday morning service, and that

Life Groups to aid spiritual growth take place in homes on Sunday’s at 6pm and Tuesday’s at 6:30pm.

We encourage you all to join a Life Group.

- 4th 10:30am Worship & Teaching (Generosity Pt 1) Dain speaking
- 5th 7:30 John Nutall Christian Singer at Ludlow Baptist Church
- 6th 10:30am - 12:30 Quiet Morning **PLEASE JOIN US**
- 7th 7:30pm Waiting on God - Dain leading
- 10th 7pm Garage Praise at Burway Garage, see Jean for details
- 11th 10:30am Harvest Invitation Service - Jean leading
- 12th 7pm Men meeting at church
- 14th 7:30pm Harvest Supper - book in via Jackie Lines or Tim (£5 but up to 1 visitor each free)
- 15th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study
- 15th 11:30am Freedom in Christ course
- 18th 10:30am Worship & Teaching (Generosity Pt 2) Tim speaking
- 21st 7:15pm for prompt 7:30pm start LEADERS Business / Prayer
- 22nd 9:45am Discussional Bible Study
- 22nd 11:30am Freedom in Christ course
- 22nd 7:30pm Filling Station at Tenbury Speaker is Nick Crawley
- 25th 10:30am Worship & Teaching (Generosity Pt 3) Tim speaking
- 28th 7:30pm Missionary Report from Romania / Bulgaria
- 29th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study
- 29th 11:30am Freedom in Christ course
- 29th 12:30 Ladies Alive - book in via Jean or Jackie Shaw

Harvest Invitation Service / Supper:

Invite your friends & family to our Harvest Thanksgiving Service, & Harvest Supper (details above). We will be supporting the work of Ludlow Food bank & there will be a list of items you can bring on the notice board. We will have a speaker at the supper, to inform us about Food-banks.

