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Prayer Requests:

➡ Praise God that Dave has been given the “all-clear”.

- ➡ Other health needs, to include: Angeline, David Smith, Pete, Dorothy and Derek, Sonia, Cal, Sally & David Harris, Peter Shaw and all those who are looking after ageing or poorly relatives.
- ➡ The work of Coffee Stop, and particularly that folk would come in and benefit from a friendly listening ear. We are taking a short break, but hope to resume in the Spring.
- ➡ 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.

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Text for the month: Matthew 9:36 Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and dispirited like sheep without a shepherd.



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- ➔ Pray for a young man in an accident in Cleobury last month, whose wife is expecting a baby.
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ This month, pray especially for: Bev Taylor, Derek & Dorothy Weaver, David Whatmore, David Wood, Lorna Woolley, Harry & Pam Wragg, Sandra Wragg, Carol Zimmerman.

On a wider scale, don't forget to pray for:

- ➔ Onesimus, Ella, Onias, Denis & Aniella in Romania. Pray for safety in travel, wisdom in ministry & provision of resources.
- ➔ Elim Officers, particularly Chris Cartwright newly appointed General Superintendent & Stuart Blount newly appointed Director of Ministry
- ➔ World trouble spots, particularly Syria & those innocents both caught up in fighting, or trying to flee & being taken advantage of.

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

God have mercy, & give wisdom to the world's politicians.

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This month, we are focussing as a church on the theme of "compassion". The dictionary tells me that compassion means to have "sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others", but I suggest to you that compassion without practical care is no compassion at all. In fact the Dalai Lama recently made this point at a conference in Brussels when he reminded the politicians that they had power which needed to be translated into action. The Apostle James also supports this view in James 2: 14-26, and as Christians we need to be constantly vigilant that our statements are matched by practical action. When we fail to do this, greed & injustice are the products of our hypocrisy. So who can we look to? Jesus of course is our inspiration. In the midst of a world which valued healthy Jewish men, and which looked down on all others, he went out of his way to value and care for children, women, the sick and even Gentiles. His actions were part of the reason that he so antagonised the religious leaders of the day, but one thing he could not be accused of was hypocrisy. The Apostle John (who we often think of as the disciple closest to Jesus) writes some sound advice in 1 John 3: 16-18. Firstly he suggests that we will only know what true compassion is because of God's great love to us, secondly he reminds us of the imperative to resist selfishness as a result of God's blessing on our lives, and thirdly he shows that action is necessary for compassion to be evident. So as we allow the Word of God to impact us this month, we must all be ready to move from theory to practice, if true compassion is to be demonstrated.

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We are very pleased to announce that the name of our refurbished garage will be.....

The Oasis Room

We truly hope that it will be a place where folks will receive refreshment from the concerns they carry, and that children and young people will be taught about how God can become real to them. PLEASE pray for this.

Brian Gault - Invitation Service:

On Sunday 16th October, we will have Brian Gault with us. Brian is a survivor of the Thalidomide drug, he was born without arms and has had to learn to do every day tasks without them. Today, he writes, eats & drives using his feet. He found Jesus as his Saviour & he will share with us, the difference that has made to his life & the incredible message of hope he is now privileged to share across the world. PLEASE invite your friends & family to this event.



No Interest Loan Scheme:

We have highlighted this scheme some time ago, but I had not appreciated that Laura Forbes who occasionally comes to church was the Manager of the scheme which covers Tenbury and Ludlow. Basically, If you have a financial crisis & need funds the NILS scheme may be able to help, by providing funds at "No Interest". Initially, you should call them on 01584 811512 or 07944 610659. They are open for advice / assistance on Tuesday's & Thursday's between 10am - 2pm. Pray for Laura in this work that she oversees.

Our AGM will be held on 23rd Nov at 7:30pm. If you consider Ludlow Elim

to be your church, you should plan to be here.

2nd Dec Panto at Ludlow Assembly Rooms - Tickets available soon!

18th Dec Christmas Invitation Service, start talking to friends etc

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This month's Diary:

In addition to the details shown below, please note:

Kid's church is available in the Oasis Room, 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.

2nd 10:30am Worship & Teaching, Jackie Lines speaking

4th 10:30am Quiet Morning, please join us as we listen to what God has to say (Oasis Room)

5th 7:30pm Waiting on God, Jean leading

6th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study on the Holy Spirit (Oasis Room)

6th 12:00 Freedom in Christ (Oasis Room)

9th 10:30am Worship & Teaching "Compassion Sunday" Karen speaking

10th 7:00pm Men meeting (Oasis room)

12th 7:15pm for prompt 7:30pm start Leaders Business / Prayer

13th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study on the Holy Spirit (Oasis Room)

13th 12:00 Freedom in Christ Course (Oasis Room)

16th 10:30am INVITATION SERVICE with Brian Gault, [see details in this NL](#)

19th 7:30pm Prayer, Jackie Lines leading

20th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study on the Holy Spirit (Oasis Room)

20th 12:00 Freedom in Christ Course (Oasis Room)

20th 7:30pm Tenbury Filling Station with Richard Fothergill at the Penlu Sports club, Tenbury

23rd 10:30am Worship & Teaching, Tim speaking

26th 7:30pm Prayer, Tim leading

27th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study on the Holy Spirit (Oasis Room)

27th 12:00 Freedom in Christ Course (Oasis Room)

30th 10:30am Worship & Teaching, Tim speaking

20th Dec 6pm Living Nativity in Castle Square **INVITE YOUR FRIENDS now!**

25th Dec Christmas Day Worship 10:30 - 11:15am Jackie L leading

28th Dec 7:30pm Prayer / Dedication for the new year, Tim leading

7th Jan Church Christmas Social - Skittles at Burway bowling club details to follow **soon**

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