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Prayer Requests:

- ➔ Pray for Dave Harris & Sally, that health would improve.
- ➔ Other health needs, to include: Angeline, David Smith, Pete, Dorothy and Derek, Sonia, Cal, and all those who are looking after ageing or poorly relatives. Pray also for baby Toby who is recovering from brain surgery. Also a relative of someone who is very depressed, almost suicidal.
- ➔ Those facing challenging or unfair work situations that they will have wisdom as they respond and speak.
- ➔ 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.
- ➔ For opportunities to witness.
- ➔ Pray for CTAL. We are being asked if we can help with Young people gathering in Market Square on Fri and Sat evenings.... Lord give us wisdom!
- ➔ This month, pray especially for: Margaret Jones, Dave & Jackie Lines, Jane Nelson with Alice, Cameron & Oliver, Angeline Morgan, Des & Dot Palmer.

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. A Vauxhall Zaffira has now been purchased!
- ➔ Elim Officers, particularly Chris Cartwright newly appointed General Superintendent as he unfolds a new vision and seeks to keep Elim relevant yet faithful.
- ➔ World trouble spots, particularly Syria, & Iraq. Pray for those innocents both caught up in fighting, or trying to flee & being taken advantage of. God have mercy, & give wisdom to the world's politicians.

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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Text for the month: Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps.



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The best selling single of John Lennon was 'Imagine'. In it, he asks people to consider & respond on the basis that there is no Heaven, & no need for religion. He may have died rich from the proceeds of his work, but he received no funeral, just a cremation; and there were numerous suicides as the news of his murder broke, with his widow appealing for fans not to succumb to desperation following his death. It sounds to me as if imagining a world without God & faith isn't that wonderful after all. As we enter 2017, there will be those around us (and maybe ourselves) who enter the year with foreboding about what the year holds, and still others who will come to look back on 2017 as a year of regret, failure, disappointment or grief. So what can the Bible say to us to give encouragement for the year ahead? Well for the Christian, the Bible assures us that God never leaves us (Heb 13: 5b), that he walks through difficulty with us (Psa 23:4, Isa 43:2), that he knows what we need before we ask (Matt 6:8), and that if we focus on him and his Kingdom, that everything we need will be made available to us (Matt 6:33). He promises that his Holy Spirit is with us to empower us for living whilst we wait for Christ's return (Acts 1:8, Eph 1: 13-14) and that he is definitely coming back to earth to take us to Heaven one day soon (John 14: 1-3). Of course the skeptic would say that we cannot be sure of these things, to which I say, a promise from God is better than a promise from a skeptic! God promised his first birth & we have just celebrated it..! I can rely on God's promises if I use my faith. Faith is not imagining the future, it's being certain that God's promises WILL come true (Hebrews 11:1) and without faith, its impossible to please God.... Sorry John!

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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.

- 1st 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Tim speaking
- 3rd 10:30am Quiet morning - ALL welcome - Oasis room
- 4th 7:30pm Waiting on God - Dave Lines leading
- 5th 09:45am Discussional Bible Study - Biblical timeline & 2nd coming
- 7th 7:30pm Christmas social at Burway Bowling Club.... **BOOK IN NOW**
- 8th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Karen speaking
- 9th 7:00pm Men's meeting - Oasis room
- 11th 7:15pm for 7:30 start Leaders Business / Prayer
- 12th 09:45am Discussional Bible Study - Biblical timeline & 2nd coming
- 15th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Tim speaking
- 18th 7:30pm Prayer for our town & churches - Jackie Lines leading
- 18th 5pm CTAL Prayer for Unity at St Laurence's
- 19th 09:45am Discussional Bible Study - Biblical timeline & 2nd coming
- 19th 2pm CTAL Prayer for Unity at Elim
- 19th 7:30pm Filling station at Penlu Sports Club, Tenbury Nigel Tween
- 20th 10am CTAL Prayer for Unity at St Giles'
- 21st 1:30pm CTAL Prayer for Unity at Ludlow Methodist church
- 22nd 10:30am Worship & Teaching Unity Exchanges - Tim Speaking
- 22nd 3pm St Peter's church CTAL UNITY Service - S Lambourne leading
- 23rd 3pm CTAL Prayer for Unity at Ludlow Quaker Meeting House
- 24th 10am CTAL Prayer for Unity at St John's church
- 25th 2pm CTAL Prayer for Unity at Ludlow Baptist church
- 25th 7:30pm Prayer for our nation - Jean leading
- 26th 09:45am Discussional Bible Study - Biblical timeline & 2nd coming
- 26th 12:30 Ladies Alive.... lunch (**book in please**) & discussion on programme
- 29th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Margaret speaking

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CTAL Lent Groups

We encourage you all to book in to a Lent Group for 2017, studying with other Christians this year on the topic of: Receiving Christ. details of groups and how to book in will be available shortly.

Christmas cards / Brian Gault:

We are pleased to report that we received £95 for Brian Gault as a result of giving in lieu of sending cards. The Leaders are rounding this amount up, and sending a cheque off to him shortly. Thank you to all those who supported this.

Church social FRIDAY 7th Jan 7pm - Burway bowling club

Come & join us for a night of friendship, fun, skittles & a buffet! The cost is £2 a head **BUT** your guests go free. We want to make it easy for you to do "low key evangelism". You **MUST** book in with accurate numbers to Jackie Lines by Sun 1st January 2017.



Discussional Bible Study:

Starting on Thursday 5th January at 09:45 we will begin a study that gives an overview of the whole Bible, starting at Genesis 1 & finishing (we have no idea when exactly...!) at Revelation 22. If you are free, feel free to come & join us to learn how the Bible holds together, how events inter-relate, and to consider how the 'end-times' may unfold. No previous knowledge is necessary, and questions are encouraged. Coffee & biscuits are on-hand throughout.... You will be VERY welcome to join us!

