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### Prayer Requests:

- ➔ Pray for health needs connected with our fellowship: Bev Asher, Bev Taylor, David Smith, Christine Bundy, Dorothy & Derek Weaver, Lucy's Dad John, Avril's Grand-daughter Alexandra, Andy's nephew's son Toby, Dot's family, Judith's mum Molly, and I am sure others that have slipped my mind..... "Lord bring your healing!"
- ➔ We rejoice that Trish has made it to retirement, but we ask you to earnestly pray that Pete will find employment to ease financial pressure upon them.
- ➔ This month, pray especially for: Lucy, Hannah & Jacob, Dain, Karen & Leviah Pritchard, Andy & Cheryllyn Roberts, Pete & Trish Ryder.
- ➔ Please pray for those going through relationship difficulties, those caring for aged or sick relatives, and for those helping those going through depression.... "Lord bring your wisdom & strength."
- ➔ Would you please pray earnestly that the Holy Spirit would have free course to work through us all in 2017, such that we witness to friends & family, bring them to a place where they can see and hear the Gospel, and see them find the Lord for themselves. Pray also for bona fide healings to occur and for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to be known among us.
- ➔ We have been monitoring our finances carefully, and the difficult decisions we took in August have enabled us to "break-even" during the last 6 months - PRAISE GOD!

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

- ➔ Onesimus, Ella, Onias, Denis & Aniella in Romania.
- ➔ The world's trouble spots, particularly Syria, & Iraq
- ➔ Our politicians as they prepare for BREXIT negotiations and for calm and integrity for Northern Ireland 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](mailto:timcoles@me.com)**

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## Ludlow Elim Christian Fellowship

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**Text for the month:** 1 John 3:1 (JBP) Consider the incredible love that the Father has shown us in allowing us to be called "children of God"—and that is not just what we are called, but what we are.



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This month sees the celebration of Valentines day. The world goes mad to prove its love to friends, partners, wives & husbands to the expected tune of £1.3billion pounds; with men spending £16 each more on women, than women do on men. 25million cards will be sent and the top 4 gifts will be flowers, chocolates, meals out and photo frames. However, it appears that women are becoming increasingly avaricious, in that they are starting to expect cars & holidays as Valentine Day gifts! The Bible tells us all we need to know about love... e.g. 1John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. Christ shows us a pattern to follow: Love is the sacrificial giving of ones' self for the benefit of another, when they are incapable of returning the gift. Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We love even when the recipient of our love may not love us back, we put our love not just into words, but demonstrate it by acts of (sacrificial and un-expected) kindness. We do it not because someone deserves it, but because we have been shown love by the Lord of Love and he has inspired us to cross all boundaries and prejudices to demonstrate love in action to someone that he has pointed us to. This kind of love defies all logic, ignores all social etiquette, and realises that love is never a cost, but an investment in the well being and development of the object of our love. To brothers and sisters in church Paul writes 'Outdo one another by showing honour to each other' Rom 12:10, & Peter writes (1 Pet 1:22) above all love each other deeply from the heart. No wonder people buy flowers... it's a lot easier.... Prove me wrong!

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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 7:30pm Waiting on God - Jean leading
- 2nd 9:45am Discussional Bible Study - Oasis Room
- 5th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Gordon Neale Elim's Regional Leader
- 7th 10:30am Quiet Morning - Please join us
- 8th 7:15 for 7:30pm Leaders Business & Prayer
- 9th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study - Oasis Room
- 12th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Jackie Line speaking on Gideon
- 13th 7pm Men's meeting in Oasis Room
- 15th 7:30pm "Love Is..." Men spoiling the ladies YOU MUST BOOK IN
- 16th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study - Oasis Room
- 16th 7:30pm Filling Station at Penlu Sports club Tenbury - Mike Harris
- 19th 10:30am Worship & Teaching-Missionary Focus (Rice's from Leom.)
- 22nd 7:30pm Prayer for Missionaries - Tim leading
- 23rd 9:45am Discussional Bible Study - Oasis Room
- 23rd 12:30 Ladies Alive
- 26th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Tim speaking on Abraham

### ADVANCE NOTICES:

Wed 15th Mar - Healing Service.... Invite those you know in need

Wed 22nd Mar - Prayer for our schools

Sun 26th Mar - INVITATION SERVICE for Mothering Sunday.... PLEASE

invite friends & family along **NB Clocks forward 1 hr**

### 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.

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### Discussional Bible Study:

Thursday's 09:45am 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!

### Glenis' Christmas poem to amuse you...

It's that time of year.... how can we not remember?  
Christmas puddings in the shops on the 1st of September!  
But the excitement that is growing in the run up to the special day  
Is not the Christmas shopping, but The Nativity Play!  
The little angels come on stage, singing carols that will please us  
But alas, poor Joseph's beard's come off & Mary can't find the baby Jesus!  
The angel Gabriel came down from above, O what a heavenly sight  
But the wise man's dropped his frankincense and 2 shepherds are having a fight!  
O dear, now nothing's going right, the teachers are starting to say  
Now one of the sheep has fallen asleep and the donkey has just run away!  
But amidst all the chaos I'll just stop and pause  
There's so much more to Christmas than presents and Santa Claus  
So let us just remember then, that in a land so far away,  
In a cold and lowly stable a little baby lay.  
That baby O so precious was the gift that God gave us,  
A baby with a mission, a baby born to save us!

### Furnishings in the main hall:

The leaders have received a generous offer of an interest free loan, over an indefinite period to help us replace carpets, curtains, light fittings & possibly windows in the main hall. As these items are well over 30 years old, it is an attractive proposition; and new windows would also help to reduce heating costs. However, at a time of "belt-tightening" we have no desire to take on a commitment that could become difficult to pay back. Alongside the generous offer of a loan facility, we have some smaller gifts that have been offered which would reduce the amount we had to consider as "borrowed." We are considering what to do... If you wanted to make a gift towards these items, you could place it in a clearly marked envelope. If we raised enough, we may feel confident to allow new items to be purchased via the offer which has been made. Please pray & support us in this, as you are able.

**Dot reminds us:** "Jesus, and no other stands supreme, he has lain down his life for me, is a sure foundation and without him I do not know reality. Without him, I will never know the truth which brings freedom, love and life.... he, and no other stands supreme!" **and....** "Jesus is a special friend who is ALWAYS at my side, concerned with every detail of my well-being, who knows all about me, and is dependable! I regard your friendship, Jesus as my greatest treasure."

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