

## Prayer Requests:

- ➔ Pray for health needs connected with our fellowship: Bev Asher, Bev Taylor, Sonia Boness, David Smith, Christine Bundy, Dorothy & Derek Weaver, Des Palmer, Lucy's Dad John, Avril's Grand-daughter Alexandra, Dot's family, Judith's mum Molly, and I am sure others that have slipped my mind... "Lord, bring your healing!"
- ➔ Please earnestly pray that Pete will find lasting employment.
- ➔ This month, pray especially for: Jackie Shaw, Karl Shaw, Jamie Shingler, David Smith, Maureen Smith, Bev Taylor, Semi, Allah, Peninah, Anne, Angel & Seth Turova.
- ➔ Please pray for those going through relationship difficulties, those caring for aged or sick relatives, and for those helping those with depression.... "Lord, bring your wisdom & strength."
- ➔ Please pray for Jackie & Karen as they work with the children on a Sunday. Pray for more children to join us.
- ➔ Pray for us all to be bold & to persevere in witnessing, and that we may have the thrill of seeing someone come to faith in Christ.
- ➔ Pray for our Young People as they await results from exams / assessments. Pray for them all in the next chapter of their lives.
- ➔ Pray for our country: that anti-establishment voices & those with selfish agendas would be silenced, for wisdom & integrity for Government Ministers, for those affected by the recent disasters and terror attacks; that they would receive healing and practical help as they need it. Pray also for our country to return to a Godly lifestyle. Pray for wisdom for all those affected with the BREXIT negotiations.

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

- ➔ Onesimus, Ella, Onias, Denis & Aniella in Romania. **We celebrate with them this month, their completion of 15 years faithful ministry in Alexandria**
- ➔ The work of Brian Gault among Thalidomide children in Brazil
- ➔ The world's trouble spots, particularly Syria, & Iraq

**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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**Text for the month: 1 John 4:7 Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.**

### Thought for the month:

1 John 4:7-21 speaks about love. It stirs us to love each other as an expression of our love for the Father. We are often reminded of verse 18, 'There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear [...] The one who fears is not made perfect in love.' Yet, we have recently been rocked by five major events, four of which have been intended to cause harm and stir up fear. So how, as believers, do we respond? (1) Look to the cross: The cross is the ultimate, enacted sign of God's love for humankind, and it enables us to trust and hope in that love as faithful and true. The resurrection is the ultimate picture of evil being defeated and losing its power for good. Even though we still experience pain and suffering, as we look to Jesus' sacrifice, it is our promise of hope and of a better future Kingdom to come, when the Saviour returns. (2) Persevere in love: Circumstances can tempt us to respond with disappointment, bitterness, fear or cynicism. But the love that Jesus commands does not include such emotions. Of course, we are shaken by evil events. But we are called to move beyond this. To lay aside apathy, passivity and fear to active love. Let us find ways that we can actively bless the communities that have been affected, and promote love in our 'home' community too. (3) Pray: Pray for yourself. Whatever your initial response to atrocities, surrender to Jesus and ask for His transformation. Only He can change fear into love and cynicism to hope. Pray for all those affected by evil events; that they would know God's presence close to them. For victims needing physical and emotional healing, for grieving family and friends, for all of the emergency services, for those offering aid and shelter, and as commanded, remember to pray for the government.



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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 Quiet morning in the Oasis Room - You're welcome to join us

2nd 7:30pm Waiting on God - Dave lines leading

3rd 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

**3rd 2pm - 4:30pm @ Burford Gardens... Coffee & Chat with the Pastor**

6th 10:30am Family/Friends Invite Service followed by BBQ - Dain leading

9th 7:30pm Missionary Focus - Cheryl yn leading

10th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

13th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Jackie Shaw speaking

**14th NO MEN'S MEETING**

**16th 2pm - 4:30pm @ Mill on the Green... Coffee & Chat with the Pastor**

16th 7:30pm Film Night - Invite friends & family

**17th NO DISCUSSIONAL BIBLE STUDY**

17th 7:30pm Filling Station at penal Sports Club, Tenbury Wells

20th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Margaret Jones speaking

23rd 7:15/7:30pm Team Leaders Prayer & Business meeting

24th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

27th 10:30am Loudwater Session - Tim speaking

30th **7pm** DVD: "The Destiny of Britain" (Historical film showing background to the Balfour Declaration)

**31st NO LADIES ALIVE**

**31st 2pm - 4:30pm @ Ludlow Food Court Coffee & Chat with the Pastor**

### **Would you like to have an informal chat with the Pastor?**

Tim will be at the venues & times as shown above, and would enjoy an un-hurried cup of coffee or tea with you. All welcome, but if you need a private chat, please make an appointment.

### **Cleaning: IMPORTANT - PLEASE RESPOND IF YOU CAN HELP NOW..!**

The cleaning rota currently has some folks on it that have other pressures on them. We would like to release them for a time, so if anyone else would be prepared to go on the cleaning rota, roughly every 5 or 6 weeks, please see Tim or Judith **ASAP**. Thank you!

## Limitless Pioneer Team in Ludlow Elim?

This September we may be having a team of gap year students invest a year of their lives to help our church and a few other Elim churches in the area start up a youth group to reach out to young people. As I have previously mentioned, 72% of churches in the UK have no youth at all! We are so blessed to have some! But what about the ones outside the church? Another statistic was that 72% of people come to faith by the age of 20. I believe this is an opportunity to engage when people are more likely to ask the big questions. If you would like to help get this off the ground there are a number of ways you can do it. Firstly pray, all moves of God are birthed out of prayer and I would really appreciate all prayer. Secondly you could think about volunteering – we would need to do a DBS check, and chat it over with you. But there will be jobs, like running the tuck shop, being on the door or just chatting to the kids, which would be great if you'd be willing to do that. Lastly this does cost money, which the church has said it will cover, but if you feel you'd like to invest into this you'd be helping the church really impact in this area. The best is yet to come! Dain

