# **YOU** make a difference, wherever you go!

### **Prayer Requests:**

# → Pray for the on-going 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: Derek & Dorothy Weaver, David Whatmore, Lorna Woolley, Harry, Pam & Sandra Wragg.
- → 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 Hannah & Sarah as they start at Oxford Brookes this month, also Matthew who is now based in Porto, Portugal for 12 months. Pray that he will find a Christian friend.
- → 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 working through the BREXIT negotiations.

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

- → Onesimus, Ella, Onias, Denis & Aniella in Romania.
- → The work of Brian Gault among Thalidomide children in Brazil

Who could you phone or visit to bring encouragement this month?

Today you will encourage them, tomorrow they will support you!

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 <a href="mailto:timcoles@me.com">timcoles@me.com</a>

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Text for the month: Matt 5:16 (LB) Don't hide your light! Let it shine for all; let your good deeds glow for all to see, so that they will praise your heavenly Father.



In Luke 8:43-48 Jesus is 'busy' engaging in his mission on earth when he is stopped in his tracks; *interrupted*, by a woman in desperate need of His healing. His response is remarkable. He doesn't get irritated with her, he doesn't use harsh words with her, he doesn't

embarrass her or turn her away with nothing. Jesus was completely in tune with his Father's heart for her and therefore willing to interact with her, as one of the people that His Father brought across His 'life-path'. (Here we might pause to think on how, when we come before the Father, His response towards us is the same as in this Gospel story: one of love, compassion, interest and concern). Within the Church there is often (well intended) emphasis placed on EVANGELISM in a very deliberate, active sense, often to include inviting non Christian friends and family to Church and sharing a testimony. Indeed, these are all reputable and important things for us to put into action. However, the story in Luke 8 doesn't begin with such intentionality on Jesus' part. He doesn't actively 'seek out' the woman. He simply joins in on what is presented before Him in that particular moment because He is entirely aware of His Father's voice (what the Father wants Him to do) AND the empowering Spirit (who gives assurance of capability). The wonderful, Gospel news of this story is that you and I can experience this in our 'ordinary', often mundane daily lives. When we know Jesus we are filled with His empowering, life-giving, encouraging, healing, counselling Spirit, which means that when we interact with those around us that Spirit overflows from us. As we go through our week I encourage us all to be aware of the people around us and the opportunities that will arise to offer prayer and uplifting words.

#### 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.

3rd 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Jackie Lines speaking

5th 10:30am (Oasis Room) Quiet morning

6th 7:30pm Waiting on God - Tim leading

7th 09:45am (Oasis Room) Discussional Bible Study

10th 10:30am Invitation Service for Harvest - Jackie & Karen leading Service will conclude with Fijian nibbles provided by the Turova family. Please bring a friend or family member to this event.... a list of items to bring, which will be donated to the Ludlow foodbank are shown here ---->

11th 7pm (Oasis Room) Men meeting, Fish n' Chip Supper book in via Tim 13th 7:30pm Harvest Supper, a traditional ploughman's £3, but free for your quest if you bring one. Please book in on sheet at back of church, or via Jackie Lines or Jackie Shaw.

14th 09:45am (Oasis Room) Discussional Bible Study

17th 10:30am Worship & Teaching - Dave Lines speaking

20th 7:15pm for 7:30pm Leaders business & Prayer

21st 09:45am (Oasis Room) Discussional Bible Study

21st 7:30pm Filling Station at Penlu Sports Club - Tim speaking this month

23rd 7:30pm WEEKEND WORSHIP at Burway Garage Church Stretton

24th 10:30am Worship & teaching - Jean Dancy speaking

27th 7:30pm (Oasis Room) Prayer meeting - Dain leading

28th 09:45am (Oasis Room) Discussional Bible Study

28th 12:30 Ladies Alive

30th 10am Coffee & Cake for Macmillan cancer. Come to donate

### **Future Dates:**

Oct 15th is Compassion Sunday - Karen leading

Oct 29th we will have a team from Maoz Israel speaking in the morning, & then having a celebration for the Balfour declaration, with prayer for Israel & our nation from 3pm. Please plan to support this afternoon

Nov 15th 7:30pm - CHURCH AGM .... PLEASE BE THERE!

Dec 24th 45min Communion at 10:30am, then candle-lit carols at night. There will be NO Christmas morning service.

#### **Limitless Pioneer Team:**

We are still waiting to hear about our application, so please continue to pray!

# Things to donate for Food Bank - Harvest Service / Supper

Box of tea bags

Jar of Coffee

Bag of Sugar

Bottle of squash

Tins of Baked beans or Spaghetti

Tins of soup

Bag of Pasta

Jar of Pasta sauce

Bag of Rice

Tins of meat

Tins of fish

Tins of tomatoes

Tins of fruit

Box of cereals

PLEASE MAKE SURE THERE ARE LONG "BEST BEFORE" DATES ON ITEMS DONATED.



Although it seems a long way off, we are considering organising a church Christmas meal. The cost for 2 courses with mince pies and tea or coffee is around £17.50. If it helps, we could arrange for you to pay so much per week, and in exceptional cases provide further help. We would like you to tell Jackie Lines the answers to the following please:

- 1. At that price, would you be interested in coming?
- 2. Would you prefer it on a Wednesday evening, or a Friday evening?
- 3. Would you use it as a 'low-level' evangelistic opportunity, and if so, how many may be in your party?

PLEASE see Jackie quickly, as arrangements need to be made SOON.