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### Prayer Requests:

- ➔ Pray for the on-going health needs connected with our fellowship: Bev Asher, Bev Taylor, Sonia Boness, Louise Bromley, Angeline Morgan, David Smith, Pam & Sandra Wragg, Christine Bundy, Dorothy & Derek Weaver, Des Palmer, Lucy's Dad John, Avril's Grand-daughter Alexandra, Dot's family, John's mum recently placed in a home, Judith's mum Molly, Tim's parents Bill & Daphne 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: Dain Karen & Leviah Pritchard, Andy & Cherylyn Roberts, Pete & Trish Ryder, Jackie Saunders, Mike & Evelyn Scott, Jackie Shaw and Karl Shaw.
- ➔ Please pray for those going through relationship difficulties, caring for aged or sick relatives, and for folk 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 the Alpha course which will start in February. Pray for people to book onto the course and for enough volunteers to do it properly. Pray that we will see folks trusting in Jesus. **See Dates for corporate prayer overleaf.**
- ➔ Pray for our country: that anti-establishment voices & those with selfish agendas would be silenced, for wisdom & integrity for Government Ministers. Pray also for our country to return to a Godly lifestyle. Pray for wisdom for all those working through the BREXIT negotiations.
- ➔ We rejoice with Jackie Lines & Dain who have been told that their names will be recommended for ordination at the Elim Conference in May 2018. We also rejoice with Matthew who has now got his place to start training in March to fly 747's for British Airways from Heathrow.

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

**James 5:16 The prayer of a powerful person is powerful and effective.**

Intercessors meet on Friday's... email / text prayer requests to the Pastor.

**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:** John 15:16 (NLT) You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name.

**Tim says:** The picture above is supposed to be of Pilgrim, of Pilgrim's Progress, losing his burdens at the Cross of Jesus Christ. We fundamentally believe that putting faith in Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross makes a HUGE difference to the person who does so. To name just a few benefits: It makes them right before God, removing all of their sins from them forever. It ushers the Holy Spirit into their life who then equips and empowers them to live in a way that pleases God and leads them to speak and behave in ways that causes others to question their own position before God. It starts the process of making them ready to live for Eternity in Heaven, and it frees them from the burdens of a life without God and starts the process of producing God-like character within them. This IS the 'normal' Christian life. It is what should be happening within all of us, albeit some will move faster than others. As we move into a new year which I am sure will be filled with many challenges and unexpected twists and turns, I want to assure you that if you have truly become a Christian then God is resolutely with you and will equip you by his Spirit to be significant wherever you live, work and relax. YOU & I are God's 'change-agents' that have been called to make a difference in the world that he has created, yet which is choosing to go its own way. Your fruit-bearing is necessary to witness to your world, your freedom from the things that sucked the true life out of you in the past matters, your personal and corporate prayers make a difference.... God hears them and answers them, often using you & I as the channels that bring "Good News" to others, our theology may sometimes be incomplete, but our stories are islands of hope to those who are looking for it. So please this year, refuse to live carrying burdens, for Christ has removed them from you at the cross and determine that you will take your place in God's wonderful world as a trophy of his grace, showing it to all you encounter, which is exactly what he redeemed you to be and to do.... HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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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 5pm and Tuesday's at 6:30pm.*

*We encourage you **ALL** to join a Life Group.*

2nd 10:30am Quiet Morning in Oasis Room

3rd 7:30pm Waiting on God Dave leading

4th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

7th 10:30am Worship & Communion - Tim speaking

8th 7pm Men meeting.... details TBA

**10th 2pm Prayer for Alpha at Baptist Church**

10th 7:15/7:30pm Leaders Prayer / Business

11th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

14th 10:30am Worship & Communion - Tim speaking

**17th 2pm Prayer for Alpha at Elim Church**

17th 7:30pm Prayer Meeting - Jean leading

18th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

18th Prayer for Christian Unity (PCU) 2pm at Elim

18th 7:30pm Filling Station at Penlu Sports Club, Burford

19th PCU 10am at St Giles

20th PCU 1:30pm at Methodists

21st 10:30am Worship & Communion with Unity Exchanges. Chris Cartwright Elim's GS with us, PLEASE make every effort to be with us.

21st 3pm PCU United CTAL Service at St Peter's

22nd PCU 3pm at Quakers

22nd PCU 7:30pm at St Peter's

23rd PCU 10am at St John's

23rd PCU 7:30pm at Living Waters

**24th 2pm Prayer for Alpha at Baptist Church**

24th PCU 5pm at St Laurence's

24th 7:30pm Prayer Meeting - Jackie L leading

25th 9:45am Discussional Bible Study in the Oasis Room

25th 12:30 Ladies Alive... book in via Jean or Jackie Shaw

25th PCU 2pm at Baptists

28th 10:30am Worship & Communion - Tim speaking

**31st 3:30pm Prayer for Alpha at Baptist Church**

31st 7:30pm Prayer Meeting - Dain leading

### Next month:

**LUDLOW ALPHA COURSE starts week commencing 12th February** for more information / book in: [www.ludlowalpha.org](http://www.ludlowalpha.org) Invite your friends to join it! In fact Why not offer to do it with them? Even book yourself on to refresh knowledge. Invitation cards available at back of Church - PLEASE use them!

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**Membership & Personal Data:** If you have not yet returned your Membership Forms and Data Sheets to Jackie Shaw **YOU MUST NOW DO THIS AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, or your Membership will lapse!**

**New Members:** In addition to others notified last month, we also welcome Jackie Saunders into Membership.. We will pray with all new members on Sunday 14th January.

**Baptism:** We will shortly be organising a talk about Baptism. If you would like to know more, please see Tim ASAP.

Despite the Snowy weather in December, The Men of Ludlow Elim still held their Christmas Party & took part in challenges covering: Observation, Skill, Strength, Knowledge & Bravery. It was a hard fought competition, but ultimately we crowned our "Man of the Year 2017"... Congratulations Sam - will you be able to retain it next year I wonder?



Thank you to all those who helped to make our Christmas Services so meaningful.