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*"Making families fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ"*

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## Tim Says

I'm sure that most, if not all of us have been both saddened and shocked as we have seen recent news stories unfold. The events in Egypt that led to the toppling of a world leader, seem an awfully long way off as further stories of unrest in Libya and Bahrain and the disasters in New Zealand and Japan have taken centre stage. I hope that you will pause for a few moments and pray for God to have mercy on all those in

need at this time. Thousands of people have lost homes and possessions through no fault of their own, and are facing years of uncertainty (and possible further unrest) as their countries are rebuilt. We know little of this type of uncertainty in our country's recent history, yet we do have responsibilities! I would like to make the following 2 simple points: (1) Nowhere does the Bible teach us that our attitude should be 'every man for himself!' On the contrary, the whole Mosaic law was founded on having mercy on those that needed it, whether they were of your tribe and nation or not! Your

income may be limited to what is given through state benefits, or what you saved for to keep you through this stage of life. Yet you should realise that you have infinitely more than most of those currently "starring" on your TV at present; and you should be as generous as possible towards them. (2) These events are the 'beginning of birth pains.' The return of our Lord Jesus to this earth is not (in my opinion) far away. The Bible says that the whole earth is groaning in eager anticipation of that event. What should our response be? We should live holy and Godly lives! **2 Peter 3:11**

### Text for the Month:

**2 Corinthians 9:7** Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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## Dates for this month:

2nd 7pm Valley Worship at Burford Village Hall - Baz Gascoyne  
3rd 10:30am Tim speaking on using your spiritual gift

**NB: It's also Mothers Day**

3rd 6:00pm Corporate prayer re the Building  
5th 10am - 4pm & 7:30pm Quiet Day. Dain responsible in eve.  
10th 10:30am Go with the Flow - Jean responsible  
10th 12:30 **BRING & SHARE LUNCH....** please join us!  
12th 12:30 Open Door Lunch  
12th 7:30pm Tim speaking on making more disciples Pt. 1  
16th 09:00am Pastor will make breakfast. We will count the loose change in the jar & pray about our building. **You MUST BOOK IN VIA TIM, by Sun 10th April. Donation for breakfast goes to Building Fund.**  
17th 10:30am Karen Speaking on Unbridled Praise & Worship  
**NB: It's also Palm Sunday**  
19th 7:30pm Tim speaking on making more disciples Pt. 2  
22nd 9:30am CTAL March of witness from Ludlow Conf. Centre  
22nd 11am-ish Communion at Elim  
24th 8:00am CTAL Open Air at Whitcliff  
24th 10:30am Tim speaking **NB: It's also EASTER Sunday**  
24th 2pm-3:30pm Open Air service in Castle Square  
26th 7:30pm Cherilyn leading us with a Missions Focus

## Dates for the future:

CTAL Christian Aid service 22nd May at Ludlow Conference Centre at 6:30pm. See Tim if you want to volunteer to help as a Christian Aid collector.

Elim Bible week (the last one at Prestatyn!!) from 4th - 11th June. Booking information is on the shelf by the door.

Matthew Clark from Regents will be with us on 26th June

**Shropshire Prayer Breakfast - 9th July at Shrewsbury Town FC. Full English Breakfast £10.50 Steve Clifford (EA Director speaking) Book in via Tim TODAY**

Nigel Tween, Elim's Director of Training will be with us on Tuesday 9th August - Put this date in your diary NOW!

We will be watching some Louie Giglio DVD's on 16th & 23rd August. You may want to invite folks to see these films

## Prayer Requests

- ★ **GIVE PRAISE:** Dave Lines has been told that he is free of the cancer he was receiving treatment for!
- ★ Rachael Crawley in Uganda. For safety, & freedom from "nasty diseases" & to have her life impacted as a result of the experience
- ★ For our students at Regents taking exams
- ★ For the Students (Rachel, Ben & Tim) from Regents that have been helping Dain with Youth. **PRAISE THE LORD** there are around 20-25 Young people off the streets coming to our youth night. **HOWEVER**, we have to keep it going once the students finish at the end of April.
- ★ Pray for those doing *GCSE's* & starting their final revision this month.
- ★ Pray for a full recovery for Jackie Shaw, and also remember Elizabeth & Elahna in your prayers. Elizabeth's cancer is in remission, but may still flare up again. She will be monitored for the next 4 years. Elahna has broken her elbow & is in lots of pain.
- ★ As we go to print, Matthew is beginning his final exams. Pray for him as it affects whether he proceeds to the USA for practical flying training.

## Cross Border Prayer Initiative

From 12noon on Sat 21st May, until 12noon on Sun 22nd May we will be participating in the Border Prayer Room project. The idea is that for 24 hours we will be praying blessings into Presteigne (our partner on the Welsh side of the border) & they will be praying blessings into Ludlow. Christians from other churches around Ludlow will be joining with us to keep 24 hour prayer going (Living Waters & the Methodists are already committed to being a part of it) & we anticipate that we will experience the blessings of God on our town as a result. We will be looking for volunteers to pray, pray, pray. The more we have, the greater our effect will be. Book your preferred time slot with Tim now! The Prayer Room will be set up in Ludlow Elim

## Prayer for Israel

The next Prayer for Israel meeting will be on Monday 11th April from 10:30am - 12 noon.

It meets at Kathy Boulton's home. For more information, please contact Kathy on 01584 873685, or speak to Dave Lines

## Poem

Exercise, exercise, in the morning when you rise;  
One leg up, and one leg down, that's the way to Ludlow town.  
Eat more fru-it, eat more su-et, eat more homemade pies;  
Eat just what you jolly well like, but you must have exercise.

Submitted by Trevor Brookes. A friend of Winston's from Hendra House....

## Facebook

If you have access to the web, please access the Ludlow Elim Facebook page. You can leave a message, join a discussion or leave your comments on the things we have done.

This raises our profile & allows us to reach those who may not come to church!

## An update on the building....

We have had 2 parties view our building, but as yet no offer has been received. We also received an e-mail which suggests that the land we have been investigating up at the ECO park would be closed to us & that is why we have called the church to prayer, on the first Sunday evening of the month at 6pm. The first prayer event will be on April 3rd & we will continue this monthly practice until we get a breakthrough. You may like to consider fasting along with prayer & we would encourage this. These discouragements are a 'spiritual matter' & we will fight them in a 'spiritual way.'

We have also recently viewed the old Tax Office in Riddings road, and feel encouraged by the space available. We are continuing to monitor this situation & make further investigations. If you wish to know any more details, please see one of the Leadership team.

## Things for Mums & Tots.....

Little Squiggles meets on a Thursday morning. See Louise Bromley for more details 01584 856747

**Man with a message....  
Tony Biddle Writes**

This prayer can be used for those going through a bad time. It is based on the Entrance Antiphon for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A.

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Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name lead me and guide me.

We make this prayer Lord for, (insert name) in their time of trouble. Go with them Good Shepherd, through the darkness of the unknown; and grant in your mercy that their time of trial may draw them closer in faith and trust to you. Grant that they may know your comforting presence with them until the next stage of your plan for them is revealed and they go forth again to serve you. For we know that you never abandon any that you have called to your service. In his name we ask, Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, our only hope, Amen

(Author Unknown)

**Women with a message....  
Kathy Boulton writes:**

On pondering and praying how to know the will of God, I had the thought; "Green Cross Code" (for those who can't remember it, Stop - Look - Listen - proceed with caution) and then the thought, this is how to know the will of God.

STOP - be quiet and still before The Lord, stop your busyness, your to-ing and fro-ing, your multi tasking, let Him talk to you.

LOOK - at Gods Word, all Scripture is God breathed for instruction, for training and for confirming God's will.

LISTEN - to what the Holy Spirit is saying: he is your teacher and guide.

PROCEED WITH CAUTION - Pastor Tim, the Elders and leaders all there to help

Scripture to confirm the above, Matthew 7:7 ASK - SEEK - KNOCK

ASK - and it will be given unto you

SEEK - and you will find

KNOCK - and the door will be opened

Submit to God - wait patiently for Him - He will direct your path.

So simple, you need help to miss it.

Shalom, Be Blessed.

**YOUR contribution could be in this newsletter.....  
Send it (preferably by e-mail) by April 18th to Tim Coles, *Thank you!***

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## Read (or listen to) your Bible.....



I have recently received some excellent materials from The Bible Society called "You've got the time." It is a Bible reading plan to help people read or listen to the entire New Testament. It takes 28 minutes a day over (wait for it Jean!!) ..... 40 days.

You can download materials from [www.biblesociety.org.uk/ygtt](http://www.biblesociety.org.uk/ygtt) or if you prefer you can send for an MP3 player that comes with the recordings pre-loaded (call 01793 418222).

All they ask in return is a donation to help them make the Bible available to those nations & people groups that are still waiting to have a copy in their own language

## And Finally.....

A Psalm for Lent (i.e. for those who have declared they will use the season to start dieting!)

My diet is my Shepherd, I shall be in want  
It makes me jog quietly round and round green pastures  
It leads me to quietly drink water  
And jump on and off the scales  
It guides me to resist all pleasurable food  
For my figure's shape

Even though I walk through the aisles of Sainsbury's  
I will buy no Bovril  
For you are with me  
Your measuring tape and calorie counter  
The confuse me

You prepare a table before me  
In the presence of the Tellytubbies  
You cover my lettuce with low-fat mayonnaise  
My diet coke overflows  
Surely a rumbling stomach and a felling of irritability will be with me  
All the days of my slimming plan  
And I will worry about my weight forever

Dr. Debbie Lovell