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Word list: Amen ark Asia axe Bethlehem brass Cross fear grace heal hell herbs hope Isaiah James Jerusalem John Lamb lamp Micah mite Naaman Nain oxen Peter Samuel Saul sin see widow. *Can you find more?*

Prayer requests

Good news about the lady **M**. we have been asking prayer for. She is now convalescing prior to returning home once again. Keep praying! Pray for friends who were **bereaved** just before Christmas.

Pray for **W** and **E**, a couple who are missing coming to the Chapel due to ill-health.

Ask God to send more **helpers** so we can extend the Church's work.

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to all our readers!*

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Colder over there!



Valentin Raican (who spoke at the Chapel in August) sent us this photo of the view from his apartment in Braşov, Romania. It reminded our Pastor of his long van journeys in the 1990s and of the hospitality of our brother in Christ - particularly of a November 1993 visit when the temperature dipped to -20C. with much more snow. The buildings are typical of the Ceausescu era.

Goodwill and generosity

There was a smaller congregation at our Carol Service than usual, partly due to the number of people who were down with “Bugs”. Nevertheless, there was a great atmosphere and we were treated to fine music both during and after the event. A voluntary offering on the evening for the charity called Caring For Life, which helps vulnerable adults, raised £211.



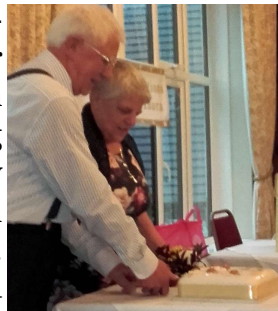
Frances and Michael continuing to play after the service.

Missing news source

We were sorry to hear of the demise of the local magazine, ‘Signpost’. We have used this to advertise our services and special events ourselves and want to help villagers to keep in touch. While our resources and the size of the ‘Langford Link’ can in no way replace the larger journal, we will be happy to include items of local interest - if appropriate for the *Link*.

Congratulations!

To **Laura and John Batt**, who celebrated their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** on the 10th December. They attend the monthly *Aroma* coffee mornings regularly. As you’ve guessed, Laura made the cake!



From the Pastor’s study

Happy New Year! That traditional greeting is meant sincerely but sometimes said without much thought of the implications. What would make you most happy in 2017? If you made a list perhaps good health might be pretty near the top. For some, financial success or good exam results would get written down. The rather uncomfortable truth is that we have no idea what will happen to us during the year. Just as many of the events of 2016 brought surprises here and abroad, so we (and the ‘experts’) do not know what is coming. It is typical of the so-called ‘Post-Christian’ society that large numbers gathered for a pagan celebration at Stonehenge and many resort to avidly reading horoscopes - while ignoring the God who controls the future. Long ago, the prophet Isaiah wrote, “And when they say to you, ‘Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,’ should not a people seek their God?” We need to turn to the One Who has got the whole world in His hands - the God who sent His Son to save us.

For your diary

Here we are in the cold month of January (what happened to ‘Climate change?’) so it’s time to note things down. Following our Christmas and New Year services the usual pattern of Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. continues with our Pastor resuming the studies on the life of David in the second book of Samuel. On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m. we return to the first letter of John - these are interactive studies. The only exception is on the second Tuesday when we usually have a

Missionary prayer time with a short introduction. Everyone is welcome to these meetings. The first 2017 *Aroma* coffee morning is on the 28th of January, so come back then - or join our friendly crowd for the first time. Last year was rather special with the celebration for the Queen’s 90th birthday and our 170th Anniversary. There will be one-off events this year (details to come) but we are praying that God will bless you in the ‘ordinary’ services too!