

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward. Ps 19:7-11 NKJV

Christians are often criticised for taking a stand on long held truths that provide fixed points for our society. The issues are often complicated and we must avoid sounding judgemental. Nonetheless we are mindful that changes in the law in the name of liberty often give way to licence.

We are pleased to report the following from 'Care', who speak for Elim on matters of social concern.

MPs recently debated the law on assisted suicide in a debate instigated by Christine Jardine MP, who supports a change in the law. The big focus of the debate was a call for the Government to hold an inquiry into the current law. It is important to understand that, not only is a review unwarranted, it would simply be a precursor towards changing the law. It will not surprise readers to learn that behind the speeches from those advocating law change, you could detect the influence of Dignity in Dying, formerly the Voluntary Euthanasia Society.

CARE supported MPs who spoke powerfully in the debate about the importance of palliative care, the need to care not to kill and the way evidence from other countries clearly demonstrates how dangerous legalised assisted suicide is. We are grateful to all the MPs who spoke out against changing the law and who provided a voice for the vulnerable in doing so.

We were delighted that the Government did not cave to pressure from campaigners calling for a review of the law – in part due to the strong opposition of many MPs yesterday. This pressure, though, will continue, and we remain committed to resisting all attempts to change the law, for the sake of the vulnerable across the UK.

We say again, these issues are often complex, I have a colleague currently suffering from Motor Neurone disease. I mention this to show we are not separated from the tough realities of these situation. However some very wide doors can be opened by changing long standing laws that protect the most vulnerable.

Also we take note of our Prime Minister's comments in his Christmas message on the government's website. You can read it all online but we are grateful for the following paragraph.

'Today of all days, I want us to remember those Christians around the world who are facing persecution. For them, Christmas Day will be marked in private, in secret, perhaps even in a prison cell. As Prime Minister, that's something I want to change. We stand with Christians everywhere, in solidarity, and will defend your right to practice your faith.'

God bless you all,
Pastor Rob

Family Room Moor Street

We are blessed to have little ones in church and we are striving to make them and their families feel valued and welcome. One way we can show this is through our family room. We are looking for a volunteer or two, to take responsibility for this room, ensuring it is a safe, fun and inviting place to be. If you are interested in helping to make this room the best it can be, please speak to Abi.

We are still reviewing our midweek programme and are seeking to make space for the various ministries that take place during the week. During February we will follow our normal pattern of a Bible Study on each Tuesday evening at The Corner (except for the second Tuesday), the titles are listed below. The New Believers Bible Class will continue on alternate Wednesdays and the dates are also listed below. Please support us as we seek to find the best way forward in this season of expansion.

Tuesday Evenings 7.30 @ The Corner

4th Feb	'Personal Spiritual Warfare'
11th Feb	No Meeting
18th Feb	'Why does the God of the Old Testament seem to be different to the loving God of the New Testament?'
25th Feb	'Learning to accept people' Some lessons from the tiny book of Philemon

Planned Dates for New Believers Bible Class Alternate Wednesdays at Princess Street

5th Feb (Session 6),	19th Feb (Session 7)
4th March (Session 8),	18th March (Session 9)
1st April (Session 10),	15th April (Session 11)
29th April (Session 12),	13th May (Session 13)
27th May (Session 14),	10th June (Session 15)
24th June (Session 16)	

Any questions please speak to Gerry

Sundays at 10.30 am

Worship & Communion Services at both venues Kids Church @ The Corner, Sunday School at Princess Street.

Sundays at 6.30 pm

Evening Celebration with Bible teaching at Moor Street.

Tuesday Meetings

Tuesday 2.30pm at Princess Street Tuesday Fellowship. Tuesday evenings as above!

Youth & Children's Work

THE HUB - 2nd Friday of month @ Moor Street - An amazing mix of games, activities and food. For the whole family, 6.30—8.30 come and go at a time to suit you. This month's theme Love Actually

LIMITLESS - A Youth Special for 11–16 year olds takes place on the **1st & 3rd Fridays of each month** from 6.30pm to 8.30pm @Moor Street. Games, special events, tuck shop. Speak to Matt Rimmer for more information

Other Meetings

Men's Meeting - Normally Last Friday of each month at 7.00 pm onward @ Princess Street. We ask a £3 donation towards food but its free for your first meeting.

At various other times and places we hold **Small Groups** These meet in homes at different dates and frequencies. We also have an Indian (Malayalam speaking) fellowship.

Our Prayer Gatherings

Thursdays, 7.00pm to 8.00pm Princess Street - 'THE WATCH' Revival prayer meeting

Saturday, 8.30am to 9.30am @ Moor Street - The Hour of Prayer (Coffee from 8.00am)

THE HUB

Friday 14th February



HOT FOOD, CRAFTS
TUCK SHOP, GAMES
FAMILY FUN

Free Entry
6:30pm to 8:30pm
Moor Street
Burton, DE13 3SU

Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult. Parents are responsible for children at all times.

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