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Our broadcast from St Paul's building will be available to view at **11.30am on Sunday on YouTube**. We have had some problems uploading to Facebook and suggest that those watching on Sunday mornings should watch on YouTube where possible.

Staff Update

The Church office is open again Tuesday – Thursday 10.30am – 2.30pm for phone calls. If you need to call into the office, please phone first to make an appointment. The Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and Jill and Jane are seeing clients BY APPOINTMENT ONLY in The Hub, as well as helping clients online and by telephone. Alan is continuing to work mainly from home, and can be contacted by phone or text message should any needs arise.

Samaritan's Purse



Wrapped boxes and leaflets are now available from the office (by appointment) for anyone wishing to fill one for Operation Christmas Child. We can also drop boxes off to you if it is difficult to get to the office (email ruth@elimcarlisle.org). They will need to be filled and ready to go by the end of October. Import rules mean that toothpaste and sweets can no longer be included in boxes but handmade stuffed toys can now go in, providing the filling is proper craft filling.

Local Affordable Food Pantry

We are continuing to reassess and develop the ministry of the Church to serve the people of Carlisle as we move through the Coronavirus and seek to respond to the recovery phase and the ongoing needs that will be evident in the community over the next months and years. We are continuing to explore the development of a local Food Pantry in St Paul's and we hope to make a definite decision to develop this in the next few weeks. The response from local charities and the County Council has been overwhelmingly positive. Please pray for our staff and the Elders as they consider this exciting opportunity to share the good news by serving our community in word and in action and check out the website <https://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/>

Thank you for faithful service!

Thank you to those who are stepping down from ministries and allowing others the opportunity to serve. We want to place on record our appreciation to the following people who are stepping down during this Covid-19 period. We hope to be able to express our appreciation in a more obvious manner in the near future.

- **Joyce Hetherington** has helped with the food bank for a number of years and has served as Missions Treasurer for over 10 years. **Amy Hope** will take over as Missions Treasurer from September.
- **Patrick O'Brien** has served faithfully in the Church over many years. He was on the leadership of the Church serving as Deacon and as Church Secretary for many years. His loyalty and very practical support for the ministry and development of the Church, during some especially testing times should not be under-estimated. His humility and willingness to allow others to develop in ministry as he has taken a less prominent role in recent years is an example to us all. He has put in many hours working behind the scenes in practical ways, on the PA desk for many years, as well as carrying out various other tasks within the building. As our Technical Team develops in a new way for supporting, recording and broadcasting our meetings, there are vacancies for various ministry roles for younger Church members to serve with a similar unselfish attitude that Patrick has demonstrated.
- **Fiona Sheridan** is stepping down as a Leader of our Little Steps parent and toddler group due to a change to full time work. Fiona has helped develop this ministry for over 10 years and her role has been greatly appreciated. Chrissie Peck continues to lead this ministry and will look to reopen this at an appropriate time in the future. Hopefully, some of our newer parents will help her in the running of this community outreach ministry as they attend with their younger children, but there will also be a continuing need for additional volunteers.

Communion Service

Our next communion service is planned for **Wednesday 2nd September** and bookings will be accepted from Thursday 27th August. This is aimed particularly at those who don't have access to our services online but is also open to others. We are hoping to broadcast this live from the building for those who would prefer to be involved from home. Details to follow.

Finance

- **Offerings for July** came to £12331.54 and we give thanks for God's provision during these uncertain times. If you normally place your offering in the box on Sundays, alternative ways to give while physical meetings are limited are below. Thank you to all who are faithfully giving, enabling us to continue to pay staff as we consider how to re-deploy some, while developing our ministries.
- **Easyfundraising** – We have received a cheque for £16.47 from easyfundraising for the quarter ending 30th June. This is a really easy way of raising money for the church when you shop online and doesn't cost you anything! For more information and to sign up visit: <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elimcarlisle>
- **Praise God** – we heard this week that we will be receiving a grant to cover Jane Fearon's salary as a Debt Coach for a further 12 months.



Prayer meeting and requests

Our next prayer meeting will take place on **Sunday 6th September** in St Paul's Building. Maximum 30 people-book in advance from 1st September by texting Alan on 07775 666869. We are hoping to broadcast this live from the building for those who would prefer to be involved from home. Details to follow.

Please continue to pray for those who are sick or recovering from ill health including the following, along with any other needs you are aware of:- Adele Miller - waiting for test results hopefully by next Monday - Ernie Duncan recovering in hospital after a major operation - Elsie Ponsonby waiting for a hospital appointment for problems with her jaw - Dave Foster recovering at home after hospitalisation for a stroke - Nigel Morant ongoing heart concerns - Penny Griffiths waiting for an urgent heart operation at Newcastle - Margery Scott awaiting an urgent hospital appointment.



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Room bookings & general enquiries: Contact **Ruth Whiffen** (Administrator) at the Church office (open Tues – Thurs 10.30 am – 2.30pm) ruth@elimcarlisle.org

Minister: Alan Meyer (07775 666869) alan@elimcarlisle.org

Debt Advice: Christians Against Poverty (0800 328 0006) or our Debt Centre Manager **Jill Wheatley** (07812 524849)



Ministry Coordinators contact details:

Family Ministry: Jean Ranson (07896 999887)

Youth Ministry: Helena Cowling (07868 595726)

Discipleship: Christine Orr (07905 139107)

Cell Groups: John Ranson (07428 590847)

Weekend Service Support: Claire Wamsley (07375 038025)

Giving to the Church

You can currently give to the church in 3 ways:

1. By standing order to the church bank account – details from the church office
2. **Online using our secure online giving facility.** Go to <https://elim.paythru.com/t/dUUo66LZ> where you will have the option to set up a Paythru account to save your details for any future giving. This facility enables you to give directly from your bank account using your bank's online banking or by setting up a standing order. Please note that the minimum online donation is £5.
3. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.