

Church Bulletin 5th November 2020

Coronavirus National Lockdown

In compliance with the legal position and the new Government guidelines, we will be continuing to livestream our worship service from St Paul's at 10.30 am on Sunday on our YouTube channel with a link on Facebook. Only a limited number will be allowed in the building for the next few weeks.

- **Children's ministry** will continue online - Jean will provide resources for parents to use.
- **Little Steps** is continuing to support mothers and babies who have booked to attend.
- **Youth work** will move back to meeting over zoom from 7 – 8 pm on Friday evenings.
- **Oasis Food Pantry** will continue to be open each Friday 10 am – 2pm in St Paul's.
- **Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre** will continue to help clients by arrangement.

This Week

- **Discovery Group**, for those aged 16 to 30 will be meeting again over zoom on **Sunday 8th November**. More details from Joel Daanyaya 07397 880224 / joelwuni2004@yahoo.com.
- **Next Level Leaders** will meet again over zoom on **Monday 9th November**. More details from Alan.

National Day of Prayer – Friday 13th November

This has been initiated by the Evangelical Alliance and Elim are asking our whole movement to commit to pray and fast on that day. More details to follow.

Samaritan's Purse – drop off details & shoebox online option

There are 3 options for dropping off shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child next week:-



1. 'The Entertainer Toy Shop' is open **9 am – 5.30 pm Mon – Fri**, instructions on the door;
2. 'Toys 'n Tech' is open **9 am – 3 pm Mon – Fri**, instructions on the door;
3. Boxes can also be dropped off at The School Room, Monkhill Methodist Church, Monkhill, Carlisle, CA5 6DB, which is on the B5307 heading towards Burgh by Sands, but only on **Monday 9th November 10 – 12 noon and Tuesday 10th November 2 – 4 pm**. (The school room door will be open during these times.)

If you have missed the opportunity to fill a box but would still like to contribute, you can fill a box online for £20 using the link <https://shoeboxonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk/> Karen Lawson is happy to help anyone with this if needed.

CAP Hampers

We are planning to give our most recent Christians Against Poverty clients hampers at Christmas this year. Groups have been asked to make up hampers but if anyone not currently involved in a group would like to donate items or finance towards hampers, please get in touch with Jill or the church office for more details.



Food Pantry Donations

Thank you to those who have given to the Food Pantry! Any donations of food or finance towards the ongoing costs of supporting those struggling with food poverty is greatly appreciated, and can be done via the office or online giving.

City-Wide Carol singing event – save the date!

The Big Sing is an invitation to the city to come and sing a carol or two on their doorsteps on **Sunday 20th December** at 6 pm. Radio Cumbria will be the soundtrack for the evening. More details to follow.

NISCU Christmas Cards

This year NISCU (Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union) has produced a Christmas card to sell to raise funds for the work they do in local schools. A pack of 5 costs £3 and 100% of the profits go to support NISCU's local work. To pre-order or for information contact Rachel Gleave: rachel.gleave@niscu.org.uk / 07557 987 474.

Missions Boxes

Money from Missions Boxes was recently counted and £128.82 has been raised from around 8 boxes. If yours is ready for emptying, it can be dropped off at the office by arrangement.

Child Sponsorship in the Philippines

The Living Epistle Christian Academy is temporarily closed but is seeking to meet the needs of children in the community along with their previous students. Living Epistle is showing God's love to them in different ways. They run children's clubs in different areas with an average of 40 children aged 4 - 8 years old attending. They also hope to start a feeding programme. To sponsor a child in the Philippines, contact Alan or Ruth for details.

Compassion UK

We have received a letter from Compassion UK thanking the church and family and friends of Adele Miller for the donations made in her memory which totalled £495.00.

UCB Word for Today

We have some copies of UCB's Word for Today for Nov/Dec/Jan in the office. If anyone would like one, they can be collected from the Hub by arrangement or posted out on request.



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Alan is continuing to work mainly from home, and can be contacted by phone or text message should any needs arise. Other staff will be in the office from time to time as necessary, and will be available by appointment. The Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre is open on Tuesdays & Wednesdays and Jill & Jane will be seeing clients BY APPOINTMENT ONLY in The Hub, as well as helping clients online and by telephone. The Oasis Food Pantry is open 10am – 2pm on Fridays for new and existing members.

Room bookings & general enquiries: Contact **Ruth Whiffen** (Administrator) at the Church office or on her mobile (Tues – Thurs 10.30 am – 2.30pm) ruth@elimcarlisle.org (07964 544893)

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)

Oasis Pantry: 07838 349561 or contact Gail Meyer (07801 991204)

www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/find-a-pantry/oasis-pantry/ **Facebook page:** [@ylpoasiscarlisle](https://www.facebook.com/ylpoasiscarlisle)

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)

If you normally place your offering in the box on Sundays, alternative ways to give while physical meetings are limited are below. 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. Check out our website for details: www.elimcarlisle.org/giving
3. **By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.**