

Church Bulletin 12th November 2020

Coronavirus National Lockdown

In compliance with the legal position and the current 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.

City-Wide Carol singing event – 20/12/20 @ 6pm

The Big Sing is an initiative of Carlisle Vineyard that we are supporting. Check out the website for full details: <https://www.bigcarolsing.co.uk/>

Pop a note through your neighbour's doors or print off the "Save the Date" invitation and pop it through their doors. Let's do all we can to celebrate Christmas together while apart, and invite people to remember the real reason for the season! Let's invite the whole city to sing a carol or two on their doorsteps on **Sunday 20th December**. Radio Cumbria will be the soundtrack for the evening. Don't miss this great opportunity!

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. See https://www.elim.org.uk/Articles/592560/A_call_to.aspx for a proposed prayer schedule from EA. There will also be a united time of prayer online from 7 - 8 pm at elim.org.uk/youtube and elim.org.uk/facebook.

Samaritan's Purse – still time to drop off your box!



You have until **Monday 16th November** to drop your shoebox off at either 'The Entertainer Toy Shop' (open 9 am to 5.30 pm) or 'Toys 'n Tech' (open 9 am – 3 pm).

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.

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.

CAP Hampers

If anyone not currently involved in a cell group would like to donate items or finance towards hampers for our Christians Against Poverty clients, please get in touch with Jill or give online.



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 order or for information contact Rachel Gleave: rachel.gleave@niscu.org.uk / 07557 987 474.

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.

Finance

Our offerings for October came to £11318.57. Thank you to all who are continuing to give sacrificially at this time. If you normally place your offering in the box on Sundays, alternative ways to give while physical meetings are limited are below.

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.**



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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: [@ylpoaiscarlisle](https://www.facebook.com/ylpoaiscarlisle)

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