

## Church Bulletin 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### CHANGES TO RESTRICTIONS from 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Our service will be livestreamed from St Paul's at **10.30am** on Sunday on our YouTube channel with a link on our Facebook page. From 6<sup>th</sup> December we can also allow a limited number of people to attend as part of the congregation but places must be booked in advance. You can book in online using My ChurchSuite - My Events. If you unable to book online, text 07775 666869 or 07964 544893 and we will book you in if space is available.

Other ministries will operate as follows:-

- **Children's ministry** will continue online until the new year.
- **Little Steps** continues to support mothers and babies who have booked to attend.
- **Youth work** on Fridays will meet in the Hub again from 4<sup>th</sup> December.
- **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.



**Christmas is coming! Look out for our daily Advent Calender on our Facebook and Youtube channels! Wispa golds to be won every day!**



### Prayer & Praise

Our next Prayer & Praise meeting will be on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at 6.30 pm over Zoom. Save the date!!

### Discipleship, Nurturing & Accountability partnerships

Our DNA partnerships will be meeting again during w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you'd like to know more about DNA partnerships, contact Christine Orr (07905 139107).

### City-Wide Carol singing event – 20<sup>th</sup> December at 6 pm

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 neighbours' 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 20<sup>th</sup> December**. Radio Cumbria will be the soundtrack for the evening. Don't miss this great opportunity!

### Brian Grist

Brian, who was a former minister at St Paul's, passed into the presence of the Lord on Tuesday after contracting pneumonia a few weeks ago. Please remember his wife, Carole, and the rest of the family in your prayers. If you would like to send a card to Carole, her address is Carole Grist, 103 Fleetwood Road, Thornton-Cleveleys, FY5 1SB.

### Phil Savage

For those who know him, Phil Savage has contracted Covid-19 while in prison and is in isolation. Please pray that he continues to recover and returns to full health very soon.

### Thank you and opportunities to serve!

We really appreciate those who do jobs quietly behind the scenes that enable us to function as a Church community. Thank you to Harry Smith who has faithfully cut the lawns at St Paul's for many years, and is now stepping down. Also to Adam Sheridan who for a number of years has led the Projector team. Although stepping down from this role he will still serve on the team, and continues to maintain our Church Website. This leaves us with areas of service to fill in the New Year. Is this a good role for you to serve the Lord?

### Finances

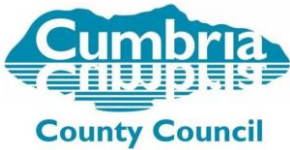
**Our offerings for October came to £11318.57.** Thank you to all who are continuing to give sacrificially at this time. If you normally place your offering in the box on Sundays, alternative ways to give while physical meetings are limited are below.

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](http://www.elimcarlisle.org/giving)
3. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.

**We have also received a cheque for £32.24 from Easy Fundraising.** Thank you SO much to everyone who's raised a donation, please remember to continue to shop through easy fundraising for any online Christmas shopping you do. If you haven't yet signed up, it's easy and completely FREE. Visit <http://efraising.org/g2ffiKfGO5>, click on 'Support Us' and search for Elim Community Church, Carlisle.

### Food Pantry Grants

Praise God that we have been awarded a Cumbria County Council grant of £5000 for the Food Pantry to help with our ongoing costs. In addition, the food pantry has received a smallscales Community project grant of £500 from Carlisle City Council. Thank you to Councillor Christine Finlayson for her help with this.



### Church Contact details – 01228 523991

**Church Office: 14 Spencer Street, Carlisle, CA1 1BG**

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 although there is now a waiting list as we have reached current capacity.

**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](mailto:ruth@elimcarlisle.org) (07964 544893)

**Minister: Alan Meyer** (07775 666869) [alan@elimcarlisle.org](mailto: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/](http://www.yourlocalpantry.co.uk/find-a-pantry/oasis-pantry/) Facebook page: [@ylopoiscarlisle](https://www.facebook.com/ylopoiscarlisle)

### **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)