

Church Bulletin 3rd December 2020

Our monthly **Prayer and Praise** is on Sunday 6th December at 6.30 pm over Zoom. Church Prayer Meeting ID: 810 2801 2374 Passcode: Prayer (or 524123 from Numeric keypads).
See you there!

Building now re-opened for Sunday Services (for a limited number)

Our service will be **livestreamed from St Paul's this week** and 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 **4th 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.

City-Wide Carol singing event – 20th 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/carlisle>

Print off the attached leaflet and pop it through your neighbours' doors to invite them to sing a carol or two on their doorsteps - Radio Cumbria will be the soundtrack for the evening. Let's do all we can to celebrate Christmas together while apart, and invite people to remember the real reason for the season!

Christmas Offerings

This year's Christmas Offerings are being split equally between Eden Valley Hospice, Elim Covid-19 appeal in the Philippines, and John & Rachel's ministry in Paraguay. Donations can be given online, placed in the box if you are there on a Sunday or dropped through the office door. Please mark any gifts 'Christmas' to differentiate from general offerings.

Christmas is coming!



Look out for our daily Advent Calendar on our Facebook and Youtube channels! Wispa golds to be won every day!



Come and sing carols at St Pauls!

In addition to the Live streams (below), on Sunday 20th December we will be holding 3 x 30 minute carol services in the building at 10.30 am, 11.15 am and 12 noon. Up to 20 people can book into each one using My ChurchSuite or texting 07775 666869 or 07964 544893.

Live streamed Christmas Services at Elim Community Church

The following services will be available on YouTube and Facebook:-

Sunday 20th December 10 am – Carols from the wider Elim movement and a message from Mark Greenwood.

Christmas Eve at 7 pm – carols, a short devotional message and Nativity with a difference!

Christmas Day at 10.30 am – A time to celebrate Jesus' birth

NOTE: 27th December will be an online Carol service only



DNA this Week

Discipleship, Nurturing & Accountability partnerships will be meeting again during w/c 6th December. If you'd like to know more about DNA partnerships, contact Christine Orr (07905 139107).

Discovery Group

Discovery Group will be meeting over zoom on Sunday 20th December for a Christmas hang out. More details on the discovery group chat or from Joel Daanyaya (07397 880224).

Thank you and opportunities to serve!

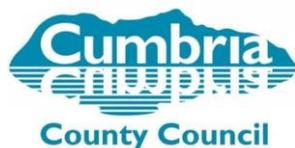
We really appreciate those who do jobs quietly behind the scenes that enable us to function as a Church community. Thank you to Harry Smith who has faithfully cut the lawns at St Paul's for many years, and is now stepping down. Also to Adam Sheridan who for a number of years has led the Projector team. 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?

Samaritans Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Some of the shoeboxes we filled as a congregation were taken to Richard Rose Central Academy, where Fiona Sheridan now works, and they have written to thank us for our contributions. In total they were able to donate 130 boxes.

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.



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

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

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.