

## Church Bulletin 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020



### 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/carlisle>  
Print off the attached leaflets and pop it through your neighbours' doors to invite them to sing a carol or two on their doorsteps - Radio Cumbria will build up from 6pm and we can all sing to the soundtrack of "Silent Night" at 6.15pm (around 4 minutes long). Let's do all we can to celebrate Christmas together while apart, and invite people to remember the real reason for the season!

### COME AND SING CAROLS AT ST PAUL'S

In addition to the Live streams (below), on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 25 people can book into each one using My ChurchSuite or texting 07775 666869 or 07964 544893. **STILL PLENTY OF SPACES LEFT TO BOOK - take this opportunity to join with others in the building and worship together.**



### Live streamed Christmas Services at Elim Community Church

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

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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: 27<sup>th</sup> December will be an online Carol service only**



### Building now re-opened for Sunday Services

**Our service will be livestreamed from St Paul's this week** and a limited number of people can 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.

**We now have a number you can text or phone - 07851 992060 - if you have prayer requests or if you wish to respond or share something during our services.**

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 is now meeting in the Hub again.
- **Oasis Food Pantry** is open each Friday 10am – 2pm in St Paul's (see overleaf for Christmas Opening)
- **Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre** will continue to help clients by arrangement.

### 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 and £1000 is being given to each. 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.

### Next Level Leaders

Next Level Leaders will be meeting again over Zoom on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. More details from Alan.

### 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).

### Opportunities to serve – Can you help?

We really appreciate those who do jobs quietly behind the scenes that enable us to function as a Church community. We need competent volunteers to operate the computers for the projector during Sunday worship. Also people to help to mow the lawn next Spring and Summer. Would these roles be suitable opportunities for you to serve?

### 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 opening times over Christmas

Our Food Pantry will continue to operate over Christmas and their opening times will be:-

**Friday 18th Dec** – Open as normal 10am - 2pm

**Wednesday 23rd Dec** – 10am – 2 pm

**Wednesday 30th Dec** – 10am -2pm

**Friday 8th Jan** – Back to normal - 10am – 2pm



### 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: [@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)

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