

Church Bulletin Christmas and New Year



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 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 ON SUNDAY (20th)!

In addition to the Live streams (below), there are 3 x 30 minute carol services in the building this Sunday 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. **THERE ARE STILL A FEW 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 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



Sunday Services

As noted above, 27th December is only online but we will resume live-streaming services at St Paul's from **Sunday 3rd January**. 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.

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.

On your own on Christmas Day? Please let Alan know (07775 666869).

Carole Grist

Carole has sent a Christmas card to the church thanking everyone for their cards, tributes, prayers and love following Brian's death. She has been overwhelmed by the huge amount and the tributes have been uplifting for her.

Advanced Notice - Annual Fellowship Meeting

Our AFM will be held on **Sunday 31st January** at 11.45 am after the livestreamed morning service. It will be held in St Paul's but also done via Zoom as capacity in the building is limited. Save the date!

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).

Discipleship, Nurturing and Accountability Partners

These will meet again **w/c 3rd January** and cell groups will then resume w/c 10th January.

Prayer and Praise

Prayer and Praise will meet again on **Sunday 10th January** at 6.30 pm over Zoom. More details to follow.

Ministry Re-opening dates

- We are planning to re-start **2:40 Tribe** in the Hub from Sunday 10th January. Keep an eye on the parents facebook page for more details.
- **Youth** will meet for the last time this year on Friday 18th December in the Church 6.30 -8.30 pm for a film night and will then resume back in The Hub on 8th January.
- **Little Steps** is now closed for Christmas and will resume on 11th January for those booked in.
- **The CAP Debt Centre** is now closed for Christmas and will re-open on 5th January.

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?

Giving

Our offerings for November came to £20,916.28. Thank you for giving generously and sacrificially. Giving to the church can be done 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.



Church Contact details – 01228 523991

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

The Church Office will be closed during weeks commencing 20th and 27th December and will re-open on Tuesday 5th January.

Oasis 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

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

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)