

Church Bulletin 25th March 2021

DON'T FORGET – British Summer Time begins on Sunday so clocks go forward one hour!



On **GOOD FRIDAY (2nd April)** at 10 am Alan will be sharing an online devotional from his home, which will be available on our Facebook and Youtube pages. On **EASTER SUNDAY (4th April)** we will be holding 2 services at 9.30 – 10.30 and 11 – 12 so that more can attend in person. In addition, our livestream will go out at 11am that morning on Facebook and Youtube.

Proposed 'Conversion Therapy' law – please pray & write an email or letter

The Government wants to ban practices that seek to change someone's sexual orientation or gender identity. 'Conversion therapy' covers abusive practices which are already largely illegal but could also stop people being prayed for or counselled regarding their sexuality by Churches and other bodies and in any way seen to be criticising LGBTB people's lifestyle or theology. So while churches could continue to refuse to host same-sex weddings, they will face a legal minefield when it comes to applying this stance within their own congregations.

Please pray & write to your MP & to Liz Truss MP, the Minister for Women and Equalities, with your concerns:

- That any ban will not outlaw the ordinary, everyday work of churches.
- For wisdom and courage for Christians speaking out on this issue, including the Christian Institute.
- For the media to fairly represent Christian Institute's and others' concerns.
- That politicians and journalists would not confuse 'conversion therapy' with Christian conversion.
- For those in our churches living faithful lives while experiencing homosexual temptation.

The Christian Institute have an information leaflet about this issue entitled "Banning conversion therapy or banning the Gospel?" which can be downloaded from their website www.christian.org.uk.

Sunday Services

Our Church Services are now open for bookings for a limited number of people to attend each week, in addition to those taking part in the live-streamed service. You can book using 'My ChurchSuite', going to 'Events' and signing up there. Those without online access can text or ring 07964 544893 or 07775 666869 and we will book you in instead.

Please engage with our text number during services. If appropriate and possible we will share these during the services: 07851 992060

- Some **office staff** are now working from home but can be contacted on the numbers below.
- The **CAP Debt Centre** is continuing to help clients by phone or face to face in the office as necessary.
- **Oasis Pantry** is operating as usual each Friday 10 am – 2 pm.
- **Children's work and Youth work** continue online for the time being.
- **Little Steps** are now meeting **back in the building** each Monday during term time.

Dates for your diary

1. Our next **Prayer and Praise** meeting will take place on Sunday 4th April at 6.30 pm over zoom.
2. **DNA partnerships** will be meeting again during w/c 4th April

International Missions: Please Pray

- Philippines update: Pastor Glenn Isaguirre writes: *"In the next few weeks, we will start a feeding program in Bambang. We are just setting up the system and the logistics to send the tins of food to them. It is still hard to travel personally so we are looking for the best way to send the goods."*
- Missions boxes in need of emptying can be brought on a Sunday if you are attending the Sunday service or brought to the Church Offices by appointment.

URGENT HELP NEEDED

We urgently need people who have experience with computers to join the **PROJECTOR TEAM** for Sunday Services. Training will be given and you will serve on a rota basis. Help also needed with **LAWN CUTTING** around the church. Please speak to Alan if you are able to serve in either of these ministries.

Keswick Convention

The organisers of the Keswick Convention are hoping to go ahead with the convention in Keswick from July 17th – 6th August with distanced seating arrangements in place to comply with covid guidelines. Full details of the event can be found at www.keswickministries.org. If anyone would be interested in volunteering at the event, please visit www.keswickministries.org/volunteer for details and to apply.

Finance update

Our offerings for February came to £10699.37, for which we thank God. The major roof repairs on the building which need doing within the next few months will cost around £34,000 and we are currently looking into funding for this. We will keep you updated as the work is funded, planned, and carried out.

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

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**



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)