

Church Bulletin 1st April 2021

Good Friday & Easter Sunday



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 are holding **2 services at 9.30 – 10.30 and 11 – 12** and a few places are still available at both services. Take advantage of the opportunity to engage in worship in the building!! 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. In addition, our livestream will go out at 11am that morning on Facebook and Youtube. We will also be sharing communion on Sunday so please have your bread and wine/juice ready if you are watching at home.

Children's Ministry update

We will be re-starting **2:40 Tribe** with a limited number of bookable places on **Sunday 25th April**. **Creche** will also be available from **2nd May** but not manned, with 2 spaces for parents with children under 3yrs old. **Seedlings** will start on **2nd May** with 4 bookable places. All places can be booked via Church Suite. **F2F** will also re-start around this time, definite date TBC.



DNA Partnerships

DNA partnerships will be meeting next week so cell groups are cancelled. Up to 6 people can now meet up outside so you could go for a walk together or meet in someone's garden.

Please note that Prayer & Praise has been cancelled next Sunday due to the Easter break.

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 LGTB 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.

You can use the letter Alan send round on ChurchSuite for guidance, in addition to the letters from the Evangelical Alliance and Elim Headquarters.

The Christian Institute also 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.



EasyFundraising

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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.

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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: @ylpoasiscarlisle**



Ministry Coordinators contact details:

Family Ministry: Jean Ranson (07896 999887)

Youth Ministry: Helena Cowling (07868 595726)

Discipleship: Christine Orr (07905 139107)

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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.