

Church Bulletin 15th April 2021

Sunday Services

Our Sunday Service returns to the usual time of 10.30 am for the next few weeks and will be livestreamed on Facebook and Youtube. There are also spaces to attend in person which 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.

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

Sunday Survey

Thanks to all those who took the time to respond to our survey last week. We had an excellent and quite varied response. Please pray for the Elders as they meet on Monday evening to consider our strategy and approach to develop our Church Community and ministry in the next few months and years as we respond to the "new-normal" after Covid.

Children's Ministry update

We will be re-starting **2:40 Tribe** with a limited number of bookable places **next 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 on My ChurchSuite.



Youth Ministry update

Face2Faith will be re-starting **next Sunday 25th April** in the back lounge of the Hub. Places do not need to be booked but it would be helpful to let Helena know if you are planning to be there. **Limitless** (Friday youth) is also re-starting back in the Hub on **Friday 23rd April 7 – 8 pm**.

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.

Safe Families for Children

The latest update is overleaf for your interest and prayers. There are still plans for this to open in Carlisle, but these have been delayed because of the Covid lockdown.



Cumbria Prayer Letter

April 2021



Safe Families

Dear Church

It is that time of year where we see snow drops, new lambs and many other signs that spring has come. I want to thank God for this time of year, and this new season for our nation, where the signs of shops being able to open again, for us to be able to meet in gardens and eventually indoors too, signs of a new time ahead. And so the story of hope continues...

A local story of hope:

A time to pray... when a meal has been made by a lady from a local church and I had the privilege of delivering it to a family in need. When I got there the children were so excited that I had come, and even more, that I had brought something especially for them. The mum was so appreciative as she was not very well and she needed this support just at this time. I mentioned that I hoped and prayed she would be better soon. She thanked me; I said I would continue to pray, and she was so grateful. What if God would do something for her, I thought? What if he was reaching out to her right now and that I was there for such a time as this? **A prayer of hope:** Dear Lord, you make a way where there is no way, you reach out with love and power before we have even knocked on the door, or even made the meal for those who need it. Lord, help us to see you in action, revealing that which is hidden so we can have the privilege of connecting with those on the edge of our communities and isolated around us. Please help the mum in the story to know your love and healing, to be showered with blessing from those who are supporting her from the local church. Lord, give us your heart for the poor and lead us with compassion. Amen.

You too can make a difference with God's compassion reaching out in your community with kindness, love and hope to isolated and struggling families. To get in touch call Lynn 07384515089 or email lynngraham@safefamilies.uk

Praise and thanks to God:

The 50 families across West Cumbria who have been supported during this last year, even in lockdown!

Local volunteers who have given so much of their love and time in maintaining support, and for those who are now needing a rest

Local church folks who have given meals, resources and time to reach out with love like the story mentioned above.

Asking God:

Wisdom involved in the expansion of Safe Families across Cumbria

Churches as they reach out and for more folks to get involved as **needs are ever growing**

For the **impact** on people's lives of the transforming power of God across our area

For the team as they support volunteers through the **roadmap** out of restrictions.

Thank you for reading this newsletter and for your prayers. We appreciate you and value what you bring to vulnerable families through the life of the church. We are here for you and will be praying alongside you.

Lynn, Naomi, Ruth and Jess, *Safe Families Team in Cumbria*

Could you be a bringer of hope? Interested in finding out more?
Please visit safefamilies.uk or email lynngraham@safefamilies.uk

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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**



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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.