

Church Bulletin 22nd April 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SUNDAY MORNINGS

Our Sunday Service is at 10.30 am and will be livestreamed on Youtube.

To attend in person for future Sunday Services, to save staff time, anyone who has internet access **must book a place using My ChurchSuite, going to 'Events' and signing up there.** If you don't yet have a ChurchSuite log-in, we will send you an email with a link to access your account and book in. If you have problems doing this, let us know. Those without online access can still text or ring 07964 544893 or 07775 666869 and we will book you in. You may book in up to 9 days in advance for each service. By careful re-arrangement of chairs we have been able to increase the numbers attending to 45 and so are at present still only planning for one service each week at 10.30am.

Please note that if you are involved in any kind of ministry on a given Sunday (eg, Seedlings, ushering, band, tech team) you **don't need to book a place** for that week.

Our text number for responses or prayer requests during services is 07851 992060

Children's Ministry update



2:40 Tribe is restarting on Sunday (25th) with a limited number of bookable places. **Creche** will also be available from **2nd May** but not manned, with 3 spaces for parents with children under 3 yrs old. **Seedlings** will start on **2nd May** with 4 bookable places. All places can be booked on My ChurchSuite up to 9 days in advance – please book your children in by Friday of each week so that staff can prepare appropriate resources.

Youth Ministry update

Face2Faith is also re-starting this Sunday 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 re-starting back in the Hub this Friday 7 – 8 pm.

Prayer & Praise

Our next Prayer & Praise meeting will take place over Zoom on Sunday 2nd May at 6.30 pm. Save the date!!

DNA Partnerships

These will meet again during w/c 2nd May. Contact Christine Orr if you have any queries regarding DNA partnerships.

Finance

Offerings for April came to £16,938.99 and we thank God for His provision for us and the generosity of our members. **Giving to the Church** can be done in 3 ways:-

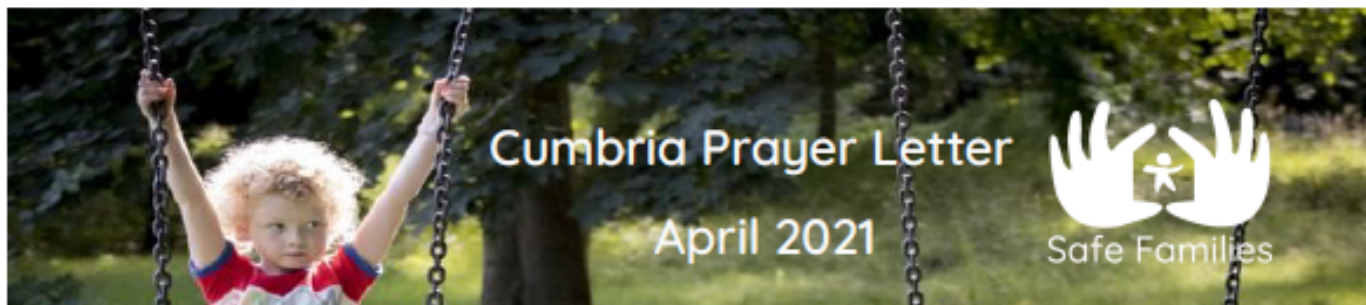


1. By standing order to the church bank account – details from the church office
2. Online using our secure online giving facility. Check out our website for details: www.elimcarlisle.org/giving

3. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.

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



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](https://www.facebook.com/ylpoasiscarlisle)



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