

## Church Bulletin 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021

### Help Needed

- We need around 6 people to help set out chairs for Sundays each Saturday evening from 5.45 – 6.15 pm. Please let Alan know if you can help. Text 07775 666869.
- There are still opportunities for volunteers to get involved in various capacities in the vaccination centre - contact Alan/Ruth to be added to the WhatsApp group if you have any availability on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays or Saturdays and can help, or contact the office for more information.

### Sunday Services

We are now fully open on Sundays at 10.30am for you to join us in person in addition to the broadcast going out on our YouTube channel. We are allowing for social distancing where desired and there are still seats available so do come along. Children are in for the first half of the service before leaving for their classes and creche is once again manned. **Please wear face coverings** when moving inside the building and when singing out of concern for the safety of others. No masks needed when seated and not singing.

**This Sunday** we will be welcoming family and friends of Ibelema & Emeke as their son, Ugonna, is dedicated to the Lord.

**Children and Youth ministry** – Please note that Seedlings will be going over to the Hub with 2:40 children and Face to Face for a joint session this Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup>) due to staff shortages. If you wish to accompany your child across yourself, that is fine, but there will also be youth about to hold little hands!

### **IMPORTANT CHANGES - YOUR RESPONSE IS REQUIRED**

#### **NEW GROUPS: BIG CHURCH READ**



We are planning to start the Big Church Read in September. This can be done in your DNA groups, or possibly in some Cell Groups, or by joining a new Group (in addition or instead of your current cell group)

Alan will be leading this new group which will commence on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September for 10 weeks, as we read together through Patrick Regan's new book on mental and emotional resilience entitled 'Bouncing Forwards'. Whether you do it **in cell groups, instead of cell groups or in DNA partnerships**, we have 20 copies of the book available for free or for a donation as you are able, for anyone interested. Others will need to buy the book themselves to participate. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVED!** See Alan for more details.

<https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/bouncing-forward>

#### **NEW GROUPS: Cell Group over Zoom**

We are considering forming a new cell group for any who wish to meet exclusively over zoom rather than meeting in person, as cell groups begin to resume in-person meetings. If you would prefer to meet in an internet group rather than your existing group let Alan or John Ranson know.

#### **Bible Reading Texts and Emails – RESPONSE NEEDED**

These will not be sent by text after the end of August unless you opt in to receive them. We have had some issues sending out bible reading texts recently and so will be moving to sending daily bible readings by email rather than text by the end of August. **If you still wish to receive texts, you will need to opt in and let us know before Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.** If you wish to start receiving them by text or email let us know also.

## Dates for your Calender

**Baptismal Service on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August** If you are interested in being baptised, please chat with Alan.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September** - Annual Fellowship Meeting & Vision Day – Where are we going post-Covid? Mark Greenwood will also be our guest speaker that day.

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Leaders Meeting for all Departmental and Cell Group Leaders and deputy-leaders.

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September** – An informal opportunity for those who have recently started attending to meet the Elders and have any questions answered.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September** – Oasis Fellowship will be recommencing in September on a monthly basis. Dates planned for the rest of the year are 13<sup>th</sup> October, 10<sup>th</sup> November and 15<sup>th</sup> December.

# 2021



## Finance

Thank you to all who give generously and sacrificially to the work of the church. Our offerings in July amounted to £13,569.75.

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](http://www.elimcarlisle.org/giving)
3. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.

## Missions Boxes

Missions Boxes will be emptied and counted again early September. Please bring in your missions boxes by the end of August and give them to Ruth Whiffen or Jane Wood.

## Easy Fundraising

Elim Community Church, Carlisle has been paid £21.42 by #easyfundraising! Thanks to everyone who's helped make a BIG difference during this difficult time by raising donations for us. If you're not supporting us yet, please sign up now. It takes 2 minutes & 5,900+ shops will donate to us for free every time you shop with them! Visit: [easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elimcarlisle/payments/60fffa399aabe05bbf235517/](http://easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elimcarlisle/payments/60fffa399aabe05bbf235517/)

## 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](mailto:ruth@elimcarlisle.org) (07964 544893)

**Minister:** Alan Meyer (07775 666869) [alan@elimcarlisle.org](mailto: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)

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## Ministry Coordinators contact details:

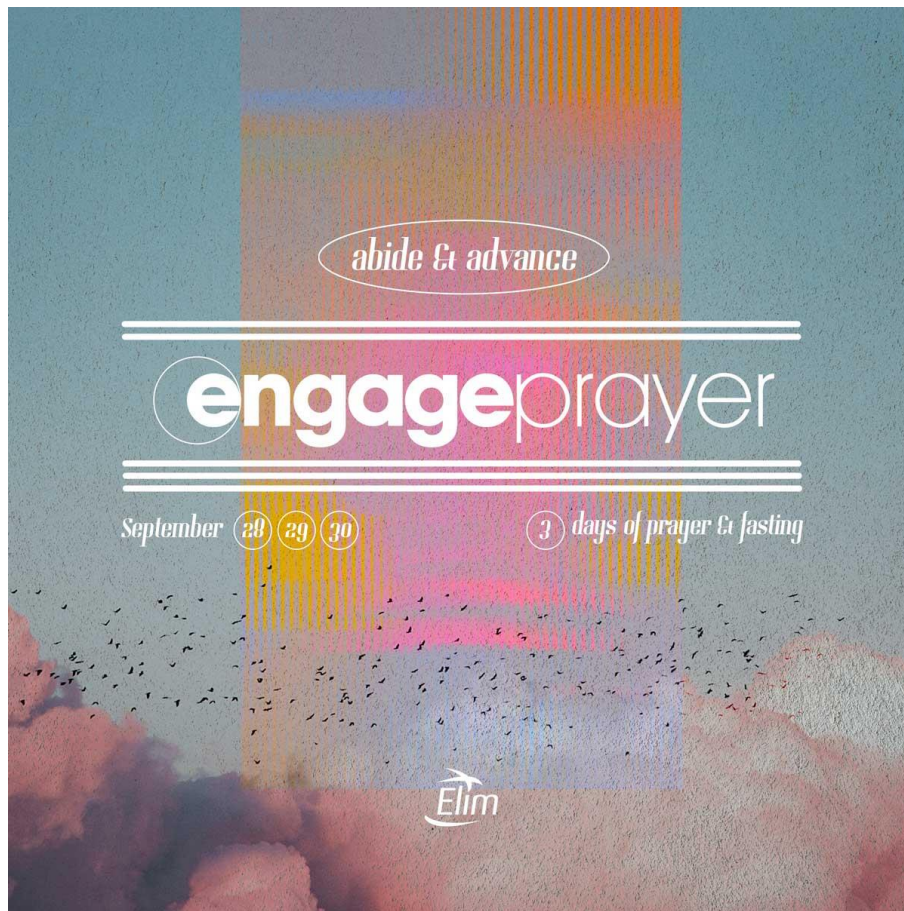
**Family Ministry:** Jean Ranson (07896 999887)

**Youth Ministry:** Helena Cowling (07868 595726)

**Discipleship:** Christine Orr (07905 139107)

**Cell Groups:** John Ranson (07428 590847)





### **Engage Prayer – Elim Event**

Elim invite us to set aside three days in September to pray, fast and worship together as one movement of many churches across the nations. From Tuesday 28 - Thursday 30 September 2021, there will be various ways to participate together and engage in prayer.

- daily morning prayer and devotions
- engage prayer conversations for equipping
- a live prayer and worship online event at 7.30 pm

There will also be a free downloadable 7-day Bible and prayer plan to encourage everyone to pray together throughout the whole week.

By bringing all our Elim churches together for these three days of prayer, we will have the opportunity to come before God in united purpose and spirit, praying for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done.

Engage Prayer is an opportunity for the whole Elim movement to join together in prayer, fasting and worship. For more information see [www.elim.org.uk](http://www.elim.org.uk)