

Church Bulletin 2nd September 2021

In the Coming Week

Annual Fellowship Meeting & Vision Day with guest speaker Mark Greenwood – Sunday

On **Sunday 5th September** we are holding our AFM, which was postponed earlier in the year due to covid. Please bring sandwiches that day and stay through after the morning service (tea & coffee will be provided). The AFM will start at 12.30 pm until 2 pm latest and we will be considering the question "Where are we going post-Covid?". **If you are unable to attend in person and would like to participate via Zoom (text messages/phone calls only), contact us for zoom details. Members are expected to attend so please send your apologies to Alan if you can't be there.** Our monthly prayer & praise meeting will be incorporated into the AFM.

Leaders Meeting - Monday

Leaders Meeting for all Departmental, Cell Group Leaders and deputy-leaders in the church foyer at 7.30 pm on **Monday 6th September**. Any apologies to John or Alan please.

DNA Partnerships

Discipleship, Nurturing & Accountability Partnerships are meeting next week so cell groups are cancelled.

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.
- We are planning to re-commence **servicing tea and coffee** after the Sunday morning meeting from 5th September. Groups will be put on a rota to do this, but it would be great if any not in a group would volunteer to take a turn either preparing tea and coffee from 10 am or clearing up at around 12 noon. If you can help, let the office know or text 0785 199 2060

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 a few 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.

NEW GROUPS: BIG CHURCH READ



For those who are doing the Big Church Read, the videos should be available from the Big Church Read website next Wednesday.

Go to: <https://thebigchurchread.co.uk/bouncing-forward> and click on "Sign up to receive everything you need" within the next few days. You should then get weekly emails with links to the videos.

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.

Thank you!

We would like to thank Sarah Robinson for re-varnishing the church doors over the summer. She's done a great job and we appreciate the time and effort she has spent doing this.



Compassion Sponsor Child

Some will be aware that we sponsor a child called Rosanna as a church through Compassion. The Dominican Republic, where she lives isn't coping well with Covid, and she has not been able to attend the project for quite some time. Please pray for her as her home country continues to struggle with Covid.

Jesse McDonough

Jesse is the son of our missionaries in Paraguay, John & Rachel McDonough and it is his second birthday on 16th September. If you would like to send a birthday greeting, their email is info@johnandrachel.co.uk.

Dates for your diary



Sunday 12th September - Discovery Group for 16s – 30s. More details to follow.

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

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

Tuesday 28th – Thursday 30th September – Engage Prayer. Details on next page.

Missions Boxes

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

Cumbria Adult learning

Cumbria County Council have various courses available for anyone aged 19+ both at local venues and online. Courses they offer include Employability, Skills for Life, Maths, English, Health & Wellbeing and Digital Skills (see adultlearning.cumbria.gov.uk for a full list of courses). If a group of people are interested in a course they are also willing to create something bespoke to meet their needs in a covid safe environment. If you are interested contact Alan or the office.

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: @ylpoasiscarlisle**



Ministry Coordinators contact details:

Family Ministry: Jean Ranson (07896 999887)

Youth Ministry: Helena Cowling (07868 595726)

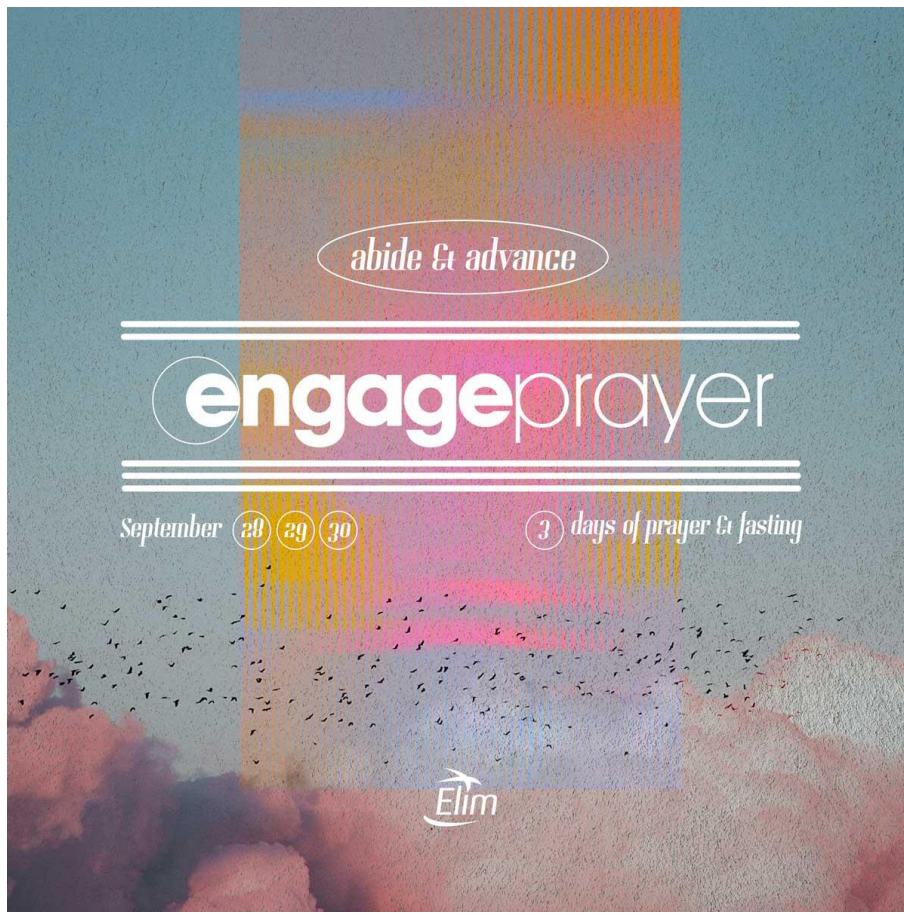
Discipleship: Christine Orr (07905 139107)

Cell Groups: John Ranson (07428 590847)

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.



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