

## Church Bulletin 16th September 2021

### Sundays

We prefer you to wear a mask when moving around the building and singing out of concern for the safety of others on Sunday mornings. **2:40 Tribe and Face to Faith will be going out to their classes at 10.50 am in order to give enough time for teaching, and Seedlings will leave around 11 am when worship finishes. They will return by 11.45 am.**

### Important Reminder to parents

Please recognise that our building is open to the public and children should be supervised at all times while on the premises. Please do not leave children on their own or allow them to leave the main hall unless you are with them. Thank you for your co-operation with our safeguarding policy.

### Is it possible?

How have you used Mark Greenwood's free book, 'Is it Possible'? Remember these books are to give away to your non-christian friends. If you didn't get one, we should have 30 more available on Sunday.

### Little Steps Baby & Toddler Group

The re-opening of our Little Steps Group for toddlers as well as babies has gone very well and Chrissie would like to thank everyone for their prayers. A huge thanks also to all those who volunteer at Little Steps.



### Operation Christmas Child

It's that time of year again!! Wrapped shoeboxes and leaflets are now available in the foyer for you to take home and fill with gifts for children in need in other countries. Once filled, shoeboxes can be taken to either 'The Entertainer' or 'Toys 'n Tech' in the city centre during National Collection Week – 15 -22 November 2021. Joyce Hetherington has also donated some knitted hats which you can take to put in your boxes. For more information see Ruth.

### Volunteers Needed Please!

As mentioned at the Annual Fellowship Meeting, we are short of volunteers in a number of areas. If you can help, please contact the relevant person below.

- A couple of people have offered to help move chairs on Saturday evenings (5.45 - 6.15pm) but we need a few more – contact Alan
- Preparing communion and ushering on Sundays – contact Claire
- Preparing tea and coffee on Sundays and clearing up afterwards – see Ruth or Alan

### Request to health professionals

The British Medical Association narrowly voted to move from officially opposing a change in the law on assisted suicide to a 'neutral' position within the past few days. 'Our Duty of Care' (ODOC) is a group of healthcare professionals who oppose changing the law on assisted suicide and they are sending a letter to Sajid Javid, the Secretary of State for Health, urging him to keep the current law. If you are a medical professional, including those who have retired, please consider adding your signature to the letter via [ourdutyofcare.org.uk](http://ourdutyofcare.org.uk).

### Church Weekend

We have provisionally booked Ratlingate Camping Centre for a church weekend from 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. However, this will only go ahead if someone is willing to organise it. If you are interested, chat with Alan.

### Annual Fellowship Meeting

Thanks to all who attended the Annual Fellowship Meeting recently. If you weren't able to attend and would like to watch the video of the meeting, contact Ruth or Alan and we will send you the link.

## Big Church Read

For those who are doing the Big Church Read, the videos and discussion questions are now available on the Big Church Read website. Go to:

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



## New Baby

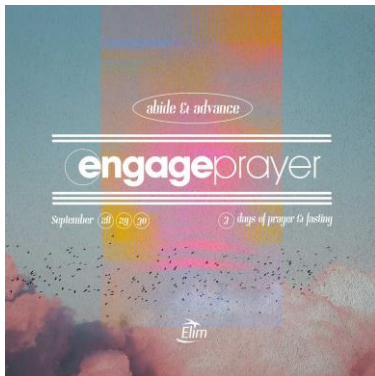
Congratulations to Ola Olorunsomo and Hayley Pieroni on the birth of their baby boy on Wednesday 8/9/21. They have named him Zeke Ayomide Olorunsomo and he weighed in at 8 lb 13 oz. All doing well!

## Elim Relief Appeal Update

Along with the Bulletin this week we are including the September Elim Relief Appeal update. Over 63,000 people in 21 nations (and still counting) have been helped since the ERA COVID appeal commenced. Take some time to read some of the stories of those helped.

## 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)

## Finance

Our offerings for August came to £12,400.04 and we want to thank all who give as we trust God to provide for our needs as a church.

**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.



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**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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