

Church Bulletin 7th October 2021



CAP Sunday!

On Sunday we will celebrate the work of Christians Against Poverty and hear a client's experience of the service. There will be an opportunity to give to a **special offering** which will be split 50% to CAP nationally and 50% to the CAP Debt Centre which we operate locally as a Church.

Discovery Group

Discovery Group is for those aged 16 – 30 and will be meeting again this Sunday at 2pm. It will be an online session with discussion on a contemporary Christian topic. Contact Joel Daanyaya for login details on 07397 880224 or joelwuni2004@yahoo.com.

Baptismal Service

We are planning a baptismal service on Sunday 17th October and currently have 2 candidates wanting to be baptised. If anyone else would like to take this first step in following Jesus, chat with Alan.

Oasis Fellowship

Oasis Fellowship meets in the Church building again on Wednesday 13th October at 2.15 pm. Everyone welcome.

Hospitality on Sundays

After a trial period, we have decided **not** to serve coffee and tea on Sundays currently due to low take up and lack of space to mingle easily. When we are able to have fewer chairs in the foyer, this will resume.

Operation Christmas Child

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. You can also **build a shoebox online** at a cost of £20 if you don't want to make one up yourself. Go to samaritans-purse.org.uk/pre-packed-shoebox for more information.



Thank you to Well Pharmacy, Blackwell Road, Carlisle!

One of our members managed to arrange a recent donation of various items of toiletries, baby goods, and nappies which will be made available to those in need through the Oasis Pantry. We have sent a letter of appreciation to the staff.

John & Rachel McDonough's latest news (Our Elders who serve as missionaries in Paraguay)

This is an excerpt from John & Rachel's latest "Thoughts from afar". To be added to their mailing list and receive regular updates from them, email info@johnandrachel.co.uk and give your full name and email address.



"What do you do when it is still winter in Paraguay and members of church tell you they want to get baptised, and they don't want to wait for summer? Pray you don't freeze in the cold river water and plan a Sunday that looks to be as warm as it possibly can for the time of year!

We were encouraged and honestly surprised after a series of teaching which included baptisms that four church members were insistent that they wanted to get baptised as soon as possible regardless of the weather. Here in Paraguay people will go weeks without washing their hair during winter because they

don't want to get their heads wet and cold. So to say they were willing to be fully immersed in cold river water blew us away.

We were joyful as the day came round, a beautiful sunny day when we went down to the water. It especially moved us to see one of the ladies who had not been our biggest fan when we first started building links with the communities take this step of faith and see how different a person she is now is. God is good. Please pray for them all and their families, that they will see blessings and growth in their lives and be filled with Joy and Peace. There are more who are wanting to be baptised. How cool is that! Thank you for supporting our work here in Paraguay, it is days like that Sunday down in the waters that encourage us to keep pressing on, as we get to celebrate with the Heavenly hosts, for the growth of His Kingdom here on earth.”

Adam Kyles

After 7 years fellowshipping with us, Adam Kyles has decided it is time to resign his membership with us. He expresses his appreciation for the time with us, and we wish him God’s blessing as he moves on.

Is it possible? – Free giveaway book

Mark Greenwood’s free book, ‘Is it Possible?’ is still available for you to give away to your non-Christian friends by asking Alan for a copy. We have had feedback of books being given away to neighbours and friends and some initial conversations starting up.

Church Weekend

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

Care for the Family events

Care for the Family are running a number of online events covering different aspects of family life. Why not check out careforthefamily.org.uk/events and see if there are any events you are interested in?

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.

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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: @ylpoaisiscarlisle**



Ministry Coordinators contact details:

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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.