

Church Bulletin 28th October 2021



Clocks go back!

Sunday morning marks the end of British Summer Time, so you will need to put your clocks back an hour on Saturday night to arrive at the correct time for the 10.30 am meeting!

Church Membership Study Course – starts this week

We are planning to hold some meetings over Zoom for 3 or 4 sessions on Wednesday evenings commencing 3rd November. See Alan Meyer or Christine Orr (Discipleship Coordinator) to participate or for more information.

New Leaders:

The Elders are considering the appointment of Observers to work alongside the Elders. If any feel called to serve as an Elder this is a way of testing and developing that ministry. Please talk with Alan.

Bible Readings

Our final set of bible readings will be sent out next week and this completes our readings through the Bible in 5 years. Following this, we will be re-starting and going through the Bible book by book in 5 years. Please email ruth@elimcarlisle.org or text 07775 666869 or 07964 544893 if you would like to sign up for these new readings. Those on the



current list will need to re-register. Daily bible readings will then be sent by email, or text for those who don't have an email address. Another option is to use the Immerse Bible Reading Experience – this is a series of 6 books set out in the format of novels which take you through the full bible. See <https://www.immersebible.com/> for more information.



For Prayer

We are not currently holding prayer and praise meetings but please pray individually and in cell groups for:

- Our nine Elders & ten Staff who seek to serve the Church and wider community in order that we can effectively make Jesus known to those who need his love and grace.
- The volunteers and staff in the Vaccination Centre. Most are not Christians, so pray for opportunities for those who are to share their faith.
- Little Steps parents and toddler group that reaches out to many parents and their children each week.
- Our Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre clients who are also victims of domestic abuse or who suffer with mental health issues. Also pray for Jill and Jane's protection as they visit these homes.
- Pray for Debt Centre and Food Pantry clients and others affected by the reduction in Universal Credit following the retraction of the additional 'temporary' £20 per week. Many are facing real hardship.

Coming Up

1. **DNA partnerships** will be meeting again during w/c 7th November so cell groups will close that week.
2. **Oasis Fellowship** will meet next at 2.15 pm, Wednesday 10th November in St Paul's. Everyone welcome.

Christian Bookstall

We will be hosting a bookstall with Christian books and cards on **Sunday 7th November**. This will be supplied by Cornerstone Christian Bookshop, Whitehaven and is a perfect opportunity to purchase presents and cards for Christmas. Please note they do not have debit/credit card facilities so it will be cash only.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Hampers



We are planning to give some of our most recent CAP Debt Centre clients a hamper at Christmas and have asked each cell group to make up a hamper where possible. If you are not in a group and would like to contribute, you can bring items on a Sunday and give them to Jill or bring them to the office by arrangement. A list of hamper contents is displayed on the notice board in the church.

Operation Christmas Child – only 3 weeks to go!

Wrapped shoeboxes and leaflets are 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**. 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.



CAP Special Offering

The special offering for Christians Against Poverty currently stands at £2,309 - thanks to everyone who has given! Further gifts can be placed in the offering, given by bank transfer or by text (details below). Please mark your gift "CAP offering".

Easy Fundraising



Please support Elim Community Church, Carlisle by raising free donations when you shop online through #easyfundraising. In the lead up to Christmas, it's the best time to support us and help ensure this year means more! It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to

join! Plus, once you've raised your first £5, easyfundraising will match it! Sign up now: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elimcarlisle/?invite=AQ7Z28&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=newssharebox

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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: [@yelpoasiscarlisle](https://www.facebook.com/yelpoasiscarlisle)



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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.