

Church Bulletin 18th November 2021

Re-introduction of 2 services – starts this Sunday

- 9.30 – 10.30 am - communion service
- 11 am – 12.15 pm - celebration service including separate children's and youth activities.

If you don't have school age children/youth, please consider attending the earlier service at 9.30 am.

New Leaders

Felix Nabena has accepted the Elders' recent invitation to be an Observer and work alongside the Elders. If others feel a sense of calling to serve as an Observer or Elder, please talk with Alan.

Operation Christmas Child – National Collection Week this week

Don't forget to take your filled shoeboxes to either 'The Entertainer' or 'Toys 'n Tech' in the city centre **by next Monday 22nd November**. The Entertainer is open from 9 am – 5.30 pm and Toys 'n Tech is open 9 am – 5 pm. You can also build a shoebox online at a cost of £20. Go to samaritans-purse.org.uk/pre-packed-shoebox for more information.



Conversion Therapy Consultation and Webinar

The Evangelical Alliance has been engaging with the government regarding the proposal to ban conversion therapy for some time. Although some of the proposals are good, some could have an impact on everyday religious practice. For example, the consultation states that any ban would not include private prayer, but they have now confirmed that this only means someone praying on their own – so praying with or for others could be affected. The government is looking to introduce a new criminal offence that will capture "talking conversion therapies" without clearly defining what this includes. Those therapies would only be allowed if a person consented and even if they consented, they would be illegal if there was coercion.

Please respond to the consultation on this issue which is open until Friday 10th December. Go to www.eauk.org to access the consultation and guidance on completing it. EA is also running a free webinar on Wednesday 24th November at 6pm – a couch to 5K for consultations - available to book through their website.

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Hampers



A reminder that group hampers for CAP clients need to be brought to the Hub or Church by 28th November. 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 or can be emailed to you on request.

Kathleen Duncan - Funeral

Many may already be aware that Kathleen Duncan passed away on Monday after contracting covid. Her funeral will be held at Carlisle Crematorium on Friday 26th November at 2.20 pm. Please remember her sons, Karl and John, and the wider family in your prayers at this sad time.

Carol Singing

We have been asked to do some carol singing at St Cuthbert's Court during w/c 13th December, late afternoon or early evening. If anyone would be interested in doing this for around half an hour, please let the office know. Mince pies and coffee supplied!



Joy to the World!

Finances

Our offerings for October came to £12478.53 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
3. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.

Easy Fundraising – we've been paid!



Elim Community Church, Carlisle has been paid £52.05 by #easyfundraising! Thank you to everyone who's raised a donation through #easyfundraising. So if you haven't already, please sign up to do your Christmas shopping, we'll even get a £15 bonus donation if you sign up during November. Sign up here:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/elimcarlisle/payments/616d339cd24081d26443b640/

Used Stamps and Foreign Coins

If you have any used stamps or foreign coins these can be given to Joyce Hetherington or put in the box in the foyer to be sent to the Leprosy Mission.

Thornleigh Christian Hotel

Thornleigh is a Christian Hotel in Grange over Sands and they have a number of Christian breaks and speakers coming in 2022, including Chick and Margaret Yuill, Pam Rhodes, Simeon Wood, Adrian Plass and many more. Visit their website <http://www.thornleigh.org/> or call 015395 32733 for their new 2022 brochure or for more information.

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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: @ylpoasiscarlisle**



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