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## Church Bulletin 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021

### Sunday services

Our Sunday services are now at **9.30 – 10.30 am - communion service** and **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. The second service at 11 am is also livestreamed on YouTube.

### Discipleship, Nurturing and Accountability partnerships

These will be meeting next week so cell groups will be closed. For more information about DNA partnerships, chat with Christine Orr.

### Conversion Therapy Consultation – PLEASE RESPOND – CLOSING ON FRIDAY

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 10<sup>th</sup> December.** Go to <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/public-policy/ending-conversion-therapy> to access the consultation and guidance on completing it.

### Christmas Services

Details of our Christmas Services, which will also be livestreamed on Youtube are:-

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> December** 9.30 am and 11 am – Carol Services with children taking part in the 2<sup>nd</sup> service (only 11am service livestreamed)

**Christmas Eve 7 pm** – Carols and a devotional message

**Christmas Morning 10.30 am** – Celebrate Jesus birth!

There won't be a service in the building on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December**, but a pre-recorded service will go out on YouTube at **9.30 am** instead.

**Invitations** to these services will be available at the door on your way out to give to your friends.

### Christmas Offerings & Board

There will be an opportunity to give to our Christmas offering on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning and this will be split between John and Rachel's work in Paraguay and Eden Valley Hospice. You can also give online, using 'Christmas Offering' as the reference. There is now a board up in the foyer where you can put a Christmas card to the church if you wish, instead of giving out lots of individual cards.

### Small Group Changes

We will be re-developing some of our cell groups starting at the end of January, with some being disbanded, and new groups formed. More information will follow over the next few weeks, or talk with Alan or John Ranson.

### Hospitality on Sundays

We will be re-commencing hospitality on Sundays starting on 12<sup>th</sup> December. We have had a few volunteers to help with this, but if anyone else can help, please let us know.

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## **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](http://www.elimcarlisle.org/giving)
3. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions.

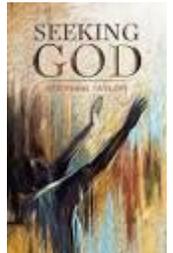


### **Heather Sayer**

Heather, who has worshipped with us from time to time over the past 20 years, sadly passed away this week. Please remember her boyfriend, Mark, her elderly parents, and the rest of her family in your prayers at this time.

### **Book Recommendation**

Stephen and Hilary Taylor have recently retired from pastoring an Elim Church on Jersey and are now living in Cumbria and have recently started worshipping with us. Stephen has written an excellent book 'Seeking God' which is well worth a read and is available as a paperback or kindle version. It can be purchased from [www.austinmacauley.com](http://www.austinmacauley.com) or from Amazon. Alan has recently read it and comments: *"This is a book written from the heart. It drips with personal experience but is first and foremost excellent Bible teaching giving a clear overview of what it means to seek God, why we should do it, the consequences of not seeking God and the tremendous benefits of doing so.*



*This book reminds of the simple practice of spending time in God's presence, without falling into the trap of being simplistic or using overworked clichés. It is suitable for those at every stage of Christian experience, and will be as useful to new disciples as well as those who have progressed further in their spiritual journey. A relatively short read, but worth coming back to more than once."*

### **For Prayer**

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

- The work of the Christian Institute, CARE, and the Evangelical Alliance as they spearhead Christian involvement in the current consultation and other moral issues in our nation
- The Christmas buffet lunch the CAP Debt Centre is putting on for clients, that clients will come and that something of the real meaning of Christmas will touch their hearts.
- Also pray that as the hampers are delivered, we will be able to communicate something of God's love to our clients this Christmas time.

- NISCU (Northern Inter-Schools Christian Union) as they continue their work in schools, that they would have wisdom in knowing how best to use their resources and for protection for school communities as covid cases are high.
- For the redevelopment of our cell group ministry in the New Year.
- For those who have suffered recent bereavements: esp. Karl Duncan and family, and Heather Sayer's family and friends.