

Church Bulletin 9th 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.

Christmas Services

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

Sunday 19th December 9.30 am and 11 am – Carol Services with children taking part in the 2nd 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 26th December**, but a pre-recorded service will go out on YouTube at **9.30 am** instead.

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.

Conversion Therapy Consultation – Deadline extended

The deadline for responding to this consultation has now been extended to Friday 4th February, so you have a few more weeks to respond. Go to <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/public-policy/ending-conversion-therapy> to access the consultation and guidance on completing it.

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 this week. We have had a few volunteers to help with this, but if anyone else can help, please let us know.



Heather Sayer

Heather's funeral has been provisionally booked for Monday 20th December at 1pm at Carlisle Crematorium. Please continue to remember her boyfriend, Mark, her elderly parents, and the rest of her family in your prayers at this time.

Date for your diary - Elim Day of Prayer

There will be an Elim National Day of Prayer on 7th January with an online prayer event hosted by Elim's Kensington Temple at 7.30 pm. This will be streamed on the [Elim YouTube channel](#). Keep the date free and join in if you are able.

People on their own on Christmas Day

Please be aware of any who might be on their own on Christmas Day and invite them to share Christmas with you if appropriate.

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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:

Family Ministry: Jean Ranson (07896 999887)

Youth Ministry: Helena Cowling (07868 595726)

Discipleship: Christine Orr (07905 139107)

Cell Groups: John Ranson (07428 590847)

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.

John & Rachel McDonough – missionaries in Paraguay

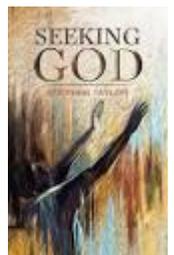
John & Rachel have now purchased their new vehicle and are so grateful to God for His provision, and to all who have supported them in any way. They are looking forward to doing 100s of 1,000s of miles in this new vehicle as they minister in Paraguay. **Some prayer requests from their recent newsletter are listed below:**

- For the Christmas celebrations and outreaches – for good weather and for all the practicalities involved and that people will receive the Good News of the birth of their Saviour.
- For their health as they have had some ups and downs lately.
- For their house back in the UK as their tenants are moving out at the end of this year. Pray that they will not go even a month without someone moving into the property.
- For more missionaries to be stirred with a heart for the nations and to GO to the ends of the earth! The harvest is great but the workers are few. Pray that those God calls will hear His voice and respond with action!



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 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."