

Church Bulletin 6th January

COVID Update

Due to the rise in covid cases and the omicron variant, we have reviewed our risk assessments and are putting the following precautions into place:-

- We have reluctantly **decided not to serve tea and coffee** between the two services on Sundays for the time being.
- We are asking people to **wear face coverings at all times** when in the building unless they are speaking or singing on the platform (or are exempt).
- In line with government guidance, we encourage everyone to **obtain and use lateral flow tests regularly** before coming to church, in order to protect others. If you have difficulty obtaining tests we may be able to help.
- There should be **no mingling** inside the building while cases are so high.
- Ventilation has been increased and those at the 9.30 am service should **leave by the belfry door** where appropriate.

Elim Day of Prayer - tomorrow



At the start of the new year, Elim invite you to take time to put first things first and pray together as one movement on our Founder's Day - Friday 7 January 2022.

There will be a prayer event held at Elim's Kensington Temple in London, which will be streamed live on the Elim YouTube channel at elim.org.uk/youtube 7.30 – 9.30 pm. This will be hosted by Sarah Whittleston (Elim Prayer) and Mark Ryan (Kensington Temple), along with guests including Chris Cartwright (Elim's National Leader), KT Worship and Elim Sound. Join in as you are able.

Regular Church Prayer

From Monday 17th January, the church will be open for a time of prayer and waiting on God each Monday evening from 6.30 – 7.30 pm. Prayer items will be made available, and you are welcome to come for the full hour or call in for a shorter time.



Please pray for Dorothy Waugh, whose ex-husband and close friend, Alec, died on Tuesday morning after falling ill on Christmas Day. Also pray for her son Ian and the rest of the family.

New Babies



Congratulations to Nico & Kathryn Butler on the safe arrival of their son, Jesse Robert, on 23rd December. Also, to Henry & Sandra Chinye, whose little boy, Chukwuka, was born prematurely at 28 weeks on 30th December. Chukwuka is currently in the special baby unit in Middlesbrough hospital with Sandra – please keep them in your prayers.

Urgent Help needed

We urgently need another couple of people to help move chairs on Saturday evenings at 5.30 pm ready for the Sunday services. It will only be once a month and takes around half an hour. If you can help, please contact Alan or Ruth.



Small Group Changes Update – More details next week!

Our small groups are our main mid-week meetings and have been especially valuable to many during the pandemic, but inevitably some have functioned better than others. We currently have around 110 people involved in small groups in recent months, and need to re-organise to make space for new people

- **We are making changes** to our existing Cell Groups **from the end of January**. Some leaders are stepping down from leading groups, and we want to recognise and say **“Thank you” for some who have served in this role for many years, including Louise De Cornet, Peter & Jane Wood, Chrissie Peck**. They and those involved in the groups they lead will be offered places in new groups in February. **Thanks also to Paul Bateman** who stepped back a while before Christmas after many years of faithful involvement.
- In addition, two other groups **Christine Finlayson’s and Christine Orr’s group** will be amended and re-formed. Those currently attending these groups will be kept informed in their meetings as the changes take place.
- Now is the time to let us know if you wish to change groups or join a group! Contact Alan or John Ranson.
- **All groups** whether new or existing **will have a change of focus**. A **Leaders Meeting** is planned for **Monday 24th January at 7.30pm** in St Paul’s Church building to implement the changed structure.

Oasis Fellowship

Oasis Fellowship will be meeting fortnightly commencing next Wednesday 12th January, 2.15 to 3.15 pm in the church building. Everyone welcome.

Annual Fellowship Meeting & Fellowship Meal

We plan on holding our Annual Fellowship Meeting on Sunday **6th February 2022** (time TBC) and members will be voting to ratify the continuing appointment of Mal Tabb, Christine Orr and Helena Cowling as Elders. If any members have any objections, please inform Alan in writing.

Christianity the News

Premier News highlight an important legal ruling for Christians working in the NHS: See the details here:

https://premierchristian.news/en/news/article/christian-nurse-sacked-for-wearing-cross-wins-case?_psrc=personyzePopularArticles

Finance

- The total for our **Christmas Offering** so far is £1,736.05 and this will be split between John & Rachel in Paraguay and Eden Valley Hospice. Any further gifts can be placed in the offering box on Sundays or given online – please mark ‘Christmas’.
- **Missions Boxes** are now due in and can be given to Jane Wood or Ruth Whiffen on Sundays to be counted.

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.

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

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