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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 for our Sunday services:-

- We are **not serving tea and coffee** between the two services on Sundays for the time being.
- We ask people to **wear face coverings at all times** in the building unless exempt or on the platform.
- We encourage everyone to **use lateral flow tests regularly** before coming to church, in order to protect others. If you have difficulty obtaining tests, we now have some available we can give you.
- There should be **no mingling** inside the building while cases are so high.
- Airflow has improved and those at the early service can exit **by the belfry door** where appropriate.

Regular Church Prayer - Monday

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 at any time and stay for as long or short a time as appropriate. Please pray for **Dorothy Waugh**, her son Ian, and the family. Her ex-husband and close friend, Alec, died recently after falling ill on Christmas Day.



Part time Pastoral Worker

To ensure appropriate pastoral care needs are met, **Christine Orr**, has been appointed to work alongside Alan and will be available to visit or make telephone calls on Mondays. Primary pastoral care will continue to be the responsibility of all of us caring for those in our cell groups and DNA partnerships, and Cell group leaders should inform Alan or Christine of pastoral care concerns. **Contact her on 07905 139 107 or by email: christine_orr@hotmail.com.**

Small Group Changes Update

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" to 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.
- **An email will be sent out to people next week**, confirming who is in each group. Now is the time to let us know if you wish to change groups or join a group! Contact Alan.
- **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.
- As it is DNA week w/c 6th February, **new groups will commence w/c 13th February**.

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 31st December. Chuka is currently in the special baby unit in Middlesbrough hospital but is feeding well and no longer needs intravenous lines, just a little oxygen. Henry and Sandra are in Carlisle but visiting 3 times a week, and hope he will be back in Carlisle soon. Please continue to uphold them all in prayer.

Annual Fellowship Meeting & Fellowship Meal

We plan on holding our Annual Fellowship Meeting on Sunday **6th February 2022** at 5pm. 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. A current membership list is now displayed on the notice board; if we have inadvertently missed anyone off, please let us know. A number of people, who have recently completed the membership course, will also be brought into membership at the Annual Fellowship Meeting.

Conversion Therapy Consultation – REMINDER

A reminder that the deadline for responding to the consultation regarding banning conversion therapy closes on **Friday 4th February 2022**. It's really important that as many Christians as possible respond to this consultation as it could severely impact everyday religious practice such as prayer. If you have not yet responded, go to <https://www.eauk.org/what-we-do/public-policy/ending-conversion-therapy> to access the consultation and guidance on completing it.

Operation Christmas Child

We have several shoeboxes which need covering in Christmas paper ready for Operation Christmas Child 2022. If anyone is good at wrapping and can help, please let us know.

Finance

- Our **Offerings for December** came to £10,848.77 and we give thanks to God for His provision to us.
- The total for our **Christmas Offering** so far is £1,871.05 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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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)

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