

Church Bulletin 24th November 2022

2nd Baptismal Service this Sunday

We have another baptismal service on **Sunday 27th November** in the second service. Please pray for all our baptismal candidates and for any visitors coming on Sunday for the baptisms. Please note that there **won't be a coffee break in the middle of the second service** again this week due to the baptisms, but coffee will be served between the 2 services until just before 11 am.



Important Information

1. If you are regularly attending with children, you can only make use of our children's work, including creche, after giving us your contact details for safety reasons.
2. If you want to be involved in the life of the church, please ensure we have your details on our database so that you can receive our weekly emails keeping you up to date with everything going on. Please get a form from the ushers.
3. If you wish to serve, you need to become a member and the initial step towards this is to attend our vision and values course on a Thursday evening. See Alan for more details.

Call to Prayer and Fasting

We are planning a week of prayer and fasting from **Monday 2nd to Friday 6th January 2023** to pray about future plans of the church. We are currently considering starting a new service on Sunday evenings and an after-fellowship at a local café for adults under 40. We are also looking at the possibility of hiring somewhere to have a united service once a month and are looking out for other buildings which could accommodate our growing numbers.

Christmas News!



This year sees the return of 'Nativity from Scratch' – a nativity play completely put together in just one afternoon. This is open to any child in primary school and you will be able to drop your child off at 12.30 pm on Saturday 10th December and return at 4.30pm for refreshments and the nativity performance. Information and booking forms will be available in the foyer on Sunday or from Jean Ranson. **PLEASE NOTE: PRE-BOOKING BY 4TH DECEMBER IS ESSENTIAL.**

Details of our services over Christmas and New Year are as follows:

Saturday 10th December at 5 pm – Nativity from Scratch (refreshments served beforehand)

Sunday 18th December 9.30 and 11 am – Carol Services

Saturday 24th December 7 – 8 pm – Christmas Eve Service

Sunday 25th December 10.30 – 11.30 am – Christmas Morning Service

Sunday 1st January 10.30 am – New Year's Day Service

Please note: there will be no separate children's work on 25th December or 1st January.

Christmas Hampers – Each year we make up Christmas hampers for our most recent Christians Against Poverty Debt Centre clients. Each cell group has been asked to make up a hamper, but 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 Jane 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.



To all users of the Hub

Please do not switch off heaters in the Hub as these are on timers. Instructions for turning the heaters on or off using the manual button are displayed above the sockets downstairs in the Hub.

Oasis Fellowship

Oasis Fellowship will be meeting again next Wednesday 30th November 2.15 – 3.15 pm in the Church. Everyone welcome.

Finances

Ministry opportunity

We are looking for 2 people to work alongside Jane Wood as Deputy Treasurers. Initially this will be a volunteer role but may lead to a paid position in the future. If you are interested, talk with David or pass your CV into the office.

Giving to the Church can currently be done in 3 ways:-

1. By standing order to the church bank account – details from the church office
2. By texting CC004 to 64647 and following the directions
3. By placing your offering in the box available at our Sunday services

(online giving using PAYTHRU not currently available due to technical issues)

Easy Fundraising

Please help Elim Community Church, Carlisle raise free donations when you're doing your Black Friday and Christmas shopping by signing up to #easyfundraising! It's an easy way to help during these difficult times that will make a BIG difference to us! Plus, for a limited time, once you've raised your first £10, easyfundraising will double it!

Please sign up today, it only takes 2 minutes: https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=AQ7Z28&char=157870&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=qp-nov-22&utm_source=email



Oasis Food Pantry Product of the Month

Food Pantry's donation products for November are CEREALS and PASTA. Shops own brands are fine and donations can be put in the trolley in the foyer on Sundays.

Safe Families Fundraiser



Matt Potter is doing a fundraiser for Safe Families and running 7 half marathons in 7 days from 1st to 7th December. Safe Families help support children, families and care givers who may feel alone or without hope. If you would like to donate, please visit Matt's Justgiving page - <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mpotter7>

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Room bookings & general enquiries: Contact **Ruth Whiffen** (Administrator) at the Church office or mobile (Tues – Thurs 10.30 am – 2.30pm) ruth@elimcarlisle.org (07964 544893)

Ministers: **Alan Meyer** (07775 666869) alan@elimcarlisle.org

David Allen (07753 906727) david@elimcarlisle.org

Pastoral Assistant: Christine Orr (07905 139107)

Debt Advice: Christians Against Poverty (0800 328 0006) or **Jill Wheatley** (07812 524849)

Oasis Pantry: 07838 349561 or contact **Caroline Lunny** (07799 634601)

Family & Children's Ministry (ages 0-11): **Jean Ranson** (07896 999887)

Youth Ministry (ages 11-16): **Nick & Thea Weston** (07923 212 107)