

## Church Bulletin 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022



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

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 and 11 am** – Carol Services

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December 7 – 8 pm** – Christmas Eve Service

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 – 11.30 am** – Christmas Morning Service

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 10.30 am** – New Year's Day Service

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

Our **Christmas Offerings** this year, which will be taken on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, will be divided between Eden Valley Hospice (50%) and 25% each to support the missions work in Paraguay and Cambodia. There is now a board in the church where you can pin a Christmas card to the whole fellowship rather than sending lots of individual cards. Why not do this and put the money you would have spent on cards in the Christmas offering instead?

**If you are on your own on Christmas Day or would be willing to host someone**, please let the office know and we will try to link people up.

### Call to Prayer and Fasting

We are planning a week of prayer and fasting from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023** to pray about future plans of the church. You will receive a leaflet on Sunday with more details about this.



### Limitless Party – open to all 11 – 16s

Limitless Youth will be having their Christmas Party this Friday (16<sup>th</sup> December) in **THE HUB** (14 Spencer Street) from 6.30 – 8.30 pm. This is open to all 11 – 16 year olds, even if you don't currently attend Limitless Fridays. Contact Nick & Thea for more info (07923 212 107) or just turn up!

### Alpha Course

Another Alpha Course will be starting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January in the Church. This will be hosted by Gail's group and led by David Allen. More details to follow.



### Dates for your Diary



**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December**

Church Office closed for Christmas.

Re-opens Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

**w/c Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January**

DNA Week

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

Week of prayer and fasting

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January**

Meeting for under 40s in the Hub at 7pm

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January**

Leaders Meeting in the Church

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January**

Alpha Course commences in the Church

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

Annual Fellowship Meeting

### Cell Groups

Marston Smith and Jessica Bateman have been appointed as deputy group leaders in Adam & Fiona's cell group. Please pray for them and all our cell group leaders and deputies as they serve the church in this way.

### Thanks from Janet and Jill

Janet Dewhurst and Jill Wheatley would like to thank everyone for their love and prayers following the death of their mum at the end of November. They and their dad, Dennis, have known a real sense of God's peace.

### Items left in Church

A microwave has been left in the foyer kitchen in church but we don't know where it has come from or who it is for. Please don't leave items in the church without letting staff know or donate items to church without first checking if it is needed or wanted!

### Oasis Food Pantry Product of the Month

Food Pantry's donation products for December are cereals and pasta again. Shops own brands are fine and donations can be put in the trolley in the foyer on Sundays.

### NISCU



Rachel Gleave who works for NISCU has provided some samples of the Christmas edition of their termly magazine which are available on the Ushers table in the Foyer. It can be seen online or you can sign up to receive it here: <https://niscu.org.uk/connect/>

### Request for toys, children's books and bible study resources

We have received a request from Diana Geres who has visited the church in the past, for children's books, toys and Bible study resources for a toddler group in Romania that she is helping to set up. If you have any items you could donate, please contact her directly on 07526113800 to arrange delivery to her home in Carlisle.

### Bible Readings

We send round bible readings by email or text to anyone on our database who would like them, and these take you through the whole bible in 5 years. If you don't currently use a bible reading plan, why not try it out in the new year? To sign up email [ruth@elimcarlisle.org](mailto:ruth@elimcarlisle.org) or text 07775 666869.



### Church Contact details – 01228 523991

**Church Office: 14 Spencer Street, Carlisle, CA1 1BG**

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

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

**David Allen** (07753 906727) [david@elimcarlisle.org](mailto: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)

## 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)**