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Church Bulletin – Christmas & New Year

(next bulletin due 5th January 2023)

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and God’s richest blessing in the coming year.



Details of our services over Christmas and New Year:

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

Sunday 25th December 10.30 – 11.30 am – Christmas Morning Service (bring a gift / toy)

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 Offerings

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?

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. The Church will be open from **6.30 – 8 am each morning and 7 – 8 pm each evening**. We appreciate people are busy, but we would encourage everyone to try and attend where at all possible. Although the building will be open for the times given, we understand people may not be able to stay for long periods so feel free to pop in as you can. Please pick up a leaflet about this in the foyer if you didn’t get one last Sunday.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 21st December

Church Office closed for Christmas

Re-opens Tuesday 3rd January 2023 (Food Pantry will be open as usual on 23rd and 30th December)

DNA Week

w/c Sunday 1st January

Week of prayer and fasting

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th January

Meeting for adults under 40 in the Church at 7pm

Sunday 8th January

Leaders Meeting in the Church 7 – 8.30 pm

Monday 16th January

Alpha Course commences in the Church

Tuesday 17th January

Annual Fellowship Meeting

Sunday 5th February





Oasis Fellowship

Oasis Fellowship will be having their Christmas party on Wednesday 28th December at 2.15 – 3.15 pm in the Church. They will be meeting again on 11th January after the Christmas break.

Alpha Course

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



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 or text 07775 666869.

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/>



Support for Ukrainians during their Christmas Celebrations

Olga, who is staying with her children with Christine Finlayson, is hoping to arrange for items to be delivered to Ukrainians in need via her husband who is still volunteering and giving aid to others in Ukraine. We will keep you informed if this develops, so that we can participate in this venture.

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.

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 (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)

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)