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IMPORTANT - Sunday 15th January

We will be making an important announcement on Sunday regarding service times and how we will be managing our increasing numbers in the short term. This will include offering children's and youth activities in both services (not just the second service) from Sunday 12th February. Jean also needs a quick meeting with all children's workers (including creche workers) on Sunday during the coffee break (in the second service) in the belfry. She will catch up with those teaching on Sunday at the end of the service.

2:40 Tribe: If children are attending 2:40 Tribe for the first time, please ensure a parent or guardian brings them over to the Hub and completes a registration form when dropping them off.

Leaders Meeting

There will be a leaders meeting on **Monday 16th January** in the church for cell group and deputy leaders only from 7.30 to 9 pm. Please give apologies to Alan or David if you are not able to attend.

Alpha Course

We have an Alpha Course starting on **Tuesday 17th January** in the Church at 7pm to share food together, finishing by 9pm. This will be hosted by Gail, Jenny & Angela's group and led by David Allen. This course is designed for those who are interested in knowing more about the Christian faith and there will be leaflets and a sign-up sheet in the foyer on Sunday for anyone interested in attending.



Tech Team Meeting

There will be a meeting for all the tech team on **Monday 30th January** at 7.30pm in the church and this is also open to anyone interested in getting involved in this area of ministry. This includes the projector for songs and powerpoints, livestreaming and the PA desk.

New Cell Group and Vision and Values Group

In addition to the Alpha Course detailed above, we will also be starting a new cell group and running another Vision and Values course, which is our normal route into membership, in the next few weeks. Please contact Alan or David if you are interested in any of these new groups.

Annual Fellowship Meeting

Our AFM will be held on the evening of **Sunday 5th February**. More details to follow.

Finance

Our **Christmas Offerings** currently total £1606.25 and are being divided between Eden Valley Hospice (50%) and 25% each to support the missions work in Paraguay and Cambodia. This offering is still open for any who would like to give and have not yet done so; please give in the usual way but mark your gift 'Christmas offering'.

Missions boxes are now due in for emptying and counting and can be brought in on Sunday and given to the ushers or Jane Wood.

Giving to the Church can currently be done in 2 ways:-

1. By standing order to the church bank account – details from the church office
2. By placing your offering in the box available at our Sunday services

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

Food Pantry



Food Pantry has also received a very generous donation from Riverside Housing of £3043 which will greatly help them stock their shelves as they seek to provide affordable food for their customers. Thank you Riverside Housing!!

The following messages were received recently from two of our Oasis Food Pantry clients:- “You’ve helped us through a rough time and we are very thankful 😊 and now we’re back on our feet. Thank you again 😊.”

“To all the wonderful ladies and gentlemen at St Paul’s Church and the Oasis Pantry, a huge, sincere thank you to you all for all your warmth and help whenever my partner or I attend for the Food Pantry. Community is a very important thing and its folks like you that keep our community alive. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves for the work you do. So once again, thank you so much for everything.”



If you would like to donate to the Food Pantry, they are asking for tinned fruit this month. Please put any donations in the trolley in the foyer on Sundays (shops own brands are fine).

Bereavement

Alan McGlade’s mum, Christine, passed away at the end of December so please remember Alan, his dad and his sister in your prayers over the coming days. The funeral will be held on Thursday 26th January at 12.15pm at the cemetery chapel on Dalston Road.

Communion

Please note that the communion ‘wine’ we use is non-alcoholic grape juice so won’t be an issue to any struggling with alcohol addictions.

Missions Focus – Update from the Philippines



A scooter has been presented to Pastor Lahai to expand the work in the church at Bambang associated with the school, City Gates Academy, that we helped build. A team went to 2 places in Bambang over the Christmas period to do children’s outreach. We send 4% of our offerings each month to the work in the Philippines and our contribution from November offerings has gone towards this. The church is continuing to grow and develop under Pastor Lahai and his wife, Christine, and baby Ezra.



Stamps for Leprosy Mission

The Leprosy Mission have been in contact to say that it is no longer viable to make money from used stamps, but they are continuing to receive donations until March 2023. If you have any stamps you can donate, please pass them onto Joyce Hetherington or one of the ushers BY THE BEGINNING OF MARCH, and she will send them off.



Revival Prayer and Worship Meeting

We have been asked to publicise another joint prayer meeting on Thursday 19th January at Carlisle Christian Fellowship at 7pm.

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

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

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