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Happy New Year to everyone!

Annual Fellowship Meeting – this Sunday

There will ONLY BE ONE SERVICE AT 11 am this Sunday followed by our Annual Fellowship Meeting. Please bring your lunch with you and stay through after the morning service (tea & coffee will be provided). Our AFM will then take place at 1.30 pm. All members are expected to attend the AFM and regular attenders are invited to join as well, although they will not have any voting rights. (Please note that you need to be a member for 6 months before you are eligible to vote.) Please give your apologies to Ruth if you are a member but are not able to attend. Members will have the opportunity to ratify the appointment of John Ranson and Chris Vernon for a further 4 years and to elect Felix Nabena as an Elder. A membership list is on the notice board – if we have inadvertently missed anyone off, please let us know.

Parents please note:

There won't be any separate children's work this Sunday as the service will be mainly focussed on worship, and the creche will not be staffed, but will be available for feeding mothers.

Prayer and Fasting and Gift Day

We will be having a period of prayer and fasting from **23rd to 25th January** with early morning sessions and evening times of prayer together. More details to follow. There will also be a gift day on Sunday 28th January to go towards the cost of moving offices and other expenses.

Christmas Offerings

The total for our Christmas Offerings came to £3,104.25 and this will be split 50/50 between Eden Valley Hospice and the work John & Rachel McDonough are doing in Paraguay. You can still give to this offering in any of the usual ways (details on page 3) but please mark your gift 'Christmas'.

Thank you from Alan & Gail

They write: "We were amazed at the kindness and generosity of the church. Thank you all for your kindness and love that was expressed, and for your support over the years. Thank you for an amazing day on Sunday, and the hard work people had put in. Gail and I were humbled and overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. We know the church will continue to flourish under the direction of David and Esther, Pastors, Elders, Staff and Leadership teams, and after a period away are looking forward to returning to support the new leadership and play our part in serving where needed."

Induction Service

David will be inducted as Senior Pastor at 6pm on Sunday 14th January and Christine will also be inducted as Assistant Pastor on that evening. Please plan to be there if at all possible.

Cell Groups

Due to the number of people coming to faith and into membership, many groups are being re-organised in the new year. These are in the process of being finalised so those affected will hear from your group leaders or from David or Christine in the next few days.



Baptismal Service

We are planning a baptismal service on Sunday 21st January. If you are interested in being baptised, please chat with David or Christine.

Missions Boxes are now due for counting – please bring them in and either leave them at the info point or give to Jane or Glory.

Encounter

'Encounter' will re-commence on **Wednesday 10th January** at 1.15 pm with lunch and a devotional thought from David.



Discipleship, Nurturing and Accountability groups

DNAs are groups of 2 or 3 people (of the same sex) who meet together for mutual encouragement and accountability and are running next week so cell groups will be closed. If you are not yet in a DNA partnership, why not ask someone else to start one with you? See Christine Orr for more information.

Visit of the Christian Institute

The Christian Institute will be with us on Tuesday 30th January at 7.30 pm speaking on 'Defending family, faith and freedom', covering topics including conversion therapy, assisted suicide and schools. Cell groups are encouraged to close their meeting that week and support this event.

Oasis Food Pantry

If anyone would like to donate food items to the Pantry, **tinned fruit, jam and breakfast cereal** would be helpful this month. Please put any donations in the trolley in the foyer on Sundays (shops own brands are fine).



Advanced Notice for ladies - our first ladies event of the year will be a ladies breakfast on Saturday 10th February. More details will follow but keep the date free!

Street Outreach Project in December

A huge thank you for the overwhelming support we received to help our brother and sisters out on the streets in Carlisle this December. Throughout the 12-day mission we had dozens of volunteers helping bring love, prayers and supplies to all those we met. We were able to show each of them a glimpse of the love Jesus has for them and in turn we were blessed on Christmas Day to be joined at church by one of the rough sleepers we've been spending a lot of time with, it was a privilege to welcome this honoured guest into our building.

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

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FINANCE

GIVING TO THE CHURCH can currently be done in 3 ways:-

1. By standing order to the church bank account – NATWEST Bank A/c Name: Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance (UK), A/C no 28080254, Sort Code 60-05-16
2. By placing your offering in the boxes available at our Sunday services
3. We also have facilities to give one off donations by Debit or Credit Card (although this costs us more as bank charges are higher than with other ways of giving).

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES ABOUT GIVING OR GIFT AID, CONTACT DETAILS FOR OUR FINANCE TEAM ARE ABOVE.