



**"Becoming an army of passionate disciples,  
standing for truth ..... saving the lost ..... restoring the broken."**

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## **Church Bulletin 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **Discipleship Courses – starts next Thursday**

Our discipleship course and Vision and Values course will be recommencing on **14<sup>th</sup> March** at 7.30pm in the church. If you are a new Christian, or wanting to know more about the Christian Faith, or are interested in becoming a member of our church, please chat with David or Christine about joining these groups.



### **Baptismal Service**

We are planning a baptismal service on Easter Sunday, **31<sup>st</sup> March**. If you have committed your life to Christ but have not yet been baptised as an adult, why not take this important step in your discipleship journey? Chat with David or Christine to find out more.

### **Easter Services**

We will be having the following services over the Easter period:-

- Good Friday morning – 10 – 11am in the church
- Sunrise Service at 7am in Rickerby Park near the war memorial on Easter Sunday morning
- Easter Sunday morning services in the church at 9.30 and 11am incorporating a baptismal service.



### **Paul Hudson Weekend**

Paul Hudson is the Elim Regional Leader for the North-East and Midlands and will be with us for the weekend of **16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. He will be sharing with all our leaders and leadership academy members on the Saturday morning 9am – 12 noon and will be preaching at both our Sunday morning services.

### **Church Weekend**



We are planning a church weekend from **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April** at Ratlingate Camping Centre. The programme will cover Friday evening, all day Saturday and breakfast on Sunday morning but our Sunday services will be at St Paul's as normal rather than at Ratlingate. **Our guest speakers will be Roy & Lainey Hitchman who are currently serving as Elim missionaries in Hungary.** Everything you need to know is on page 4 of this Bulletin and paper copies are available at the Information Point on Sunday. The deadline for booking will be **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**. Please return

completed forms to Ruth asap.

### **CAP Money Course**

Jane Fearon & David Whiffen will be running a CAP Money course starting on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March** 3 – 5pm for 4 weeks. This teaches basic budgeting skills and a simple cash-based system that really works! If you are interested in attending or would like to know more, information is available at the Information Point, or chat with Jane or David.



### **Phil Whitelock**

Phil Whitelock's funeral will be held on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March** at 3pm at Carlisle Crematorium. There will also be a memorial service on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** at 1.30pm in the church as we remember his life. Please continue to keep Phil's family and friends in your prayers.

### **Sale of Spencer Street**

There is one final piece of paperwork we need from the council, which is holding up completion on the sale of our offices on Spencer Street and purchase of Chatsworth House. Please pray for a quick response from the council on this issue so that things can move forward.

### **Carlisle Half Marathon**



The Carlisle Half Marathon is taking place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and there will be road closures which may affect your journeys to church. These include Warwick Road, Brampton Old Road, A7 Bridgewater Road, St Aiden's Road and Victoria Place. Most will re-open by 10am but some may remain closed a little longer. Full details can be found at [runcarlisle.co.uk](http://runcarlisle.co.uk).

### **Thank you Card**

We have received a lovely thank you card from Eden Valley Hospice following our donation to them from our Christmas offerings, and this is displayed on the notice board for your interest.

### **Encounter**

Join us at next week's 'Encounter' for fun and games 1.15 - 2.30pm in the church. Come along and bring your friends! £1 donation requested please.

### **Wedding preparation**

Helena Cowling, who was one of our Elders until recently, and Ethan Lisk will be getting married in the church on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. In preparation for this we need help cleaning the church and tidying up the garden on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March from 9.30am. Please sign up on the sign up sheet at the info point if you can help.

### **Church Database**

Thanks to everyone who responded to the email sent out last week requesting that you check your contact details are up-to-date and add next of kin details if you are a regular attendee of our church. If you need a log-in for My ChurchSuite in order to do this, email [ruth@elimcarlisle.org](mailto:ruth@elimcarlisle.org) to be sent an invite.

### **New Baby!**

Congratulations to Hezzy and Tayo on the birth of their baby boy on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, who they have named Josiah. All doing well!



### **Limitless Festival**

This year there is going to be a significant change in the Limitless Festival affecting Young Adults. Young Adults can come but will need to do so as part of the Festival team or as a young leader for our youth group. This is to ensure the event is as safe as possible for everyone involved. However, it's a late announcement and we're sure this will be sad news for some of the YA who enjoy attending each year.



To be clear we really, really, want you to still consider coming and helping us with our Youth team and there will also be a special venue called The Retreat which will be put on as a hangout for any YA attending. Note that at Limitless, Young Adults are 17-30 years old.

If you have any questions about this then please contact Nick and Thea, details at the bottom of this Bulletin in the contacts section.



### 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).

### Medical Professionals – please act

Right to Life are looking for medical professionals who can join others in signing 2 open letters to MPs: one outlining the need to reduce the abortion time limit and the other outlining the serious problems that are likely to occur if Diana Johnson MP's extreme abortion up to birth amendment becomes law. You can view the letters and add your name to them by copying and pasting this link into your browser: <https://righttolife.org.uk/medicalletter>. Please act to make your MP aware of your position on this issue.

### Abaana New Life Choir Prayer Points

Please continue to pray for Mark Nabula and Shamim Nanyonga, both aged 9 who are part of the **Abaana New Life Choir**, who will be with us in May. The concerts are going well so far with great responses from the audiences, and some new sponsors signed up. Specific prayer requests for the choir are:-

- For healing for 2 of the choir children who have itchy skin, for which the cause is currently unknown.
- That the Irish visas needed to visit Donegal on 8<sup>th</sup> March would come through on time.
- For the chaperone team as they work long hours with the children – it's tiring being on the move all the time.
- that some of the churches the choir are contacting will host the choir and that safe homes for the choir can be found during this part of the tour.



*New Life*  
CHOIR

### 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 (Mon – Thurs 10 am – 3 pm) [ruth@elimcarlisle.org](mailto:ruth@elimcarlisle.org) (07964 544893)

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

**Assistant Pastor: Christine Orr** (07905 139107) [christine@elimcarlisle.org](mailto:christine@elimcarlisle.org)

**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)

**Finance:** **Jane Wood & Ojima Adio** (07531 828289) [elimfinance@outlook.com](mailto:elimfinance@outlook.com)

### 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.**



# Church Weekend

**26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**At Ratlingate Scout Camp (CA5 6DW)**

This year's church weekend gives the opportunity for camping, limited bunk bed accommodation and day visitors. It will run from Friday evening through to Sunday morning before returning to church for our usual Sunday morning services. Day visitors can attend on the Friday evening and/or all-day Saturday.

**For those wishing to stay in dorms, these will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, and will be shared due to limited space** (you will need to provide your own sleeping bags and pillows).

**The programme will include:**

- **Bonfire and smores on Friday evening**
- **Teaching from a guest speaker with separate children's and youth activities on Saturday morning**
- **Various activities on Saturday afternoon**, eg rounders, tug of war, football, archery, crafts, board games
- **Evening meal on Friday, breakfast, lunch and dinner on Saturday, breakfast on Sunday (for those staying over)**

**How much?**

**Camping / staying in dorms for 2 nights**

- Adult: £50.00 (12 years and over)
- Child: £30.00 (Age 5-11)
- Under 5s FREE

**Day visitors (Friday evening & Saturday – price is for both days combined not per day)**

- Adult: £20 (12 years and over)
- Child: £10 (Ages 5-11)
- Under 5s FREE

**ADVANCE BOOKING required by 17TH MARCH AT THE LATEST**

To book return the booking slip below to Ruth with your payment. If paying direct to our Bank Account use the following details: Sort Code **60-05-16** Account No. **28080254** Account Name: **Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance (UK)** Ref: **"Church Weekend"** and send a copy of your booking form to Ruth by email [ruth@elimcarlisle.org](mailto:ruth@elimcarlisle.org) or take a photo and send via whatsapp (07964 544893).

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**NAMES OF ALL ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I / We would like to: camp / use bunk bed accommodation / attend as day visitors** (please delete as appropriate)

**Day Visitors:** I will be attending on Friday ☐ Saturday ☐ (tick as appropriate)

**PHONE/MOBILE NO** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_

**No. of ADULTS** \_\_\_\_\_ **No. of CHILDREN AGED 5 AND OVER** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL COST** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

Payment included / paid into bank account (delete as appropriate)