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standing for truth ..... saving the lost ..... restoring the broken."

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## **Church Bulletin 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

### **Important**

Can we remind you that the hot chocolate served on Sundays is for ADULTS ONLY for health and safety reasons? Juice or water is available for children. Thank you for your help with this.

### **Discipleship Courses – start tonight**

Our discipleship course and Vision and Values course are recommencing tonight 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, come along tonight and find out more.

### **Carlisle Half Marathon road closures on Sunday**

The Carlisle Half Marathon is taking place on **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March** and there will be road closures which may affect your journey 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).

### **Paul Hudson Weekend – this Saturday and Sunday**

Paul Hudson is the Elim Regional Leader for the North-East and Midlands and will be with us this weekend. His teaching sessions on Saturday morning 9am – 12 noon are now open to everyone, and he will also be preaching at both our Sunday morning services.

### **Church Weekend/Big Day Out – CHANGE OF PLAN!!**



We have decided to change the church weekend to a **Big Church Day Out** on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April only**, due to lack of interest in staying over. The costs have therefore been reduced to £10 for adults (age 12 years and over), £5 for children aged 3 to 11 and family ticket £30. Lunch will be provided. Those who have already booked and paid will receive refunds of any extra money paid. The day will run from 9.30 am to 5 pm and our guest speakers will be Roy & Lainey Hitchman who are currently serving as Elim missionaries in Hungary. There will be separate activities for primary school children during the morning teaching sessions. 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 31<sup>st</sup> March**. Please return completed forms to Ruth asap.



### **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.

### **Phil Whitelock**

There will be a memorial service for Phil Whitelock 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.



### 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.

### 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.



### 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 latest prayer requests for the choir are:-

- for energy for the team, they are quite tired!
- for the churches that they are visiting; they are so grateful for all of their generosity and the lovely welcome they provide.
- That the choir will not feel isolated and will stay safe now that they have left Northern

Ireland. (They are currently in the Republic of Ireland.)

- that scheduling issues with the English leg of the tour will get resolved.

#### HOST HOMES

We are looking for 10 host homes for when the choir visit us in May. They will be here from 6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May and there will be one chaperone and 2 children going to each host home. Please consider whether this is something you would be able to help us with.

### 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.

### 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' when MIND, the mental health charity, will be speaking - 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.

### 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.

### 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

**OFFERINGS FOR FEBRUARY** – these came to £17,863.28 and we thank God for his provision to us through the giving of his people.

**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 Big Day Out

27<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

- **Arriving at 9.30** am for coffee
- **10am – 12 noon** - morning teaching and worship (separate activities for primary school aged children)
- **12 noon – 1pm** – lunch (provided)
- **1pm – 3.30pm** various activities such as rounders, tug of war, orienteering, football, archery, craft, board games
- **3.30pm – 4.30pm** – Family Worship and teaching.
- **4.30pm – 5pm** – clean up and depart!

## **How much?**

- Adult: £10.00 (12 years and over)
- Child: £5.00 (Ages 3-11)
- Under 3s FREE
- Family Ticket £30

## **Booking is required by 31st March**

To book return the booking slip to Ruth at the Information Point with payment. Or pay direct to our Bank Account: Sort Code 60-05-16, Account No. 28080254 Account Name: Elim Foursquare Gospel Alliance (UK) Ref: "BIG DAY"

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NAMES of all attending \_\_\_\_\_

TEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of ADULTS \_\_\_\_\_ No. of CHILDREN OVER 3 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL COST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## **Christian Institute Vacancies**

The Christian Institute are currently recruiting for the following positions:

**Communications Officer, Administrative Assistant, Finance Administrator and Research Assistant to work at their headquarters in Newcastle upon Tyne.** Applicants should be practising Christians and in full agreement with their doctrinal basis. For more information, telephone Judi Coulson on 0191 281 5664, email [judi.coulson@christian.org.uk](mailto:judi.coulson@christian.org.uk) or go to:-

[https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/JobAd\\_March24\\_CommsAdminFinanceRes.pdf](https://www.christian.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/JobAd_March24_CommsAdminFinanceRes.pdf)

A copy of the vacancies is also on the church notice board.

## **Parish of Penrith vacancy**

There is a vacancy for a Children & Families Team Leader within this parish (20 hours per week). More information and an application form can be found at <https://www.parishofpenrith.org.uk/jobs.htm> and on the church notice board for anyone interested.