



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

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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.

Sign up opportunity on Sunday

A sign up sheet will be handed out during the services on Sunday for 4 events that are coming up. These are:-

- Ladies afternoon tea on 20th April £10 per head, fundraiser for international missions
- Men's breakfast on 11th May £10 per head, fundraiser for international missions with John McDonough
- Strong Men's conference in Southport, 22nd June £7.50 plus transport costs
- Hosting 2 children and a chaperone from Abaana Choir 6th – 11th May

Please check these dates in advance so this can be done quickly on Sunday. Thanks!

Phil Whitelock

There will be a memorial service for Phil Whitelock on **Wednesday 27th March** at 1.30pm in the church as we remember his life. Please continue to keep Phil's family and friends in your prayers.

Vision & Values Course – Thursday evenings

Our Vision and Values course for those interested in membership runs each Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the church. If you are interested in becoming a member of our church, come along and find out more.

CAP Money Course – starts Monday

Jane Fearon & David Whiffen will be running a CAP Money course starting on **Monday 25th 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.



Baptismal Service

We are planning a baptismal service on Easter Sunday, **31st 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.



Alpha Course

We are starting a new Alpha Course on **Sunday 7th April** from 4 – 5.30pm for 11 weeks. This will incorporate our basic discipleship classes. Please pray about who you could bring along.

Gardening

Peter Wood will be at the church each Friday from **5th April onwards** 10.30 to 12.30 to do gardening around the church. If anyone is free and able to join him any week, your help would be appreciated!





Birthday time!

ENGAGE turns one this month so there is a big celebration on Sunday evening from 6 – 8pm in the church. This is for everyone aged 17 to 39. Come along and invite your friends to the party!

CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Life Skills

A new CAP Life Skills course will be commencing on **Tuesday 9th April** through to 28th May. The course aims to give you the confidence and decision-making skills needed to live on a low income. You'll learn practical money saving techniques, such as cooking on a budget and making money go further. See Esther if you are interested in attending.



Church Big Day Out

We have decided to change the church weekend to a **Church Big Day Out** on **Saturday 27th 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. 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 31st March**. Please return completed forms to Ruth asap or take a photo of your completed form and send it via WhatsApp to 07964 544893.



Missions Focus – John & Rachel McDonough

John & Rachel are part of our leadership team and have been serving as missionaries in Paraguay for the past 15 years. You can now sign up for their newsletter and/or their 'thought from afar' using this QR code. Alternatively copy this link into your browser to sign up:

<http://eepurl.com/dADAuX>

You can also see Rachel Marsh if you would like the link to subscribe.

Please pray for...

- 2 community outreaches currently underway – that God would move in power and that people would accept the gift of salvation.
- For a young girl with deformed feet who has attended one of the outreaches. Thank God that he has made financial provision for John & Rachel to help her have special shoes made.
- For financial provision to allow John & Rachel to buy a new speaker and microphone.
- For continued health of the McDonough family – Jesse has been unwell recently but praise God he is feeling better.
- For strength as they often have long journeys and early morning starts for church and outreaches.

Thank God for:-

- Financial provision to meet some practical ministry needs for the office.



Scan me!

Wedding preparation – this Saturday

Helena Cowling, who was one of our Elders until recently, and Ethan Lisk will be getting married in the church on Saturday 30th March at 12.30pm. In preparation for this we need help cleaning the church and tidying up the garden on Saturday 23rd March from 9.30am. Come and join us if you are able to help.

Sale of Spencer Street

It looks as though we won't be able to get the final piece of paperwork we need from the council until at least 8th April, but please pray that it is not delayed beyond this, so that we can move to Chatsworth House as soon as possible after that. Our kids and youth are really struggling for space and sadly, we are having to turn some away.

Abaana New Life Choir host homes



New Life
CHOIR

We are looking for 10 host homes for when the choir visit us in May. They will be here from 6th to 11th 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.

PRAYER POINTS for the choir

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.

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 (07964 544893)

Lead Pastor: David Allen (07753 906727) david@elimcarlisle.org

Assistant Pastor: Christine Orr (07905 139107) 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

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.

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).



Church Big Day Out

27th 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"

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)

Keswick Convention volunteer request

Could you join the volunteer team at Keswick Convention this summer? A wonderful team of over 650 volunteers help make the Convention happen each year. Part of the joy of serving on this team is to join a family of believers using the many different talents that God has given them to serve others and bless the wider church! You will also spend time enjoying the Lake District and Bible teaching. Accommodation, meals and expenses are provided. You can also volunteer part-time if you are already attending the Convention itself.

Whether your skills are in serving kids and youth ministry, being hands-on with event operations, or serving part-time in the cafe, there are many different teams you can help serve with. **Find out more and apply by going to keswickministries.org/volunteer**

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 or go to:-

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.