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Christians Alive Website

The new Christians Alive Website is launched! (www.christians-alive.org.uk). Please have a look around the site and see what you think. We aim to keep the site as up-to-date as possible and it will soon include more information about Carnforth and the newly launched Church in the Home (CITH).

Mini Bus

Urgent request for more Mini Bus Drivers – if you have a D1 on your licence and are available to join the rota, please let Jane in the Office know.

The mini bus service from Lancaster University for students is at the **new time of 10.40am**. Return time is still 12.30pm.

New Small Groups

The new Small Groups were announced at Family Matters on Wednesday 18th January. If you don't know which group you are in or haven't yet been allocated, please contact David and Pam Jones (details in the church directory). Thanks.

Ideas for Coffee Bar

There are plans to change the layout and furniture in the coffee bar at White Cross. If you have any ideas or suggestions, please let Karen Rowbottom know (email via secretary@christians-alive.org.uk). Thanks.

Funeral for Anne McAllister

Anne's funeral service will be at 1.00pm on **Thursday 26th January** at Calvary Christian Fellowship, Lostock Hall, Preston and the interment will take place at Charnock Richard crematorium at 3.00pm. There will also be a memorial service on **Saturday 28th January** at 2.00pm at Brookhouse Methodist church. If possible, please let Jane know if you are coming to the memorial service. The funeral service will be streamed via the internet: address to be supplied later. The **Memorial Service** is going to be followed by a '**Multi-cultural Jacob's Join**' (to reflect Anne's overseas work as well as what she did in this country) so please let Jane know if you can provide any food for this by **Tuesday 24th January**.

Also we are looking for photos of Anne that reflect her friendships and impact within the church which may be used in a powerpoint at the Memorial Service. If you can, please check your cameras and mobiles to see if you have any good ones of her and, if so, please get a copy to the office – email or hard. Thank you. **Finally, if you are able to provide meals for Hilton and Joel, please contact Naomi Accialini who is kindly co-ordinating this.**

The Call

THE CALL - **Sunday 29th January** @ Father's House, 6:30pm. Joint church worship and intercession. A great opportunity to affect change in our city. Please come out if you can and join the army of God in this city.

University of Cumbria CU Mission Week

Between **January 23rd and 27th**, University of Cumbria Christian Union are having their Mission Week on campus. This is a time where they go out onto campus with a theme for the week (This year Uncover: See for Yourself) and run events so that they can spread the gospel on campus. UoC CU are asking for help whenever possible during this week (as a CU Guest). It would be hugely appreciated by them and they really value our support. Please can you contact the Office if you can help.

International Café – Dates to Note!

On **Saturday 28th January**, before the second café of the term, we are having a 'welcome back' Team Meal & Cross-Cultural Training at 5.30pm @ St Thomas' Centre. The Team Meal and training session will provide an opportunity for people to meet team members from Christians Alive and other local churches, find out about why and how we run the International Café and receive some practical cross-cultural training. If you have a heart for the nations, and for befriending the many international students and families here in Lancaster, please come and have a look! Get in touch with Esther Green (details in the church directory) if you would like to come or require any more information.

F-Plan – new course starting

The new F-Plan course will start at 10am on **Sunday 5th February** and run for 7 weeks. See Jane if you would like to sign up.

Family Feast

The next Family Feast will be on **Sunday 5th February** immediately after the meeting. Small Group Leaders will be co-ordinating the food for this meal.

Grapevine

Instead of a Family Together event this year, we are using Grapevine as our whole church weekend away (**24th-28th August**). For the early bird rate, please make your bookings by **4th March**. For full costings and more information, see <http://www.one-event.org.uk/>

Marriage Course

St Thomas' Church, Lancaster is offering the **Marriage Course** on Thursday evenings from 2nd Feb until 22nd March (not 16th Feb), 7.30pm – 10pm. Each evening starts with a freshly-cooked two-course meal at a candlelit table for two. Talks will be presented on DVD with opportunities to talk as a couple. Course costs £50 per couple. To reserve your place on the course, please complete the form at the back of church along with a £20 deposit and return the form to St Thomas' by **22nd January**. For more information see the Notice Board in the coffee bar.

Jim Munson

Jim Munson, Global Horizons will be visiting the church between Friday 17th and **Sunday 19th February**. Could any Department Heads consider whether we could use his skills in creating videos that could be used on our website or played on the screen at the end of the meeting. If interested, please contact the office and we can provide more information. Thanks.

Easter

Local churches who are part of 'HOPE Lancaster' are going to hold an 'Easter Festival' - the aims of which are:

- ❖ To bring a visible celebration of the Hope at the heart of the Christian faith – the resurrection of Jesus
- ❖ To do this outside the churches walls – Dalton Square
- ❖ To demonstrate to the city that God's church in Lancaster is vibrant and alive and is for them, not just 'religious people'.

There will be various church and fun activities such as puppet shows, healing, prayer, drama, bouncy castle, face painting etc. Please keep **Saturday 7th April** free in your diaries.

If you need any further information, please contact the office: Christians Alive Lancaster, 1-3-7 The Barracks, White Cross, South Road, Lancaster, LA1 4XQ, Tel : 01524 845544

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