Immanuel Newsletter Sunday 20th June 2021

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<u>Thought for the week:</u> "They [White people] have come to realise that their freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone." (Martin Luther King Jr)

<u>Bible Reading for this Sunday.</u> Mark 4; 35-41 **<u>Theme:</u>** We cannot walk alone.

<u>Watch this video</u>. I invite you to dedicate 30 minutes of your time to watch this video: the man who planted trees. You won't regret it. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ybeK8mTlOTk

<u>Communion</u>: This Sunday we will celebrate communion as we did last month, bearing in mind the safety measures we have been following.

Election of Elders

The voting took place after last Sunday's Service and all those proposed reached the needed votes to be elected, these are: Steve Brain, Mike Denton, Anne Farrow, Liz Gibney, Mike Gordon, Paddy Hayes, Eddie Thomas. Thank you for your willingness to serve, and a BIG thank you to those who completed their term and COVID extended term. May God guide you and us on the way ahead. The induction will take place during the service on July 4th.

<u>Thank you:</u> June Pevy says "Thank you" for messages received on the death of Michael. They are a source of comfort to her.

<u>Prayer Group:</u> As we are not able to meet face to face, each week a list of needs is circulated for us to remember in Prayer. If you have any need, or know of anybody who we can pray for, please contact either Anne Farrow or Helen Thomas.

REFUGEE WEEK 2021

A PRAYER

Lord, in this Refugee Week, we lift-up to you all who are escaping war, persecution, or natural disaster. Would you comfort, empower, and protect them, drawing alongside them all who can assure them of their infinite worth. And would you bless us with discomfort and a sense of separation from you, until we invite the stranger in and discover you in our midst.

<u>Sunday 27th</u>: The service will be led by Stuart Benjamin. Thank you very much.

<u>Amnesty International:</u> We are asked to take action on different cases, here is the link to find the latest. Please do something to end the suffering of others....

https://www.amnesty.org.uk/urgent-

actions?utm_campaign=MEMA4028S June 2021 UANetwork&utm_content=47787&utm_source=amnestyuk &utm_medium=email

<u>Old Town Partnership of Churches</u>: The Council meeting will take place on Tuesday 22nd at 7.30 at Christ Church, keeping all the protocols needed during these times.

Please Include in your prayers:

- Let us learn to be "we" not "them/us".
- The new Elders.
- For Refugees, the difficulties the flee from, the hope they are looking for.
- Those who are recovering from health treatments.
- All those struggling with mental health difficulties.
- Young people who seeking a way forward in life.
- Those who are mourning the death of family or friends.
- The plight of the Palestinian people.
- The Harbour Project
- Amnesty International and all victims of Human Rights violations
- The vaccination in the world.
- The Prayer Group.
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- The URC: nationally, the 13 Synods.
- The Southwestern Synod: Ruth the Moderator, Gwen the Synod Clerk, and all who work for the Synod, and the churches of the Synod.
- Courage of faith to confront injustice, discrimination, hatred, racism.
- All areas of the world living violence, hatred, war, famine.