

## **Immanuel Newsletter**

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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**Thought for the week:** "I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it." Nelson Mandela

**Chaplain today:** Mike Gordon.

**Bible Readings for this Sunday.** Exodus 33; 12-17 and Matthew 28; 16-20

**Theme:** Know that God is always with you.

This morning's service will be led by Rev Geoff Gleed. Thank you Geoff.

**Sharing information:** After the service last Sunday we shared an update of information from Elders' meeting, given that we have not been able to hold a Church Meeting for quite some time.

- Church Secretary – we thank David Leadbeater for his faithful service and Elders agreed to present the name of Steve Brain as next church secretary.
- Given the new situation with COVID limitations, as from Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, the service will continue with printed orders of service, as Bibles and Hymn Books are not yet to be distributed. Social distancing and the use of masks recommended for the time being so that all feel safe, and even when we will continue to use CD's for the hymns, singing in a low voice behind your mask will be permitted. All these measures will be reviewed at the September Elders' meeting.

**Prayer Group:** 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.

**Songs of Praise:** TODAY, 25th July, the Partnership's Songs of Praise, organised by Christ Church and will be outdoors in the grounds of Christ Church, at 6:30 pm. All welcome.

**Margaret Williams:** Last Wednesday, 21 July, Margaret celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We rejoice with Margaret and give thanks to God for her life and all she had done with the amazing gifts she has received. God bless you Margaret!

<p><b><u>Food-Box:</u></b> The Food Banks are in need, and we can help. The Food Box in the Chapel is now available to receive your donations. Each time the Box is full, the contents will be taken to the Swindon Food Collective.</p>
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**Immanuel webpage:** You can find the link above. Just asking – when was the last time you have looked at it? It is current, up to date with all you are looking for, and very well presented. Drop in whenever you want!

**Please Include in your prayers:**

- For Refugees, the difficulties they flee from, the hope they are looking for.
- Those who are recovering from health treatments.
- All those struggling with mental health difficulties.
- Those who are mourning the death of family or friends.
- The plight of the Palestinian people.
- The Harbour Project
- The Foyer
- 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.
- For life as the current pandemic restrictions are lifted.