

## Immanuel Newsletter

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**Thought for the week:** *“If we wish to ensure everyone’s peace and happiness we need to cultivate a healthy respect for the diversity of our peoples and cultures, founded on an understanding of this fundamental sameness of all human beings.”* (Dalai Lama)

**Bible Readings for this Sunday.** Ephesians 2: 11-22

**Theme:** No longer...

### **Illustration for today’s Reflection**



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**Sharing information:** After the service ends, could you please sit and stay for about 5 minutes, as we would like to put you up to date with some of the recent decisions taken by Elders. Thank you!

**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.

**Flowers:** Dear Friends, on Sundays we are only doing a small arrangement on the Communion Table. However, we still like to give flowers to those we feel need a little uplifting and if any of you would like to give a small donation towards the flowers, I should be grateful. Either see me on Sundays or give me a ring. You can still choose your Sunday and have a dedication in Weekly News Keep well, Love Edith.

**Songs of Praise:** 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.

**Food-Box:** you may well have seen on television that 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.

**Please Include in your prayers:**

- Let us learn to be "we" not "them/us".
- The URC General Assembly.
- 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.