

**Immanuel Newsletter**  
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**Thought for the week:** “Compassion and justice are companions, not choices”  
(William Sloane Coffin)

**Chaplain today:** Steve Brain

**Bible Readings for this Sunday:** Mark 7; 24-30

**Thank you Shelley for playing today.**

**Prayer Group:** We hope to resume our face to face meetings soon, meanwhile 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.

**Food-Box:** The Swindon Food Collective is in need of support, 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 them so they can continue to provide for so many people in need.

<p><b><u>Climate Change Conference:</u></b> I'm sure you have heard of this, better known as COP26, which will take place as from October 31<sup>st</sup> in Glasgow. This is an urgent and necessary time for concrete actions to be taken on the Environmental Crisis we are facing. Climate changes is not something happening in faraway regions: Arctic, Antarctic, Amazon....it is happening much closer to home – we saw the floods in Germany and Belgium, and the streets of London, and in the Southwest heading into this weekend. What is not tackled now, will just add to the damage happening now. So please keep this Conference in your prayers and let us urge our leaders to commit to the changes necessary. WORDS are no longer enough, we need ACTION.</p>
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**Bath Road Breakfast is back....** The second Saturday of each month (beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September) between 9-11. A bacon roll (a veggie option is available) a tea/coffee £1. All are welcome.

**Old Town Partnership of Churches Project** – On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> we will receive the visit of Mike Walsh, who will talk to us about the Desai school in Africa, which was approved as the OTPC project last year and was put on hold due to COVID. The Partnership of Churches will be sharing the effort to help the school. The aim is to reach £6000 between all the churches between now and end of November, closing the project on the joint service for the first Sunday of Advent. It would be great to reach and surpass this aim. **So come along and support this service**

**Please Include in your prayers:**

- Haiti and the families who have lost loved ones, and families who have lost all.
- For Afghanistan in the current situation, they are suffering (AGAIN)
- The OT Partnership of Churches project in aid of Desai school.
- For Highworth URC
- For victims of domestic violence.
- For the hungry, the homeless, the people who have no job.
- For the search for truth when truth may be painful but so necessary and urgent.
- All areas of the world living with violence, hatred, war, famine.
- For Refugees, the difficulties they flee from, the hope they are looking for.
- For COP26, meeting in Glasgow in November – the opportunity to do something urgent on Climate change.
- Those who are recovering from medical 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
- The Swindon Food Collective
- Amnesty International and all victims of Human Rights violations
- The vaccination in the world.
- The Prayer Group.
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches: Bath Road, Christ Church with St Mary's
- 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.
- For all that brings us joy and happiness.