

Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 10th October 2021

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Thought for the week: “Where there is discord may we bring harmony. Where there is error, ay we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith. Where there is despair, may we bring hope.” Francis of Assisi

Service: Today’s service will be led by Stuart Benjamin. Thanks Stuart!

Bible Readings for this Sunday: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 John 6: 25-35

Funeral: Jean Erica Riggall has recently died: the service will take place on Thursday 21st October, 11am in Church followed by Cremation at Kingsdown at 12 noon. Jean had been very involved in Church life years back, and more recently was a member of Luncheon Club. All welcome to the service.

Hymn books and Bibles: Yes, next Sunday 17 October, you will find the Bibles and Hymn Books back in the pews for use. The printed order of service will be sent out by Ceri, but not given out at church.

Church Meetings: After a year and a half of not meeting, we now feel we can do so. Please keep these dates: **7th November and 5th December**. The meeting would be held in the church as soon as the service is finished.

The total for the **Harvest Appeal** so far is £1620. It will remain open until Sunday 31st Oct

The order for 2022 edition of **Fresh from the Word** - Bible reading Notes - will soon be going in. A wide variety of people from around the world give unique insights into a life of faith. Themes can be short or long but always so rewarding. A copy of the 2020 edition is in the Chapel if you would like to have a look and consider. Do try it. Only £10.99 for the full year. A form to sign up is also in the Chapel

Another Rota needing **your HELP**.

Yes, we need **HELP** in the counting room on Sunday morning to count the Offertory and bank it. Training can be given to you if needed, 2 people per Sunday. The more help the fewer weeks you will be needed. Please think hard is this job for you, it’s open to people of all ages, sex and personality we do not discriminate. Contact Sue Goodall at immtreasurerswindon@gmail.com

Climate Change Conference: I'm sure you have heard of this, better known as COP (Conference of Parties)26, which will take place as from October 31st 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.



Challenge to us all at Immanuel: The COP26 conference is not to far away, and yet we may not feel it is close to us in its issues. So here I go...

From now until the midst of November when COP comes to an end, I would ask you to bring to the prayer corner a story, a photo, a thought, a challenge, a drawing... whatever comes to you.

But it should be something of hope for creation, something that tackles the issues of the time, and there are many of those.

They will become motives of prayer, ideas for sermons, or inspiration to others. Please help us on this journey. Thank you. Robert

Please Include in your prayers:

- The Harvest Appeal 2021 in aid of Desai School, as part of the Old Town Partnership of Churches project.
- Today is Mental Health Day. Let us pray for the wellbeing of all people.
- Old Town Council of Churches Council Meeting at Immanuel on Wednesday
- For the hungry, the homeless, the people who have no job.
- For all we know who are struggling with difficulties: health, economic, family, work.