

**Immanuel Weekly News**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

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**Thought for the week:** I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I must not fail to do the something that I can do. (Helen Keller)

**Welcome:** A warm welcome this morning to Bryan Elkington who will be leading our service. Thank you, Bryan!

**Bible Readings for this Sunday:** Jeremiah 32; 7-9 Mark 10; 46-52

**In our prayers and thoughts:** From the Memorial Book that is now found in the Chapel, this week we remember: Doreen Martin, Marjorie Florence Brunger, Phyllis Evelyn Joan Iles. Mervyn King, Denys Alfred Ellis.

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Irene and Ivor Chesterman.

If you know of anybody who might welcome some flowers as a reminder that we're thinking of them, please let us know.

#### **MASK WEARING**

Following this week's Government press conference, it is perhaps a sensible time to remind everyone that we ask all users of the premises to wear masks in the back corridor and atrium to help prevent infection. Several of the groups who meet in the building during the week have told us how grateful they are that we are taking such precautions, so it will be good if everyone can continue to do likewise, please. In view of the dramatic rise in infection rates in Swindon, wearing a face mask for a week or two during worship is an option people may wish to consider until such time as the rates drop.

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

#### **NEXT WEEK COP26 Begins**

**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 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.



**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

**Next Sunday:** Do you know what is remembered next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October? No, I'm not referring to the H(alloween) day, but rather the R day. It's Reformation Day. This is part of our religious heritage.

**An urgent request:** This week I was part of a short Zoom meeting where the desperate situation in Myanmar was presented to many of us. Due to the coup which overthrew the government the situation is very complicated, and there are serious limitations to freedom and communication, with Wi-Fi being severely restricted, and Covid really upsetting the life of the people. There is no access to vaccines for the people, no hospitals open for them, and only those who can pay for vaccines and medical treatment can access these. The church in Myanmar has asked for our prayers at this time, they don't want to feel forgotten. Please keep them in your prayers. (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.
- COP26 begins next Sunday 31st.
- Lifeboat crews that in all weather and sea conditions risk their lives to save others
- The Care homes in our area, for the residents and the staff
- For all we know who are struggling with difficulties: health, economic, family, work.

**Remember – Next Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> October clocks change... tic-toc, tic-toc**