

## Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 17th October 2021

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**Thought for the week:** Truth is powerful and it prevails. (Sojourner Truth: an American abolitionist and women's rights activist. Truth was born into slavery, but escaped with her infant daughter to freedom in 1826)

**Bible Readings for this Sunday:** Mark 10; 35-45

**Communion:** We will be celebrating communion during this morning's service.

**Funeral:** Jean Erica Riggall, who recently died, the service will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 11am in Church followed by Cremation at Kingsdown at 12 noon. Jean had been very involved in Church years back and more recently would attend Luncheon Club. All welcome to the service.

**Hymn books and Bibles:** Yes, this Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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 give 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: **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.

**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

**Please Include in your prayers:**

- The Harvest Appeal 2021 in aid of Desai School, as part of the Old Town Partnership of Churches project.
- For the hungry, the homeless, the people who have no job.
- 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.
- United Nations Day (24<sup>th</sup>), that it may be a beacon of hope and justice.