

Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 31th October 2021

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Thought for the week: “I don’t know what your destiny will be, but one thing I do know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and found how to serve.” Albert Schweitzer

A warm welcome this morning to Stuart Benjamin, who will be leading our service. Thank you Stuart.

Bible Readings for this Sunday: Hebrews 7:23-28 and Mark 12:28-34

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REFORMATION DAY

In our prayers and thoughts: From the Memorial Book that is now found in the Chapel, this week we remember: Trevor Jannaway.

Last Sunday’s flowers were given to Pam Stevens

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

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.

£2,802 has so far been raised for the **Harvest Appeal**. Today is the last day for donations.



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

Remembrance Day: On Thursday 11th November the church will be open for private prayer between 10.45 – 11.15. At 11.00 there will be a two-minute silence



Sunday 14th November: Our morning service at 10.30 will be the Remembrance Day service, when we connect with the Cenotaph for the two-minute silence. And at 4:00 our service for Remembering our Loved Ones.

Please Include in your prayers:

- COP26 begins today.
- For the South Western Synod – Ruth the Moderator, Gwen Synod Clerk, all staff who work for the Synod and all the churches of the Synod.
- For all we know who are struggling with difficulties: health, economic, family, work.

MASK WEARING

Following the recent 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.