

Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 14th November 2021

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Please include in your prayers:

- Are we a welcoming church? How can we be more welcoming?
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches: Bath Road, Christ Church with St Mary's and Immanuel
- For the Desai School
- For those who suffer violence in any form in any place
- Those suffering from COVID and Long Covid
- The NHS and all carers.

In our prayers and thoughts: From the Memorial Book that is now found in the Chapel, this week we remember: William Henry Burton and Alex Boxall

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Nancy Self, Ann Hopkins, Pat Rebeck and Barbara Furguson.

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

Sunday 14th November: And at 4:00 our service for Remembering our Loved Ones. Tea and Coffee will be served after this service. You are welcome to join us!

Thought for the week: "There are no goodbyes for us. Wherever you are, you will always be in my heart." Gandhi

Bible Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 25: 1-10 Revelation 21: 1-5

Theme: We need things to be better.

Offertory Envelopes

I shall be placing the 2022 offertory envelopes in the chapel later in November. However I'm conscious that many members have "converted" to online payments or standing orders over the past 18 months, and no longer use envelopes. If you no longer need envelopes please have a word with me and we can together save a little bit of unnecessary paper, Thanks Don Macarthur.

We have been looking for the nativity gifts that would have been carried into church by the 3 kings as part of the Nativity service in the past. Has anyone seen them...in particular the "Aladdin's lamp"? Please let me know, thanks Liz Gibney

MASK WEARING

Please remember, 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.

Pulpit Exchange: Sunday 21st will be OTPC pulpit exchange, and we will celebrate communion at Immanuel. Mark Barrett will lead worship here, Simon Stevenette at Bath Road and Geoff Glead at Christ Church.

Diary Dates:

Sunday 14th November:	10.30 Act of Remembrance 4.00pm; Remembering our Loved Ones
Sunday 21st November:	10.30 Pulpit exchange
Sunday 28th November:	6.30pm Advent Partnership Service at Christ Church <i>conclusion of Partnership Project (Desai School)</i>
Sunday 12th December	4.00 pm Lessons and Carols (am service = communion)
Sunday 19th December	10.30 Carols by Daylight (mince pie Sunday!)
Monday 20th December	6.00pm Carols on the Carpet
Friday 24th December	11.30 pm Midnight Communion
Saturday 25th December	10.30 Family Worship
Sunday 26th December	No services at Immanuel

We made it! Immanuel has received its certificate as Bronze Eco Church, the first recognition on our journey. Thank you to all who worked so hard for this to happen, and now we continue the work in affirming our commitment to the environment as a response to our faith. You will see the full size original on Sunday!



Christ Church Christmas Market returns!

The Friends of Christ Church are holding the charity Christmas Market on Saturday 20 November 11am-2.30pm at Christ Church (subject to any Government restrictions at the time). Over 26 local charities/organisations have booked a stall. The event is being opened by the Mayor at 11am and Christ Church choir will sing carols to close the event. Father Christmas will be around and refreshments will be on sale including fish and chips. Free admission, all welcome.