

Immanuel Weekly News

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

MASK WEARING: Given the recent Covid developments, until further notice all users, anywhere on the premises, are required to wear face masks unless eating, drinking, exercising, or singing.

Thought for the week: “Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another.”

(Archbishop Desmond Tutu – RIP)

In our prayers and thoughts: From the Memorial Book in the Chapel, this week we remember: David A F Armitage, Gladys Spence, Mary E Collett, Frank Collett, Madge Millman, Elizabeth Griffiths, Louise Norris, Len Millman.

Bible Reading: John 1; 1-18

Theme: Meeting our shadows

Afghanistan Crisis Appeal

You may have seen this appeal in the press and on TV. It was decided that Immanuel should send £500 from the Emergency Fund to support the crisis, where eight million people are on the brink of famine, many of whom are children and may not survive the winter.

World Concerns Committee

A belated Christmas message:

A Message from The Reverend Bob Ellis - former Immanuel Minister and his wife Frances.

TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AT IMMANUEL SWINDON.

GREETINGS FROM DEVON

MAY THE TRUE MEANING AND SPIRIT OF THE SEASON BRING YOU JOY, PEACE AND LOVE OF CHRIST (whatever your situation) AND MAY 2022 BE A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND MORE HOPEFUL YEAR FOR US ALL.

Bob and Frances Ellis.

Anita Palmer: Anita's family, due to the current Covid situation, have changed the plans. The committal at North Wilts Crematorium will take place on January 12th at 2:00pm; the service of thanksgiving for her life will be later in the year, close to when it would have been her birthday.

Please include in your prayers:

- May 2022 be a more generous year for all people
- Refugees and Asylum seekers – that they may experience love and acceptance
- For all who mourn, and miss loved ones.
- Fair distribution of vaccines to all people in all countries.

- May Hope, Trust, Love be the way forward

