

**Immanuel Weekly News**

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

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**Thought for the week:** “Prayer doesn't change things - God changes things in answer to prayer.” (John Calvin)

**Today:** Bryan Elkington is leading worship this morning; a big Thank You and as usual Welcome to Immanuel.

**Bible Readings:** Psalm 1 and Luke 4: 14-21

**In our prayers and thoughts:** From the Memorial Book in the Chapel, this week we remember:

The flowers last week went to Catherine and Neil Macvicar and this week to Lindsey Miller and Hazel and Michael Doling.

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

**Please include in your prayers:**

- Lucy, Richard and Harry – we prayed last week as we celebrated Baptism, let our prayers continue to support them
- The people of Tonga facing the destruction and international aid to re-build
- Hope and Justice and Peace is a world struggling with divisions
- Refugees and Asylum seekers – that they may experience love and acceptance
- For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service Sunday 16th

**Evening Service:** This evening we resume the evening service, in the Atrium at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

**Weekend away:** I have been invited to join the Bath Road Methodist Church weekend away 28-30 January. As it is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month, it will not clash with me leading worship.

Next Sunday worship will be led by Stuart. Thank you once again Stuart for this.

**Prayer Diary:** Looking for volunteers who will prepare the Prayer Diary for the Old Town Partnership for the months of July, August, September. Please let me know if you would like to do so. Thank you. Robert

A thank you to all for the **Christmas Day offertory, £115** was counted and is going to Christian Aid. Church Treasurer

## **BAND CONCERT**

For well over fifty years the prize-winning Aldbourne Band has been giving their opening concert for the year at Immanuel. It was a pity about last year when Covid won the day and the event was cancelled, but they are back this year and looking forward to playing for us once more.

Saturday 29th January at 7.00pm is the date and time, and tickets at £10 will be available at the door.

I was fortunate to hear them in a Christmas Concert when they were really on form. In contrast to the band, Sheila Harrod is providing a few soloists from the Kentwood Show Choir and I can promise you an excellent evening's entertainment - well worth coming out on a winter's night! (From Steve Brain)