

Immanuel Weekly News

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Sunday 9th January 2022

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Today's service: We thank Stuart for leading the service this morning, which will include the celebration of Communion.

(It has been brought forward from 16th because there is to be a baptism on 16th.)

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: "I really only love God as much as I love the person I love the least."

— Dorothy Day

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.

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Jean Campbell and Linda Tindall

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

Last week it was announced in church that **Martin Camroux** had become a Grandfather to a granddaughter born to Michael and Lindsey. To those who are not Welsh, Martin explains her name:

Olwen is a Welsh girl's name meaning "white flower" because in an old Welsh folk tale her purity is such that she is depicted as having the ability to spring white flowers from every step she takes. I personally shall not believe this until I see it - Martin

Anita Palmer: due to the current Covid situation, Anita's family have changed their 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. Due to reduced numbers permitted at the Crem, there are only 4 more places available at the Chapel.

Please include in your prayers:

- For those who sleep rough
- Refugees and Asylum seekers – that they may experience love and acceptance
- For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service Sunday 16th
- Fair distribution of vaccines to all people in all countries.
- May Hope, Trust, Love be the way forward

Week of prayer for Christian Unity: This Old Town Partnership Service will take place here at Immanuel on Sunday 16th at 4:00 pm. All are welcome. The theme has been prepared by the churches in the Middle East.

Central Church: Robert is leading worship at Central Church today.

The **Trustees of Swindon United Charities** are inviting applications for a ground floor unfurnished one bedroom flat at the almshouses adjacent to Christ Church. Applicants should be single, in housing need, aged 50 and over and have lived in the Borough of Swindon for a minimum of three years. For further information and an application form please contact the Clerk to the Trustees, c/o the Parish Office, parishoffice@christchurchswindon.co.uk Please note there are no parking spaces allocated to the almshouses.

The deadline for entries into the Partnership Magazine for **February is Wednesday January 12th**. Please send any contributions to d.swann6a@gmail.com