



**Immanuel Weekly News**

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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**Thought for the week:** *“Christ has no body now but mine. He prays in me, works in me, looks through my eyes, speaks through my words, works through my hands, walks with my feet and loves with my heart.” (Teresa of Avila)*

**We welcome** David Hoare to Immanuel this morning. Thank you very much David for leading worship today.

**Sunday Service:**

10.30 Morning service: Exodus 34:29\_35 and Luke 9: 28-36

6.30 Evening service: 2 Corinthians 3; 12-18 Hope in action

**From the Memorial Book in the Chapel.** There are no names for this week.

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Geoff and Liz Glead and Neil and Catherine MacVicar

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

The Traidcraft stall will be available after the service on Sunday morning.

**Please include in your prayers:**

- Peaceful solution after the invasion of Ukraine.
- The people of Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen. Hope and Justice and Peace is a world struggling with divisions
- The rebuilding after the effect of the storms
- Those in need of health and healing.
- For Fairtrade and Trade justice.

**Family News:** The funeral for Iris Quinn will take place in two stages: on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at North Wilts Crem, and then on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March the thanksgiving service at Immanuel at 12:00, to which all friends will be most welcome.

**Sad News**

News has reached us this week of the death at GW Hospital of Morgan Hughes. Former PE and Maths teacher at Commonweal and latterly at New College, he and his wife Iris were

members at Immanuel for several years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to daughters Barbara and Julie and their families.

**Caring for others:** the official line is “we learn to live with Covid”, and so all restrictions have been lifted in England, though this does not exempt us from our duty of care for others, particularly those who feel vulnerable, so we encourage you to continue taking the precautions as you have been doing so far. Thank you very much.

The Immanuel Prayer Circle will meet in the chapel on Wednesday March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2.15pm. Please pass on names of any people or topics which you feel should be included to Minister Robert or Helen Thomas, Jenny Powley or any other member of the group. The meeting lasts for about 40 minutes, opening with a sharing of news of the family and moving on to subjects of wider concern across the world. Please join us if you are interested. We find it helpful to be moved away from our personal dilemmas for a while.

#### **SWINDON FOOD COLLECTIVE**

Our next collection for the Food Collective will be on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March.

They have advised us that they are continually of and currently short of the following items:-

SUGAR 500gms  
COFFEE 100gms  
LITRE CARTONS OF LONG LIFE JUICES  
500ml BOTTLES OF SQUASH  
TINNED MEAT/POTATOES/FRUIT

All donations are gratefully received and a copy of the Collectives News sheet is pinned up in the Atrium for you to read'

**World Day of Prayer:** This service will be held on Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the Salvation Army Citadel, on Devizes Road, Swindon. An open invitation to all who would like to participate. This year the service has been prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland and the theme is *I know the plans I have for you*.

**Partnership Lent Studies:** Will be based on the musical 'Hamilton' and is entitled '*The Room Where it Happens*'. The study includes clips from the show that tie in with the themes. The evening will be based around small group discussion.

The study will run for five weeks: March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th.

**We will be at Bath Road and begin at 7.30pm and each session will finish by 9.00pm.**

The themes covered are:

1. Identity and Belonging.
2. Ambition and Temptation.
3. Forgiveness and Redemption.
4. Love and Sacrifice.
5. Hope and Courage through Adversity.

Please put these dates in your diary and join us in this exploration of how our faith can impact the world around us."