



Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 20th March 2022

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LENT III

Thought for the week: *“In our time all it takes for evil to flourish is for a few good people to be a little wrong and have a great deal of power, and for the vast majority of their fellow citizens to remain indifferent.” (William Sloane Coffin)*

Church Family News: With deep sadness we share the news of the death of **Val Carter**, which happened on Monday morning. Val was at home, as was her wish. Our prayers for the family at this time.

We are pleased that John Palmer is now back at home after some time in hospital and we pray for continuous recovery.

Retiring Collection: This Sunday there will be the final opportunity to contribute to the retiring collection in aid of the people of Ukraine. It will be sent via Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC), and the government has agreed to contribute £ 20 million to this fund.

Sunday Service:

10.30 Morning service: Isaiah 55; 1-13 L lavish and Free. We will celebrate communion.

Please include in your prayers:

- Peaceful solution after the invasion of Ukraine.
- Those people living in fear, feeling hunger, vulnerable, and facing persecution
- The Partnership Lent Studies
- World Water Day
- World Tuberculosis Day

From the **Memorial Book** in the Chapel – between 24 – 31 March: Norah Anderson, Phyl Dyer, Stanley Booth Watson, Jean Elizabeth Timbrell, Ivan Woolford.

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Nancy Self, Di Swan and Jan Ruddle

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

Mothering Sunday 27th March

There will be tea and coffee held in the hall after the morning service.

Tea and coffee after morning service

Now that we are having to 'live with Covid', I would like to arrange tea and coffee after the morning service at least once a month - twice would be nice. However that depends on having volunteers to run it. Please can you let me know if you would be willing to:

- prepare and serve tea and coffee and wash up afterwards
- set up tables and take them down

Please let me know either by telephoning me on 490672 or emailing me at farrow684@btinternet.com Thanks Anne Farrow.

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 the next 3 weeks: 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."

- **Partnership Lent Study 2022:** This is a recurring meeting on Tuesday March 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th. Commencing at 7:30pm until 9:00pm. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99298604413> Meeting ID: 992 9860 4413

The collection for Ukraine has so far raised £670

We celebrate the liberation and return home of Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe and Anoosheh Ashoori.

Armed Conflicts in the World – During 2021-2022 there have been 17 armed conflicts happening in the world, causing thousands of deaths, who have died twice: the first time by bullets, the second time through world indifference. I share this information with you all, based on research carried out by the *Escola de Cultura de Pau de Catalunya*.

(<https://escolapau.uab.cat/alerta-informe-sobre-conflictos-derechos-humanos-y-construccion-de-paz/>)

Cameroon (Ambazonia/Northwest and Southwest). Ethiopia (Tigray). Mali. Mozambique Lake Chad. West Sahel. Democratic Republic of Congo (Two regions). Somalia Sudan (Darfur) and South Sudan. Afghanistan. Myanmar. Iraq. Syria. Yemen. Ukraine.

Too many...How many of these have we heard of? So few, so we have not been able to pray for the people who are suffering. We bring all these places of conflict to God and pray for justice and peace. Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer.

