



Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 10th April 2022

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Entry to Jerusalem Sunday

Thought for the week: "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?' (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Sunday Service: Theme: Is there anything missing? Chaplain today: Steve B
Bible Readings: Philippians 2; 5-11 Luke 19; 28-40

Chaplain next Sunday: Paddy H

Please include in your prayers:

- Peace and Justice for the people of Ukraine and all places where there is war.
- Those people living in fear, feeling hunger, vulnerable, and facing persecution
- Holy Week activities of our churches.
- Thanks for answered prayers
- Remember all the people struggling with anxiety as we return to life without COVID restrictions

Date for your diary.

- **Maundy Thursday – Thursday 14th at 7.00 pm at Immanuel:** Agape meal and communion.
- **Good Friday 15th April at Christ Church,**
 - **from 12:00 – 3:00 Meditative Service**
 - **At 7.00 The Crucifixion:** Music by Sir John Stainer
- Sung by the combined choirs of Immanuel and Christ Church along with friends.
A beautiful 1-hour musical work for the Season.

Words: The Rev J Sparrow -Simpson

With five hymns for you to join in.

Soloist: Clifford Friend – Bass, Sir Peter Beale – Tenor, Organist: Tim Eyles, Conducted by:
Geoff Glead Admission: Free.

Sunday 17th: Next Sunday, being the third Sunday of the month, we will be celebrating communion.

Easter Sunday: The flower cross is back, and on Easter Sunday, we will invite you to come forward (in an orderly manner, not crushing) to decorate the cross with fresh flowers, so don't forget to bring some along.

From the **Memorial Book** in the Chapel – Gordon J Burchell, Ashley J Smith, Roger B Farmer, David K Rebbeck, Peter D Wallington.

Last Sunday's flowers were given to Avis Campbell, Liz Gleed, Judith Robertson, Jenny Powley, Neil and Catherine Mcvicar, Mary Beale, Jill Maslen, and Viv and John Blakesley

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

Back Garden: The wildflower garden at the back is beginning to sprout and looking good. Have you looked?

WhatsApp Church Group: Elders are beginning to think about better ways of communication, and we thought a WhatsApp group would be a quick and effective way to share communication (not a "gossip column"), so if you would like to be included, you can give your details to either Steve or Robert.

Church Annual General Meeting / Election of Elders

The Church AGM will be held in the church hall on the evening of Thursday 12th May, starting at 7.30pm. Please will all church members make a note of the date and make every effort to attend, as we do need to have a quorum in order for business to be valid.

One important item that evening will be the election of elders, and the nomination period for that election is now open: if you wish to nominate someone to stand as an elder please speak to the minister or church secretary - you do not need to have that person's permission. A list of those members eligible to stand is available in the chapel. The nomination period will close on the evening of Sunday 24th April.

Currently the eldership at Immanuel consists of nine people (two of whom retire at the AGM but could be re-elected) and there is space in our constitution for up to 16; it really is important to boost the numbers on this important committee of the church.

Steve Brain (General Church Secretary)

Election of Elders: The list of people who can be proposed as Elders can be found in the chapel, and there are two ways to make your proposal:

- a. Send an email to either Steve or Robert,
- b. Complete one of the forms that are in the chapel, which will be anonymous, which can be given to either Steve or Robert



Palm Sunday, by John August Swanson, Lutheran Swedish Mexican artist