



Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 3rd April 2022

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Thought for the week: “Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. (Corrie Ten Boom)

Church Family News: Val Carter: there will be a service at Kingsdown on Monday 4th April at 10.30 and you are welcome to attend.

Sunday Service:

Bible Readings: Isaiah 43; 16-21 Philippians 3; 4b-11

Theme: What to leave behind?

Intercession prayers led by David Leadbeater. Thank you, David!

Please include in your prayers:

- Peace and Justice for the people of Ukraine.
- Those people living in fear, feeling hunger, vulnerable, and facing persecution
- The Partnership Lent Studies
- World Autism awareness day (2nd). For DASH: Charity dedicated to work with people with autism.
- Remember all the people struggling with anxiety as we return to life without COVID restrictions

From the Memorial Book in the Chapel – This week we remember the following people from our Memorial Book: **Constance Elizabeth (Betty) O’Grady, Ernie Arthur, Cynthia Mary Chun**

Last Sunday’s flowers were given to **John Palmer, Shirley Cawte and Anne Farrow**

This week the flowers in church are in loving memory of **Muriel Baden** Who passed away on 1st April 2009

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

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)

Traidcraft:

Please can you let me (or Geoff) know TODAY or by tomorrow morning, 4th April, if you would like any of the following Fairtrade REAL Easter Eggs and, if so, how many of each:

- Large Milk Chocolate @ £5.00 each
- Large Dark Chocolate @ £5.90 each
- Large WHITE Chocolate @ £5.50 each

All being well I am hoping to have the Traidcraft Stall after the service NEXT Sunday, 10th April. Sorry it has been so long, blame the dreaded Covid!

Many thanks, Liz Gleed: liz.gleed@gmail.com / 07768 120364

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.

Church Flowers

Dear Friends As you will have seen from the Newsletter the flowers in Church on Sunday are given to members of the congregation to let them know we are thinking about them. If you feel able to give a small donation to this fund it would be much appreciated. If you want a special Sunday in memory of a loved one please let me know Edith Watson 432195

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. Next Tuesday will be the last session.

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

Dates for your diary.

- **Maundy Thursday – Thursday 14th at 7.00 pm at Immanuel**

Agape meal and communion.

- **Good Friday 7:00pm 15th April at Christ Church.**
- **Stainer's Crucifixion (see attached poster)**

Sung by the combined choirs of Immanuel and Christ Church along with friends.

A beautiful 1 hour musical work for the Season.

Music by Sir John Stainer

Words: The Rev'd 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 Gleed

Admission: Free.