



Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 1st May 2022

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Thought for the week: “Don’t ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what make you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive” (Howard Thurman - American author, philosopher, theologian, educator, and civil rights leader. As a prominent religious figure, he played a leading role in many social justice movements and organizations of the twentieth century.)

Sunday Service:

Bible Reading: Romans 12; 1-2; 9-21

Chaplain today: Anne Farrow

Next Sunday: There will be no service at Immanuel on 8th May, due to the Old Town Partnership of Churches Confirmation Service that will be held at Bath Road, at 10:00 (take note of the time). Please come along and support the people from Bath Road and Christ Church who will be confirmed.

Chaplain Sunday 15th: Eddie Thomas. That Sunday we will be celebrating Communion

Please include in your prayers:

- Peace and Justice for the people of Ukraine and all places where there is war.
- Those people facing very difficult choices given the increase of energy bills
- For those living with neurological diseases, for those who know, love and care for them
- The local elections on May 5th.
- Old Town Partnership of Churches Confirmation next Sunday

Elders’ meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday 5th at 7:00 pm

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Please make sure you keep the evening of Thursday 12th May free and come to the Annual General Meeting which begins at 7.30pm. In addition to the normal AGM business, which includes the election of elders, there will be a very important discussion about our minister. Next January Robert reaches the normal retirement age for URC ministers. He wants to continue as our minister and the minister at Highworth for a further three years, and in accordance with national URC rules we at Immanuel are required to discuss and agree our response to his application. So for the sake both of Immanuel's future and Robert's future please make every effort to attend and show your support.

For the summer months the **Prayer Circle** is moving to the beginning of the week. Starting on Monday May 9th, we shall meet at 10am in the chapel for about 45 minutes. Everyone is

welcome and we also ask for your wishes of particular names and subjects for our prayers. Please give or send to Anne Farrow or Helen Thomas.

From the **Memorial Book** in the Chapel – we pray for the family of **Philip Powley FRCS**

Last Sunday's flowers were given to: Mike and Jean Gordon, Mildred Carter and Don and Alison MacArthur

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

Family News: The service of thanksgiving for the life of Greville Campbell, the husband of Avis Campbell, will be held at Immanuel on Friday 6th May at 11.00. It is going to be a very large service, with over 200 people expected.

Events

Out of the Ashes: On Sunday 15th May, 6.00 for 6.30 pm, the Christian band -Out of the Ashes has been booked to perform at Christ Church. The band is "Jazz, Blues and Rhythm & Blues with Gospel Roots". This will be the close out of the 9th Old Town Beer Festival and the £10 tickets will include beer, cider, and snacks. The booking details can be found on the poster in the Atrium.

Dates for your diary: There are several activities which will be happening over the next few months which you might want to keep in your diary to join in... here go the first two:

- Sunday 8th May at 10.00 at Bath Road, the OTPC Confirmation Service.
- 5th June: Partnership Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service, at Christ Church, at 6:30. Previous to the service there will be a Garden Party at 4:00.
- Saturday 24th September at 2:30, at Immanuel there will be a celebration for the 50 years of the United Reformed Church with the participation of the churches in the area, the Synod Moderator has agreed to preach at this service. It will be followed by a times to meet and chat other people over a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

Shoestring Opera are proud to present Gilbert & Sullivan's
Iolanthe

Open Dress Rehearsal

At Immanuel URC on Saturday 28th May at 5pm

Tickets are free and a limited number available on the door, or contact members of the cast or Stephanie for residents of Booker House