



Immanuel Weekly News
Sunday 8th May 2022

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Thought for the week: "There is divine beauty in learning.... To learn means to accept the postulate that life did not begin at my birth. Others have been here before me, and I walk in their footsteps." — Elie Wiesel

Sunday 8th: 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), there will be no service at Immanuel today. Please come along and support the people from Bath Road and Christ Church who will be confirmed.

Chaplain Sunday 15th: Eddie Thomas. This 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.
- For those living with neurological diseases, for those who know, love and care for them
- For those being confirmed today.
- Christian Aid week -begins 16th May.

Annual Church Meeting: 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.

Election of Elders: After the congregation proposed names for consideration, we can inform you that the following have agreed for their names to be presented at the next Annual Church Meeting for election of elders:

Maria Kawonga Don Macarthur Helen Marson

Please keep them in your prayers at this time.

Quiz night at Bath Road Methodist Church Bath Road Methodist Church are holding a Christian Aid Quiz night at 7pm on Saturday 21st May. Tickets £5 inc. drink and cake. (please book in advance).

Teams of up to 6 people or join a team on the night

Tickets from :Lindsey Miller 535855

From the **Memorial Book** in the Chapel – we pray for the families of **John Morgan, Ann Patricia Pidgeon and, Les Lovelock**

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.

Anybody up for a cuppa and chat? It was clear last Sunday how people enjoyed sitting down after the service for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat, so what about meeting up quite informally on Wednesday 25th May, at 2:30 in the Hall. We will provide teas and coffees, and all are invited to turn up; if you'd like to bring along some biscuits to share, that will liven up the afternoon no doubt. If this takes off we might try to do something on a regular basis – let's see what happens. See you then! Robert

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:

5th June: Partnership Queen's Platinum Jubilee Service, at Christ Church, at 6:30. Before 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.

“Thank you card” we have received a lovely Thank you card from the family of Joe Tooth, for the support and kind thoughts and prayers. You can find the card in the porch of the church.