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Immanuel Weekly News

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Thought for the week: “Doubt isn't the opposite of faith; it is an element of faith.”

– **Paul Tillich**

Today's Service

We welcome Revd Tony Barnes who will be leading worship today and which will include Holy Communion

Bible Readings: 1 Kings Ch 8 vv 22-24,
27-30

Mark Ch 6 vv 1-6

Chaplain today: Maria Kawonga

We are grateful to Julie Dyer for leading the musical elements of our worship

Next Sunday:

Our worship will be led by Stuart Benjamin

Chaplain next Sunday: Helen Marson

- Political, economic, and social stability in our country.
- The South-Western Synod – for Ruth Whitehead our Moderator, all those who work for the Synod, all churches in the Synod.
- For all those who look after the elderly
- Ask God to bring safety and justice to children experiencing any type of violence in their lives
(<https://bit.ly/URCPraylikeHannah>)

From the **Memorial Book** in the Chapel – we pray for the family of **Hilary Irene Butler**



Last Sunday's flowers were given to **Hazel and Michael Doling and Doris Shoebridge**

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

We pray for:

- Those struggling with financial concerns in the current economic situation.
- Those in our over-stretched emergency services
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- Peace and Justice for the people of Ukraine and all places where there is war.

Tea and Chat

We are sorry we felt it necessary to postpone the Tuesday afternoon Tea and Chat last week - but it was certainly too hot to be travelling around! However, I am pleased to say that the church hall is booked for this Tuesday, 26th July from 2.30, so do feel free to pop in to share a cuppa and natter with church friends...it might even be cool enough to sit out and enjoy the garden!

Reminder/ Advance notice

As the logo at the top of the newsletter tells us, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the creation of the URC. A national celebration will be marked in London in October but we will be holding our own service here at Immanuel on Saturday 24th September. All the local United Reformed Churches have been invited to join us, as well as our friends in the partnership. The preacher will be the Moderator of the SW Synod, Revd Ruth Whitehead. Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the Hall and with luck we will be able to spill out and enjoy the lawn and gardens. Do make a note of the date. Further details to follow

From August 1st: access to the Church

Very few groups will be wanting to use the Hall during the month of August but please note that our diligent B&G are having the Hall redecorated in the week beginning 1st August, so access may be restricted.

In addition the Borough Council has indicated that there will be road-works on Upham Rd starting the same day for five days Yes, again!

Singalong for Brighter Futures

A few weeks ago on 25th June an event was held here at Immanuel raising funds for 'Brighter Futures': From 10 in the morning until 10 at night choirs and choral groups from all over the area had been invited to sing for just 30 minutes. Our own church choir (plus a few friends) performed during the morning to an

audience who'd paid donations to hear us sing. All the performers paid a small fee for the joy of taking part and tea and cake were available throughout the event and were greatly appreciated.

As a result of the day's singing a grand total of £1597 has been presented to Brighter Futures - a fantastic outcome from a simple idea which brought pleasure to performers and those listening... so thank you Sarah Summers for a great idea - let's hope you organise it again.

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Tip 9) Make an 'Eat Me First' Box

Put any leftovers that need eating up, or anything approaching its use by date in an 'Eat Me First' box to help cut down on food waste.