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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 28th August 2022

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



Swindon Old Town Ecumenical
Partnership Established 1969

We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending this morning's service

Today's Service

Today's worship will be led by Revd Dr Martin Camroux, a former minister at Immanuel

Chaplain: Don Macarthur

Readings: Matthew 5: 43-45

Hebrews 13: 1-8

Theme: Keeping up with Jesus

Being the fourth Sunday, Robert is leading worship at Highworth URC.

Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall at the close of the service and the **Traidcraft** Stall will be available after the service today

Sunday 4th September

Worship at Immanuel will be led by the minister

Chaplain: Anne Farrow

Tea and coffee will be served in the church hall at the close of worship

Thought for the week:

When true forgiveness happens it is one of the most astonishing and liberating of the human experience. (Richard Holloway)

Family News

Please hold Win Dean in prayer, on the death of her daughter Leslie.

As reported last week, Barbara Furguson has had a fall, and broken a rib, she is now in Forest ward (GWH).

Jenny Powley is no back home, the surgery was a success, and she has to go slowly. Please – no visitors till next week.

Last week our church flowers went to Liz and Peter Gibney and Barry de la Haye. The week before, flowers went to Win Dean and Gill Townsend



If you know of anybody who might welcome some flowers as a reminder that we're thinking of them, please let us know. From the Memorial Book in the Chapel we pray for the family and

friends of Moses Thomas, Brian Hinde and Terry Pullen

This week:

tomorrow morning at 10am friends in the Immanuel Prayer Circle will meet in the Chapel to pray for people and circumstances as requested by others. Please give your requests to Anne Farrow, Helen Thomas or Edith Watson by telephone or e-mail or word of mouth. The prayer tree in the transept is another way to pass on requests or if you have time, then please join us on the day. Visitors are always welcome.

Elders meet on Thursday evening

The Candles we light: *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1; 5)*



Every Sunday, as the chaplain finishes the announcements, the **Christ Candle** is lit, this is followed by a brief moment of silence, inviting Christ to be centre of our worship.

During the service, and for over six months now, each Sunday we have been lighting the **Peace Candle**, for the war in Ukraine, but at the same time for all areas in the world where there is conflict, violence, persecution, hatred.

The third candle which is usually lit when you get to church, is the **Amnesty Candle**, when we dedicate that light for all those persecuted and tortured in the world.

We pray for

- Those who received exam results – for those who are happy and those who not happy. For the way forward.
- Peace and Justice in all areas of conflict.
- The groups that regularly meet in each of our churches.
- Rach and Matt Collins, as Rach begins her ministry at Bath Road.
- For families that are struggling financially, or in health, or in work, or in any other way.



The Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust Annual Ride and Stride Event is due to take place on Saturday 10th September.

If you would like to take part, either walking or riding your bicycle (or horse!) I can let you have the necessary information and sponsor form - the idea being to get sponsorship for visiting as many churches as you possibly can that day. Half of this sponsorship money will go to the WHC Trust and the other half to your own church - and there is a Gift Aid facility available.

Immanuel will be one of the churches open that day (10.00am - 6.00pm) for the use of the toilets and to offer a cold drink so I would also be grateful if you could spare an hour or two during the day to 'man the checkpoint' in the atrium and sign the visitors' sponsor forms. It's not an arduous job so bring a good book with you! Please contact me, Liz Gleed, after the service or on my mobile 07768 120364 for

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further details and/or with offers of help on the day. Many thanks, Liz

The Sound of Music

Also on the same day, 10th September, in the church hall, the Dramatic Society is putting on a concert that will take the form of an abridged version of the popular show. I am told there will be lots of opportunities to 'sing along' Tickets £10 to include buffet and drink and all profits will be going to church funds. Interested in tickets? ring 520169 to leave a message



24th September is going to be a busy day at Immanuel: with the big Jubilee celebration service in the afternoon marking the 50th anniversary of the creation of the URC, and the popular close harmony group, Ten in a Bar has chosen that night to hold their first full concert since the lockdowns. Tickets are £10 on the door and the evening starts at 7.30pm. It promises to be splendid concert

Eco-church

Yes it's back!

We continue our Eco-church ambitions, providing you with some tips for more sustainable living each week in the Newsletter. You may find that you are already doing these things, in which case you can give yourself a pat on the back.

Tip 10) Walk or Bike more

In England 60% of 1 to 2 mile journeys are made by car. It isn't always easy if the weather's awful or you have a lot to carry, but could you pledge to 'active travel' for some of your shorter journeys?