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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 11th September 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 is led by Revd Tony Barnes
Chaplain: Paddy Hayes

Readings:

Isaiah 33: vv13 - 22

John 3: vv 22 - 36

This morning our minister is preaching at
Royal Wootton Bassett URC.

Sunday 18th September

Worship at Immanuel will be led by the
Minister and will include the launch of this
year's Harvest Appeal. The guest speaker
will be David Moynagh from Tools for Self-
Reliance.

Chaplain: Mike Denton



Our Flowers today are in memory of Vic and
Sheila Card and Jack and Hilda Denton,
from Mike and Mabel Denton

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.

Thought for the week:

Our world and our lives have become
increasingly interdependent, so when our
neighbour is harmed, it affects us too.
Therefore we have to abandon outdated
notions of 'them' and 'us' and think of our
world much more in terms of a great 'US', a
greater human family. ([Dalai Lama](#))

Family News

Congratulations to **Liz and Peter Gibney** on
the birth of a granddaughter, Mika (Mee-
kah), born on September 1st, 6 weeks earlier
than expected: a second child for Louise and
Roberto and a sister for Roxanna. Mother
and baby doing well.

We hear that although still in hospital ,

Mary Beale is making good progress.

By now **Vivian Blakesley** should be feeling
more 'comfortable' following a knee
replacement and we hear that **Maureen**

Ingliss has been far from well and is
awaiting some tests. Our love and prayers
go out these friends and others who may be
under the weather.

Our Memorial Book in the Chapel reminds
us that the anniversaries of the deaths of
Bert Skinner, Jim Scott, Fred Newman
and Elsie Capener are this week. We
remember them and pray for their families
and friends.

Today's Church Meeting

At the close of worship today, among items
that we need to consider at today's church
meeting are:

The URC Golden Jubilee on 24th Sept

Performing Rights at Immanuel

Church accounts (Jan - June)

Planning for a hard winter!

.....as well as reports from church committees

Saturday 10th September

Saturday will have been a busy day at
Immanuel as we were a 'check point' for
walkers and riders in the Wiltshire Churches
- "Ride and Stride". People of all ages came
to be 'checked in' as they raised money for
churches across Wiltshire. Our thanks to the
willing band of volunteers who manned our
'station'.

And I suspect that on Saturday evening a
good number of folk will have gone home

from the church happily humming and singing music from the abridged version "The Sound of Music". Many thanks to the Dramatic Society for this venture which we hope will have raised funds for the church.

URC Jubilee Not long now for our Jubilee service on Saturday 24th. Please share the invitations that are available, make a point of joining us for the service. If you can, contribute a cake (bought or baked) for the celebration. We want a full church, joining in celebration! Please let Anne F know if you can contribute: [email: farrow684@btinternet.com](mailto:farrow684@btinternet.com) tel: 490672

You may have seen the DEC Appeal for flood relief in Pakistan, where 30 million people have been affected by the disaster and a third of the country is under water. Schools, roads, crops and livestock have been swept away as well as a million homes destroyed or badly damaged. The World Concerns committee has agreed to send £950 from Immanuel to help the DEC charities provide urgently needed food, clean drinking water and shelter. Individual donations can also be made online, or sent to PO BOX 999, London EC3A 3AA.

Amnesty International Last Sunday we presented the current needs in Afghanistan. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers. It is very easy to write in support, the best way is via Amnesty Website at the following link:
<https://www.amnesty.org/en/petition/stop-the-roll-back-on-human-rights-in-afghanistan>

Partnership Magazine

The deadline date for the October Partnership magazine is 12th September. Please send any articles to dswann6a@gmail.com

Contact us:

- via our website at www.immanuelurc.org
- on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC

If you are new to Immanuel and would like to receive this newsletter by email each week, please email immanuelweeklynews@yahoo.co.uk and I will add you to the mailing list. Thanks, Ceri.

We pray for:

- Our new Prime Minister and her cabinet and that they will truly serve our country in these difficult times.
- The launch of the Harvest Appeal next Sunday
- Amnesty International and its work
- All people who are facing difficulties and worried about the future
- Those who are in need of help for their health
- Leadership that cares for people and works for peace and justice



Tea and Chat

Now a regular event in the programme at Immanuel, this gathering of members and friends is booked for the second Tuesday each month, so mark it in your diaries now the next one will be this week on **Tuesday 13th September**, from 2.30 - 4.00pm. Please

note that because of a blood donor session in the hall we will be meeting in the church **Parlour**.

Eco-church

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 13) Plant a Tree

(yes I missed 12, which was to turn your heating down, which I am not going to suggest. Keeping warm is more important)
So planting a tree is another feel good action. Look for native trees or fruit trees if you have space. If you don't have room then consider making a donation to The Woodland Trust to plant trees on your behalf.