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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 18th 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 our Minister
Chaplain: Mike Denton

Readings:

Mark 6: 30 - 44

The speaker will be David Moynagh who will be telling us about 'Tools for Self Reliance'
Intercession prayers today are prepared by John Blakesley.

Sunday 25th September

Worship at Immanuel will be led by Revd Geoff Gleed
Chaplain: Eddie Thomas
Our Minister will be leading worship at Highworth URC.

Thought of the week: "When 'I' is replaced with 'We', even the illness becomes wellness"
- Malik el-Shabazz

URC Jubilee

Please remember – Next Saturday 24th at 2:30pm we will be holding a service to mark the Golden Jubilee of the URC. This being a really special occasion. Followed by a lovely tea and a celebration cake – hopefully in the garden.

Tea and coffee after Sunday morning services

Tea and coffee will be served after this morning's service so you can chat to the person from the charity we are supporting this year.

It will also be served the following week so we can eat all the left-over cakes from the 50th celebrations and the week after being the first Sunday of the month.

Tracy and Wally Knight will be serving this Sunday but help on the other two Sundays would be welcome.

Anne Farrow

Family News

Mary Beale is making now convalescing in a nursing home in Reading and **Barbara Ferguson** is expected home next week.



Last week our church flowers went to **Viv Blakesley, Dorothy Hatton, John Palmer and Barbara Morgan**. A "Thinking of you" card has also been sent to **Mike Denton**.

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

Our Memorial Book in the Chapel reminds us that the anniversaries of the deaths of **Roy Govier, Fred Self, Hilda Rogers and Clive Carter** are this week. We remember them and pray for their families and friends.

I am hoping to get the Memorial Book updated during the next few weeks so please can you let me know if you would like a name added. There are forms by the Memorial Book in the Chapel or I can email one to you. These have full details of information required and methods of payment (£25.00 per entry to cover the calligrapher's fee) but please get in touch if you have any questions. Many thanks, **Liz Gleed 07768 120364**
/ liz.gleed@gmail.com

Last Week's Church Meeting

Among items that we considered last week were:

- arrangements for the 50th Jubilee of the URC here at Immanuel
- the new contact with the Performing Rights Society that now covers us for all public performances and copyright issues
- church accounts (Jan - June)
- the meeting also authorised the elders to continue discussing with the local authority the feasibility of opening our buildings in the cold winter months to vulnerable members of the community .

Saturday 10th September : Thank You Drama Group

On Saturday evening a packed church hall

went 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 raised over £1000 for church funds.

Harvest Appeal 2022

This year our appeal is to raise funds for Tools for Self Reliance in memory of Bernard Phillips, a charity that he supported for many years. The charity collects tools for refurbishment and sends them abroad for use in developing countries. Tools for Self Reliance also funds courses for trainees who will use these donated tools to set up a small business to benefit the local community. We are particularly interested in helping to fund a training project for street girls to train as tailors in Ghana. Tools for Self Reliance have agreed to fund the students' accommodation on the Year 2 programme, and the accompanying letter gives further details. Please give as generously as you can.



Tea and Chat

A very happy gathering of members and friends met for a very convivial hour or so last Tuesday. The clash with the Blood Donor Service caused no problems in the building but there was something akin to mayhem in the church carpark when

run wanted access. Anne Farrow soon sorted out the motorists queuing in Upham Road! The next Tea and Chat will **Tuesday 11th October**, from 2.30 - 4.00pm.

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

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already doing these things, in which case you can give yourself a pat on the back.

Tip 14) Meat Free Mondays

Reducing the amount of meat that we eat is a key part of the 'race to zero' but remember that it doesn't have to be all or nothing. Simply having 1 meat free day a week, or a couple of meat free meals a week will still make a big difference to your food footprint.

Harvest Service

Sunday 2nd October we will celebrate our Harvest Service, and all gifts received will be taken to the Swindon Food Collective. So that these donations really help people, they have sent us list of suggestions, given that they have plenty supplies of pasta, cereals, tinned soup and baked beans - **Swindon Food Collective Is In Most Need Of:**

Cleaning cloths/Anti Bac wipes	Household Cleaners	Laundry pods / power / liquid/conditioner
Wash & Go 2in1 Shampoo / Conditioner	Deodorant (male & female)	Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Surface Cleaners	Toilet Rolls	Shower gel (male & female)
Biscuits	Tinned Fruit	Small Jars of Coffee
Tinned Meats	Tinned Potatoes	Small Bags of Sugar

Our prayers for –

- All families who mourn the passing of loved ones
- The Royal family with the funeral of the Queen on Monday
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- Peace with justice in the world
- Afghanistan as our Amnesty commitment for this month