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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 25th 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 Geoff Gleed
Chaplain: Eddie Thomas
Readings: Mark 1: 14-20

Being the 4th Sunday of the month, the minister is leading worship at Highworth URC

Tea and coffee will be served after this morning's service

Sunday 2nd October Harvest Sunday

Worship at Immanuel will be led the minister

Chaplain: Maria Kawonga

See below for suggestions of gifts you might like to consider bringing.

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Thought of the week: *Everything that is in the heavens, on earth, and under the earth is penetrated with connectedness, penetrated with relatedness.* (Hildegard of Bingen)

Our prayers for –

- All families who mourn the passing of loved ones.
- Afghanistan as our Amnesty commitment for this month.
- Tools for Self-Reliance: our Harvest Appeal for this year.
- Those people facing tough choices given the cost of living and rise in fuel bills.
- The Harvest Service next Sunday.

Family News

Robert had a great chat with Mario in Germany this week. He sends you all his best wishes.

Situation is not easy withing the Brain family, so our thoughts and prayers will be welcome, I'm sure.

Barbara Ferguson is still in Hospital, now

with Covid.



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Photos in the parlour

Steve has put together a fresh display of photos in the parlour a look back over the past year at Immanuel. I wonder if you feature in any of the shots on display?

Our Memorial Book in the Chapel reminds us that the anniversaries of the deaths of **Trevor Witts, Emily Burton and Gordon Cullingford** fall 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

Friday 16th September : Thank You Geoff and the choir

At Immanuel we all appreciate the way our own church choir enhances our morning worship so it was gratifying to hear the comments about the beautiful singing at the hastily called Service at Christ Church - a memorial to her late Majesty the Queen.

Immanuel's singers together with the choir at Christ Church made a simply glorious sound. The Lord Lieutenant, High Sheriff and other dignitaries all made very complimentary remarks...it's good that the choir's efforts were appreciated

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.

If you have tools, sewing machines or anything of that kind that you would like to donate, there are two possibilities:

- a. There is a warehouse that collects these in Stanton Park, in the public parking, just behind the barn. They are open every Friday between 10.00-12.30
- b. If you have no possibility to take to Stanton Park, and they don't take up too much space, you can bring to church, and we can arrange collection via a volunteer.

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 15) Delete Old Emails

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.

All of our emails are stored on massive servers that use up huge amounts of energy. Delete the emails you no longer need.

Harvest Service

Next 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

The URC Golden Jubilee

Since the revised date for the national rail strike on October 1 was announced and confirmed, it has been decided, with the heaviest of hearts, that the best option is to postpone the national jubilee events.

After close to three years of planning, this postponement is deeply disappointing, but we want the URC to celebrate its jubilee properly, with all who want to take part.

We let you know about a new date as soon as possible, and please keep all who are affected by this news in your thoughts and prayers.