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# Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 4th 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 will be led the minister

Chaplain: Anne Farrow

Reading: Jeremiah 18; 1-11

Theme: Wonderfully Made

## Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Worship at Immanuel will be led by the Revd Tony Barnes

Chaplain: Paddy Hayes

Robert will be leading worship at Royal Wootton Bassett URC

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September**; will be the launch of this year's Harvest Appeal in aid of "Tools for self-reliance".

## Thought for the week:

Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God. (Corrie Ten Boom)

## Amnesty International

World Concerns invites you to support this month's case: **Stop the roll back on human rights in Afghanistan.**

It is now a year since the Taliban started a new era of human rights abuse and violations, and the country is now on the brink of irreversible ruin. 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>

**Tea and Coffee** will be served after this morning's service. Our volunteers are Janet & David Leadbeater and Anne Farrow.

## Family News

We heard during last week's service that **Mary Beale** had had a fall and was awaiting an operation in GWH. We are pleased to say she is recovering but do remember her and Peter in your prayers.

**Robyn Bevan** received some very good GCSE results last week. She is now going on to study A-Levels in Maths, Physics, Geography and Psychology.

Last week our church flowers went to **Jan and Steve Burchell, Jenny Powley and Margaret Smith**

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**

## Last Sunday

It was good to have a former minister , Martin Camroux, together with his wife Margaret back with us. They were delighted to be able to renew friendships and catch up on all sorts of news....



## This week:

On Saturday 10th September Immanuel will be a 'check point' for walkers and riders in the Wiltshire Churches - "Ride and Stride"....spare a thought (or even a prayer!) for all those taking part as active participants or manning a check point.

In the evening, our Dramatic Society will be performing their own adaptation of "A Sound of Music"... including a buffet supper and all

profits to the church, it sounds like a good night out!

**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**

- All those affected by the terrible flooding in Pakistan, and those who are trying to help;
- the homeless, and places where they may find a safe place;
- the many people in fear of the increase of energy bills;
- the well-being of creation which is under threat;
- the work carried out by Amnesty International;
- the Old Town Partnership of Churches;
- the people who feel lonely, sad, afraid.

#### **Contact us:**

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- on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC)

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#### **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 on Tuesday 13th September, in the church hall from 2.30 - 4.00pm

#### **Next Sunday 11th September**

Second Sunday of the month and a Church Meeting will be held after the service... a chance to find out how we are coping financially and to think about what the Autumn and Winter have in store.....

#### **An ill wind blows...**

You may recall that a few weeks ago parking was limited in our car park with all the contractor's heavy vehicles taking up our spaces.....the Church Secretary complained and as a result we have been promised an ex gratia donation of £200 - it obviously pays to make a fuss!

#### **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 11) Turn off standby**

Leaving devices on standby overnight equates to around 90% of their total energy use and electronics on standby account for 1% of total greenhouse gas emissions. Get into the habit of turning things off at the plug at night or when not in use. This may also help to lower your energy bills.