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# Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 16th October 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 the minister and will include the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Chaplain: Mike Gordon.

Readings :Jeremiah 31, vs 34-37. Luke 18, vs 1-8.

Theme: Remember no more.

Prayers of Intercession: Wally Knight.

## Sunday 23rd October

Worship at Immanuel will be led by Stuart Benjamin

Chaplain: Anne Farrow

but we do pray for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones .

**Last week's flowers** went to Tina Delves, Jean Campbell and Di Swan.

**The Prayer Group** has moved to a winter gathering on alternate Thursdays at 2.00 pm for the next few months. Please join us if you wish and continue to write names /subjects for prayer on the frame next to our memorial book, in the chapel.

**World Food Day:** the theme for this year: "Safer Food, better health"

## Illustration for this Sunday



*God of small beginnings  
and rising hopes,  
may we see eternity  
in each wheat grain:  
ours for today's bread  
and tomorrow's planting;  
food of life; gift to the future  
and seed of hope. – Joy Mead*

**Thought of the week:** "To some people a tree is something so incredibly beautiful that it brings tears to the eyes. To others it is just a green thing that stands in the way."  
(William Blake)



## Family News

It was too late to publish in last week's newsletter, but Helen and Andrew Hancox have become grandparents again, this time to a beautiful granddaughter. Congratulations! We imagine that Mary Beale is delighted to be back home after a time in hospital and recuperating in Reading.

## Our Memorial Book

A rare event in our memorial book - there are no names listed for the coming week,

## Our prayers for –

- Healthy food for all people
- those who have lost loved ones
- those who are lonely, anxious, and depressed;
- those living with long-term medical conditions or mental health issues and all who care for them, that they would all receive strength, support, and peace
- the Old Town Partnership of Churches
- The South-Western Synod: Ruth the Moderator, Rachel Leach the Synod

Clerk, all who work for/at the Synod Office, the churches of the Synod

### **House Communion**

If you would like Communion at home, because you can't get to church, please let either your elder or the minister know, so we can arrange a time for this.

### **Harvest Appeal**

The total raised so far for our Harvest Appeal this year is £1,212. Many thanks for the donations made to date towards the work of Tools for Self Reliance; the appeal remains open until the end of October.

### **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 18) Hang Washing Out**

Tumble dryers are the big energy users when it comes to laundry, and can add around 1/3 of a tonne of CO2 to your carbon footprint – the same as 100 litres of petrol. Not to mention your electricity bills...

### **Partnership AGM**

Annual general Meetings may not be the most exciting events in a church calendar but this week, Wednesday 19th, will see the AGM of our Partnership of Churches here at Immanuel at 7.30pm. Our own Anne Farrow is due to be inducted as chair of the Partnership and it would be really good if she had the support of members and friends of Immanuel.....do please come along and show that support.

### **REFORM Magazine**

The copies for those who are subscribed can be found in the Chapel

Given the postponement of the Jubilee Service, REFORM has sent copies of the

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latest edition of the Magazine, so if you would like to read one, please take a copy and once you have finished reading it, pass on to another member or friend of Immanuel, or bring back so that other people can read it. This is a one-time only offer.

As the URC celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee, the Church Life Review Group would like to hear your thoughts. We encourage you to think of the questions below and let me know what your answers are. (Robert)

- Reflect on a time when you have felt most joyful in your church life
- What would you like to celebrate about the United Reformed Church?
- Are there any church burdens that, if freed of, would liberate you to flourish?
- If money were no object, what would you invest in to make your local church more effective?

### **AVE in Concert**

AVE is one of several choirs that regularly rehearse here at Immanuel and they will be performing in concert next Saturday, 22nd October at St Alban's Church in Watchfield. With a 7.30 start and admission at £10 there is a varied programme: the main item will be Britten's "Hymn to St Cecilia". Other works include several folk songs by Vaughan Williams and anthems by Wood, Howells and Stanford.

