



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 23rd 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 we welcome Stuart Benjamin to our pulpit and we are grateful to him for leading our worship.

Chaplain: Mike Gordon.

Readings :2 Corinthians 4 vv1 - 12

Theme: Reflections on 'Faith'

Sunday 30th October

Worship at Immanuel will be led by Bryan Elkington

Chaplain: Liz Gibney

Being the 4th Sunday, Robert is at Highworth today

Christ Church evening service: today, at 6.30 Robert has been invited to take part in the service, and you are most welcome to attend.

Thought of the week: "Life is never made unbearable by circumstances, but only by lack of meaning and purpose." (Viktor E. Frankl)

Our prayers for –

- 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

Family News

These 'snippets' always seem to come late to our news desk but we heard that Pat and Derek Iles have recently celebrated a wedding anniversary - 64 years of wedded

bliss! Congratulations from us all - even if a little belated!!

Mary and Peter Beale send their heartfelt thanks not only for the flowers given this week but also for the amazing support Immanuel has given them over the last few weeks. It is very much appreciated.

Our Memorial Book

This week we remember **Doreen Martin and Marjorie Florence Brunger.**

Last week's flowers The flowers last week were in memory of Vic and Sheila Card and Jack and Hilda Denton, from Mike and Mabel Denton. Flowers were sent to Jenny Powley, Judith Robertson and Mary Beale.

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.

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

Our appeal this year is to support the work of Tools for Self Reliance, in remembrance of Bernard Phillips, who died last year. Tools for Self Reliance is currently supporting a training programme in Ghana for girls who were working on the street. The girls are training in tailoring and hoping to set up their own businesses using donated equipment and mentors. The money we raise will go towards their accommodation needs during this period. So far, the appeal has raised £1,807, and many thanks if you have already donated. If you have equipment or old tools which can be reconditioned and sent out to countries in Africa please contact members of the World Concerns committee

who will be able to provide further information. The appeal is 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 19) Buy Secondhand Clothes

The fashion industry accounts for around 10% of global emissions, which is around 2-4 times that of aviation. Have a look around your local charity shop, or try out Apps like Vinted.

Fresh from the Word

You will be amazed at the different interpretations and insights into even the bits of the Bible you thought you knew well. £12-99. Please sign up on the list in the Chapel. Not sure? Have a look at the spare copy below the list.

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 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 50th 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

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- 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?

Church Meeting

A little advance notice that our next Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 6th November (slightly earlier in the month because of a clash with Remembrance Sunday).

Whilst looking ahead you might like to note the following services:

- November 13th 10.30am Remembrance Day when we will connect with the Cenotaph in London
- November 13th 5.00pm "Remembering Loved Ones"
- November 20th 10,30am Partnership pulpit exchange (Immanuel welcomes Rach Collins from Bath Road)
- November 27th 10.30am Advent Sunday
- November 27th 5.00pm "Darkness to Light" a partnership service for Advent here at Immanuel.

Note the experimental start of 5.00pm for the two evening services