



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 9th 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.
Chaplain: Helen Marson.
Readings Jeremiah 29; vs 1 and 4-9. 2
Timothy 2; vs 8-13.
These: Not what they hoped for.
Tea and coffee will be served after this
morning's service

Sunday 16th October

Worship at Immanuel will be led the
minister and will include the celebration of
Holy Communion
Chaplain: Mike Gordon

Illustration for this Sunday



Thought of the week: "if you feel pain you
are alive. If you feel other people's pain, you
are a human being" (Leo Tolstoy)

Our prayers for –

The Harvest Appeal -Tools for Self-Reliance
Peace in Ukraine, Afghanistan, Syria,
Yemen, and wherever this is unrest
Wisdom for those in leadership, that they
may serve the people.
Those who in need of health and wholeness:
Physical, Emotional, Spiritual, Psychological
The South-Western Synod meeting on
Saturday 15th.

Our Memorial Book in the Chapel reminds
us that the anniversaries of the deaths of
**Dennis Whitehead, Bette Huntley, Marion
King, John Buy** and **Doris Brain** fall this
week. We remember them and pray for their
families and friends.

Last week's flowers went to Helen and
Andrew Hancox, Andrea Phillips, Shirley
Cawte, Frances Strange and Sue Pearson.
The fruit went to Win Dean and Nancy Self.

The Prayer Group has moved to a winter
gathering on Thursdays 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.



Tea and chat:

Next
Tuesday
at 2:30
once
again a
good
opportuni-
ty to meet
up, have
a chat or
five, eat a

couple of biscuits or more, and have a good
time. Why not bring a friend?

Harvest 2022

Many many thanks from the Swindon Food
Collective for the astonishing amount of
donations from our Harvest Service. They
were most appreciative particularly for the
household and personal hygiene goods. Well
done Immanuel you came up trumps again.



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 17) Stop using disposable wet wipes

Most wet wipes are made of plastic, and are a large contributing factor in sewer blockages (fatbergs) and are even changing the shapes of our river beds. Try reusable cloths made from old flannels or clothes cut up into squares.

South-Western Synod Meeting – this will be the 100th meeting of the Synod. It will take place in Taunton, on Saturday 15th. It will be hybrid meeting: in person and Zoom. Begins at 10.00 and finishes at 3.00.

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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
- 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?