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# Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 6th November 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 the minister will be leading our worship.

Chaplain: Don Macarthur

Readings : Genesis 25 vv 19 -33

Acts 9 vv 14 - 24

Prayers of Intercession from Anne Farrow

Theme: A stew?

Following the service, we will be holding a church meeting so tea and coffee is deferred until next week..

## Sunday 13th November

### Remembrance Service

10.30: when we will link up by radio broadcast to the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

5.00pm when we will remember loved ones and will light a candle in their memory. These services will be led by the minister.

Chaplain: Stephen Brain

## Our prayers for –

- those who have lost loved ones
- stability in our country on the way ahead
- 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 Elders, for their responsibilities and your support

## Family News

Cath Thomson continues in Hospital, while doctors seek the best treatment for her lungs. Let us pray for her and John.

## Our Memorial Book

Names in our memorial book this week:

**Eveline Jones and Hilda Carrier** we remember them and the family and friends who mourn their passing.

## Illustration for today



<https://unsplash.com/photos/5eROVOJW2bA>

**Thought for the week:** *“Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving” (Frederick Buechner)*



**Last week's flowers** were given to : Ann Sharpe, Jenny Austin, Joan Lawrence and Julie Dyer

**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.

Tomorrow the gifts for the **Swindon Collective** (former Swindon Foodbank) will be removed from our box in the chapel to the general store now based at the Bible Society in West Swindon. If you would like to send any preserved foods, especially tins of meat and fruit, or basic cleaning items or personal toiletries for Swindon's people in need, then please place them in the box by Tuesday morning. Thank you.

### **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: Thank you.....**

Although there may still be a few donations to come in, the grand total for our harvest appeal this year stands at £2,347. Although this may be slightly down on some previous years, in view of reduced numbers in our congregation it is still a remarkable achievement, so thank you everyone for your generosity.

### **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 8th November, in the church hall from 2.30 - 4.00pm

### **Partnership Magazine**

The November issue is out, and ready for you to pick up your copy in the chapel.

### **Volunteer needed – Old Town Partnership of Churches**

Do you have a passion for Ecumenism, a commitment to our rich heritage in Old Town of belonging to the oldest Partnership of Churches in the Country, and a couple of hours a month to spare? Immanuel needs a representative on the Old Town Partnership

### **Contact us:**

- via our website at [www.immanuelurc.org](http://www.immanuelurc.org)
- on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC](https://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](mailto:immanuelweeklynews@yahoo.co.uk) and I will add you to the mailing list. Thanks, Ceri.

Focus Group. It meets monthly, and the meeting is made up of the Clergy of our Churches and one lay person from each Church, plus the officeholders: Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Your role would be to engage with the discussions, bring any ideas/projects etc back to Immanuel and to take any comments/ideas to the Focus Group from Immanuel.

Do please give this some thought – it's an important role and not a particularly onerous one if you enjoy interacting with people and have a bit of time to spare. Please speak to Anne Farrow, Steve Brain or Robert if you would like to know more.

**And a plea for help.....**Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service, through its charity shop "Survivor" in the Parade has started a joint initiative with The Harbour Project, a charity that supports refugees & asylum seekers in Swindon. Their visitors are given a £20 voucher to buy items from the shop (but the shop invoices Harbour for only £10 of every £20 voucher – so both charities make a contribution to, & benefit from this initiative). The scheme is going really well with many new shoppers coming in to buy items.

Most of the new visitors are single men & the shop is desperately short of warm jackets, coats, shirts, jumpers, trousers, track suit bottoms, sweatshirts & shoes.

Is there anything you can do to help amongst family, friends, work colleagues etc to collect men's clothing please. Gifts may be taken along to the shop or have a word with Steve.

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November Steam Museum is hosting an archaeology conference from 10am – 5pm. Some of the conference will focus on the work of the late Bernard Phillips. The rest will be about Roman archaeology in the local area. Tickets are £22 and include lunch and must be pre-booked online. [www.steam-museum.org.uk](http://www.steam-museum.org.uk)