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# Immanuel Weekly News

**Sunday 11th December 2022**

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



Swindon Old Town Ecumenical  
Partnership Established 1969

**We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending worship today**

## Today's Morning Service : 3rd Sunday in Advent

10.30 am - Morning worship conducted by the Minister  
Chaplain: Maria Kawonga  
There will be tea and coffee after this service.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Our morning service will be Lessons and Carols. Do come along and enjoy the service and the hot drinks and mince pies afterwards.  
Chaplain: Don Macarthur

**Thought for the week:** *"Often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us."* (Helen Keller)

### Illustration for today:



### Our prayers for

- Those who have lost loved ones
- The work of Amnesty International
- Peace on earth, goodwill to all people
- Stability in our country on the way ahead
- doctors, nurses at our hospital and hospice
- the homeless, refugees, asylum seekers
- Willows Counselling Service

### Our Memorial Book

Names in our book this week: **Joy Watts, Hilda Russell** and **Derek Sutton**, we

remember them and pray for them and their families and friends who mourn their passing.



The flowers in church today are dedicated to the memory of Margery and Ashley Smith, the parents of Shelley Morgan.

### Flowers last week went

**to:** Dot Waddington, Hazel and Michael Doling and Mildred Carter.

### Church Organisations

A gentle reminder to all Church Organisations that I will need all your Year's finance information as soon as possible after the new year. If you have a bank account, you will have to wait till you get your final bank statement. Any problems contact me through email: - [immtreasurerswindon@gamil.com](mailto:immtreasurerswindon@gamil.com). Thank You Sue Goodall Church Treasurer.



We have received a lovely letter from the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust.... *Some 200 Riders and Striders from 95 parishes were able to cover a lot of ground with route options to visit over 170 open churches, thank you! Altogether the Wiltshire Ride and Stride fundraising effort raised just over £50k for Wiltshire churches and chapels. This amount will be split between contributing parishes and WHCT grants to help all Wiltshire churches and chapels with significant fabric and community projects. Please pass on our appreciation to your Welcoming teams and Ride and Stride Participants.*

### **Used Printer Ink Cartridges and old Mobile Phones**

An easy fund-raising thing most of us can do is put are used printer cartridges and phones in the box in the porch (**NOT EPSOM**). You can collect at work and from neighbours the more the better. I will then box them up and send them off and wait for the money to come into the bank account. Sue Goodall.

**Family News:** Please keep Peter and Zena Howarth and the family in your prayers, as Peter's father died on Monday.

A service of Thanksgiving for the life of Cath Thomson will be held at Immanuel on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am followed by burial at Whitworth Cemetery at 11.15am. Refreshments and a time to share will be held at Swindon Bowls Club, Marsh Farm Lane, Shrivenham Road Swindon, Wiltshire SN1 2GL

**Amnesty International:** Last Sunday we presented to you a new case for your prayers and your commitment to write. This time it is Call on Iranian authorities to immediately halt the sickening execution of **Ahmadreza Djalali**: a Swedish-Iranian medical doctor and academic, was on a business trip to Iran when he was arrested on 26 April 2016. He is being held in the notorious Evin prison.

December 10<sup>th</sup>: International Day of Human Rights. This year's Human Rights Day slogan is "**Dignity, Freedom, and Justice for All**" and the call to action is [#StandUp4HumanRights](https://www.instagram.com/StandUp4HumanRights).

### **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.

The traditional **Christmas Card** board is now available for you to send one card to all

### **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.

of the congregation. Please take a look and add your own message if you wish.

### **Immanuel Prayer Group**

This will meet in the small lounge at Immanuel on Thursday December 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday December 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Meetings last about 45 minutes and we will try to include all prayer requests as mentioned to Anne F, HelenT or Robert beforehand.

### **Tea and Chat**



Our monthly tea and chat (the last before Christmas) will take **place this Tuesday afternoon** 13<sup>th</sup>. Come along for some festive cheer and join in some 'seasonal singing' too!

**Swindon Food Collective:** We have received a very big Thank You from the Swindon Food Collective, and a certificate you can see on the notice board in the Atrium for the donation during Harvest 2022. Thank each and all of you for your contributions.

### **Save your used postage stamps**

Please save your used postage stamps. We use them to support CLIC Sargent which is a worthwhile charity who help children with cancer.

If stamps can be trimmed with at least 1/4 inch margin around them and put in the box in the Chapel. Of course, stamps are not just for Christmas but collected throughout the year.