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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 25th 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 Service : 10.30am
Christmas Day - Celebrating together - A
time to share**

Family worship conducted by the Minister
as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child.
Bible Reading: Luke 2: 15-20

**Next Sunday : New Year's Day "Peace be
with you As the Father sent me, so I send
you"**

10.30 am - Morning family service
conducted by the Minister
Chaplain: Mike Gordon
Bible Reading: John 20: 19-23.

Tea and coffee will be served in the hall at
the close of the New Year's Day service, so
do stay behind and share some New Year
Greetings.

Family News: We are saddened to announce
the sudden death earlier this week of **Dot
Waddington**. As yet no details are available
of any funeral arrangements.

We have also heard that **Peter Beale** has
recently undergone surgery - we wish him a
speedy recovery.

Margaret Williams had a bad fall in the
street earlier in the week. She was helped by
a total stranger who took her to Great
Western Hospital, where she was seen to,
scans included. She is now home and being
treated for three fractures in different parts of
her face. Please remember her in your
prayers.

Some of you may remember **Gillian (Gill)
Wells**, who years back was married here at
Immanuel. For many years, since a very
young age, she was in a wheel chair due to
polio. She died October 30th and her funeral
was held on Monday 19th.

Robert's daughter Luana is getting married
on Wed 28th... congratulations to her and
William. His daughter, Mayra has travelled
from Argentina and will be able to share in
the family Christmas at the manse!

Our Memorial Book

Only one name in our book this week, that
of **Dennis Baden**: we remember him and
praying his family and friends who mourn his
passing.

Illustration for today



Nativity. Haitian Artist Jean David Remy

Our prayers for

- Those who have lost loved ones
- For all those who will be alone this
Christmas
- 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



This week's flowers have gone to Edith Watson, Peter and Mary Beale and Margaret Williams

A few words of thanks



Yet again our church has been adorned with two beautiful Christmas Trees - one in the church (above) and one in the atrium. Unsurprisingly they don't put themselves up and decorate themselves so a big thanks to **June Smythe and her team of little elves** who did the work (actually one of the elves is over 6ft so not so little!) And while issuing thanks, let us give a round of applause for **Geoff and the choir** and all those involved in such a wonderful service of Lessons and Carols last Sunday ... we know that some of you felt 'under par' but no-one would have knownit was a really uplifting service.

Carols on the Carpet

And while thanking folk, a word of thanks to all those involved in organising the fun of Carols on the carpet last Monday. Sorry there are no photos of this year's event but a great time was had by the 50 or so people who turned up and a well as all the children

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who joined in the music making! It's a great outreach opportunity and one we need to maintain.

Volunteer no longer needed – Old Town Partnership of Churches....we are delighted to say that David Leadbeater has offered to take on the role as Immanuel's representative on the Partnership Focus Group. Thank you David.

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.

Change of Secretary

For those not at the last Church Meeting, we were sorry to hear that Steve has stood down as church secretary...as yet the elders have not decided who will take on that role.

Thought for the week: *"No one has ever become poor by giving".* ([Anne Frank](#))

Christmas Offering: All Christmas day offerings NOT in an Immanuel envelope, will be in Aid of Christian Aid

**A BLESSED CHRISTMAS
TO YOU ALL**