



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 15th January 2023

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

A special service devised by Geoff Glead:
Readings and carols for the New Year.
Carols by the choir and for the congregation
to sing.

A warm welcome awaits.

Join us for a cuppa and a chat after the
service. The Traidcraft stall will also be in
the hall after the service.

Chaplain: Mike Denton

Next Sunday: 22nd January 10.30 am

Joint Partnership Service at Christ Church
(see notice below)

Sunday 29th January

A 5th Sunday in the month means a visiting
preacher and we will be pleased to welcome
Revd Tony Barnes to lead our worship.

Illustration for today:



Sunday 22nd January

Old Town Partnership of Churches service
for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, to
take place at Christ Church at 10am. **There
will not be a service at Immanuel that
day.**

Prayers for

- Peace and justice for all people
- New opportunities to share God's love
- Those experiencing tough times
- The Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity
- The Old Town Partnership of
Churches

Thought for the week: *"It is the long history
of humankind (and animal kind, too) that
those who learned to collaborate and
improvise most effectively have prevailed." –
Charles Darwin*

Family News:

The service of thanksgiving for the life of **Dot
Waddington** will be held at Immanuel on 17th
February at 12pm, The committal at the
Crematorium will be a private time for family
only.

The Work of Christmas

Last Sunday the minister used these words
in his benediction at the close of the service.
By a strange coincidence they are words that
the choir will be singing in our worship this
morning:

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,
The work of Christmas begins...
To find the lost, to heal the broken,
To feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations, to bring peace among
brothers,
To make music from the heart.*

Words: Howard Thurman

Music: Dan Forrest

Surely a very appropriate thought at the
start of a new year!



Flowers

The flowers are given today by **Nancy Self** in
Memory of her daughter Maureen.
Last Week's flowers went to **Jenny Powley**
and **Bill Robertson**

Our Memorial Book

Names in our book this week are those of **Maureen Turner, Randal Bale** and **Harry Booker**. We remember them and pray for the families and friends who mourn their passing.

Tea and Chat:

Despite the ghastly weather as you can see below, almost 30 friends gathered in the church hall on Tuesday afternoon for a very convivial 90 minute session.



£115 has been paid to **Christian Aid**. This was the proceeds of the Christmas Day collection and the donations for the Christmas card board. Thank you!

Our Prayer for Growth

God of mission, who alone brings growth to
your church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give vision to our
planning,
Wisdom to our actions and power to our
witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers, in
spiritual commitment to you
And in service to our Swindon Community.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Church Secretary

Following Steve Brain stepping down as Immanuel's Church Secretary the Elders met to discuss the role of Church Secretary. It has been decided that, until the first Elders Meeting after Immanuel's AGM, the Church Secretary's tasks will be allocated across the Eldership - so if you

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have any issues you would normally take to the Church Secretary please speak to your Elder - or any of the Eldership. The Minister and the Eldership

Old Town Partnership of Churches

A request from Bath Road Methodist Church which you may like to consider.

We are looking for volunteers to help out at Bath Road as part of the Partnership supporting the Government's 'Warm And Welcome Spaces' initiative during January through March.

We're planning to start on 9th January. To be honest, I'd love to hear from anyone who can help on any day but in particular we're looking to cover:

- From 12:00-17:00 on Fridays
- From 11:00 on Saturday 14th January, Saturday 11th February and Saturday 11th March.

Candles Any used candles you have and don't want to keep, please bring them along so they can be taken to Christ Church, where they will be collected and then handed over to be turned into new candles and these will be in aid of Ukraine, for families that have no light, in the midst of the darkness of war.

User Printer Ink Cartridges and Mobile Phones

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