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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 22nd January 2023

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



Swindon Old Town Ecumenical
Partnership Established 1969

Please note that there is NO SERVICE at Immanuel today

As it is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we shall gather at Christ Church for a joint Partnership Service at 10.00am

We hope to see you all there.

Robert will be in Highworth this morning, and on Sunday 29th at 6:30pm will be leading worship at Christ Church, which will be a Songs of Praise service, to which you will be most welcome

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.

Chaplain: Liz Gibney

Illustration for today:



Family News

Shirley Cawte is slowly recovering from her fall. We send her our love and prayers.

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.

Prayers for

- Peace and justice for all people
- New opportunities to share God's love
- Those experiencing tough times
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- Rach (minister at Bath Road) and Simon (vicar at Christ Church) and the whole team at Christ Church-St Mary's

Thought for the week: *"Our world and our lives have become increasingly interdependent, so when our neighbour is harmed, it affects us too. Therefore we have to abandon outdated notions of 'them' and 'us' and think of our world much more in terms of a great 'US', a greater human family."* (Dalai Lama)

Some of you may have wondered where Robert was last Sunday, in fact he was enjoying a celebratory weekend away and was marking a birthday. Another person with a special birthday today is Betty Jolly. Although you can't be with us we are thinking of you Betty!



Flowers

Last Week's flowers went to **Betty Jolly** and **Jackie Salisbury**

Our Memorial Book

Names in our book this week are those of **Edwin Quinn, Muriel Whitehead, Luke Mitchell, Alan Peck** and **Jean Morris**. We remember them and pray for the families and friends who mourn their passing.

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.

Last Sunday

A word of thanks to all the musicians and readers who provided such a memorable service last week and special thanks to Geoff for devising an act of worship that was so appropriate for the post-Christmas period and start of the year.

Band Concert

For well over 50 years the prize-winning Aldbourne Band has held their first concert of each new year at Immanuel and 2023 will be no different. The band will be performing together with their Junior band here in the church on 28th January starting at 7.00pm.

Tickets are £10 and will be available at the door.

They are a 'premier league' band with a great reputation. It will be well worth coming along to hear them.

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 EPSON). 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.

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