



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 29th 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

Sunday 29th January: 10.30am

A 5th Sunday in the month means a visiting preacher at Immanuel, and we are pleased to welcome Revd Tony Barnes to lead our worship today.

Readings: Micah 6: 1-8 and
1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Chaplain: Liz Gibney

At 6:30pm Robert will be leading worship at Christ Church, which will be a Songs of Praise service, to which you will be most welcome

Sunday 5th February

The minister will be leading our worship
Chaplain: Paddy Hayes

Prayers for

- Peace and justice for all people
- The Mission and Ministry of the church
- Those experiencing tough times
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches
- Messy Church

Thought for the week: *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’” – Jeremiah 29:11*

Illustration for today:

Hope



<https://unsplash.com/s/photos/Hope>

Family News:

Barbara Furguson now rests in peace. She died on Wednesday afternoon, at home. Please hold the family in your prayers.

The service of thanksgiving for the life of **Dot Waddington** will be held at Immanuel on 17th February at 12:00, followed by a short service at Kingsdown Crematorium at 1:30 pm

Elders' meeting: the next meeting will be held on Thursday 2nd at 7:00 pm



The Flowers are given today by **Ann Hopkins** If any of you would like a special date for flowers please get in touch with Edith Tel: 432195 or at Church

"Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers which were brought to me. I really appreciated the thoughts and good wishes behind them." From **Betty Jolly**

Our Memorial Book

Names in our book this week are those of **Margaret Lovelock, John (Jim) Beale, Ernie Austin, Bertha Williams, and Christine Clarke (Penhill)**. 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 challenging Partnership Service was held last Sunday to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Produced by Churches Together In Britain, our worship centred on Racial Justice. Sixteen members of Immanuel represented the fellowship here in Upham Rd. Two workshops are being planned in February to look at the issue of 'unconscious bias' - further details to follow.

Swindon Food Collective

Donations for The above will be gratefully received on Sunday 5th Feb. We know times are difficult but any donations will be joyfully accepted and distributed to those less fortunate than ourselves. Just a reminder to check the use by dates on goods.
Thank you in anticipation.

Band Concert

When some of you read this, the concert will have taken place, but those who receive the news sheet via the internet may like to be reminded that for well over 50 years the prize-winning Aldbourne Band has held their first concert of each new year at Immanuel. 2023 will be no different, as the band will be performing together with their Junior band here in the church on Saturday 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

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Thanks, Ceri.

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.

Lent Talks 2023

The Lent talks are coming up soon. They will take place on Wednesdays from 1st March, from 7-9pm at Christchurch. For more information please see the attachment with the E-Newsletter today.