



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 8th 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

Worship conducted by the Minister to include the sacrament of Holy Communion

Bible reading: Matthew 2: 1-12

Theme the fourth gift.

Chaplain: Helen Marson

Next Sunday: 15th January 10.30 am

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.

Chaplain: Anne Farrow.

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.

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, and the result will be in aid of Ukraine, light in the darkness of war.

Prayers for

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

Thought for the week: *"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."* – Winston Churchill

Illustration for today:



Tea and Chat:

The next tea and chat will be this Tuesday 10th January from 2.30pm All welcome.



Last month's gathering was really good..it would be lovely to see the same numbers again this week... why not invite a friend.

Family News:

We were sorry to hear that Derek Iles spent his Christmas in hospital but he is now home, so we hope he feels better soon.

Christmas cards; if you hadn't spotted among the cards on the board in the prayer corner is one from former member of Immanuel, Tim Brain: he sends his greetings to us all as he swelters in the high temperatures in Thailand.



Last Week flowers went to Jenny Austin and Derek Iles.

Our Memorial Book

Quite a few names in our book this week, and we remember him and pray for the families and friends who mourn the passing of...**Louise Norris, Len Millman, Les Sharps, Mary Bale, Ken Rogers, Colin Griffiths, Les Simons, Betty Burton, Terry Furguson,** and **Mabel Radbourne.**

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.

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.

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Thanks, Ceri.

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.

Potential volunteers have said to me, "When will the church be open?" to which I've replied "What time can you do?" It's as simple as that. We're offering a warm space refuge and all that's required of volunteers is to open up, serve teas and coffees and put a few tables and chairs away afterward. Warm Spaces are places where people can gather for free in a warm, safe, welcoming place and maybe enjoy a hot drink and some company. Some may simply be happy to sit and use our wi-fi to surf the internet, or to read a book. Any offering beyond that is down to the enthusiasm of the volunteers!!

User Printer Ink Cartridges and Mobile Phones

An easy fund-raising thing most of us can do is put are user 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.