



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 19th February 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 19th February: 10.30am

The minister is conducting this morning's worship. We will celebrate communion.

Bible Readings: Leviticus 19; 1-2, 9-18

Matthew 5: 38-48

Theme: Challenge accepted!

Chaplain: Eddie Thomas

Intercession prayers led by John Blakesley

Sunday 26th February

Revd Roy Lowes will be conducting worship

Chaplain: Maria Kawonga

Prayers for

- Turkey and Syria
- Social Justice
- Our journey of Lent
- Families where there is somebody with dementia.
- The Mission and Ministry of the church
- Those experiencing tough times
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches



Thought for the week:

"The whole problem with the world is that fools and fanatics are always so certain of themselves, but wiser people so full of doubts." (Bertrand Russell)

Illustration for today:

Challenge accepted!

Earthquake Appeal:

Following the harrowing images we have all seen in Turkey and Syria, on the television there will be a retiring offering basket available after the morning service and your gifts will be sent to the **Disasters Emergency Committee:** this will maximise your giving since the government has pledged to match fund donations received.

Family News:

The service of thanksgiving for the life of John Cummings will be held at Immanuel on Monday 27th February at 1:00pm

The Funeral Service for **Barbara Furguson** will be held at Christ Church on Thursday 2nd March at 2:00 pm

Thank you: A lovely note from Sheila Condon: "I'm very pleased to tell you David, my grandson, is now out of hospital and back in Newbury, recovering. Thank you for your concern and prayers. I am sure they helped his recovery".

Pete and Liz Gibney are delighted to announce the safe arrival of yet another grand-daughter. Ava Grace was born to Sarah and Andy very early on Valentine's day, weighing 6lb 9oz.

Congratulations to **Gill Follett** who was our luncheon club head cook for many years and who was a team leader until the covid outbreak, celebrated her diamond wedding anniversary this week on 16th Feb



Last week's flowers went to Muriel Baker and Jean Campbell.

Our Memorial Book

We remember the following whose names appear in our book this week: **Ron**

Gleed, Morgan Hughes, Dot Cole, Susan Hogan and David Barnes, praying for them and their families and friends who mourn their passing.

Lent Talks: As from Wednesday 1st and on till 5th April, every Wednesday, at Christ Church, between 7-9pm a different speaker will be sharing their thoughts on "Who is Jesus Christ today?". There will also be a time to ask questions. Why not come along? There will be fliers with information on the speakers in the chapel

Mike & Norman are looking for any willing volunteers to help operate the sound desk for services, to help spread the load. No technical knowledge or expertise is required just common sense. Anyone can speak to either Mike & Norman if it is something you think you could offer to do. Thanks, Mike & Norman

Tea and Chat



Perhaps it was the fine weather that brought them out, but 40 folk turned up Last Tuesday for an afternoon cuppa and a chance to natter! As you can see from the picture, they had a lot to talk about too!

Canon Ink

In the recycle ink cartridges there use 2 unused. These were Canon black 512 and colour 513. If you buy the 2 together they are usually £50. Make me a fair offer for church funds.

Sue Goodall Church Treasurer.

Amnesty International: Today we present to you a new case for you to write to protect a human life. Dorgelesse Nguessan from the Republic of Cameroon, who was arrested for attending a protest, the first time she had done something like this. She was arrested and has been imprisoned for five years. World Concerns at its last meeting suggested a slightly new way of us supporting people. There will be a card from

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Immanuel Church, and together with it the possibility for you to sign your name, we will leave this out for two weeks and then collect the card and the signatures and post to the person or government, pleading this case. Please then support by signing. Thank you!

Swindon Food Collective

Below is an email received from the trustees of the Swindon Food Collective:

"Demand has significantly increased due to the current difficult situations people are facing for one reason or another which means that in the last 12 months (January 2022 to December 2022) the Swindon Food Collective has:

- fed 9,602 people of which 2,279 were young children
- given out 116 kgs of food - 96 tonnes through our distribution centres and over 20 tonnes to other organisations e.g. Growbaby, Harbour Project, Ukrainian Appeal, Swindon Caring Hearts, Community Fridge Gorse Hill etc.
- given Great Western Hospital 188 Home from Hospital bags
- opened 3 more distribution centres, bringing our total to 11 centres
- received 90,282.4 kgs of stock including food, toiletries and household cleaning products
- supported 34 breakfast clubs
- recruited 34 new volunteers; and
- recruited 63 new referring agencies

Please pass our thanks on to your colleagues/parishioners. Your generosity is much appreciated and will go towards enabling us to meet the ever increasing demand for food for those people who are facing a crisis at this time. Our mission is to reduce the impact of food poverty on people in the Swindon and District areas and our aim is that no-one goes hungry unnecessarily.

With your support we will rise to this challenge and work positively to help as many people as we can.