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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 12th March 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 12th March : 10.30am

This morning's worship will be lead by
Revd Norma McKemey of Christ Church
Bible Reading: John 4: 5-42
Chaplain: Mike Gordon

Sunday 12th March: 4.00pm

Tea service in the Church Hall

Sunday 19th March

Pulpit Exchange: We will welcome Rev
Simon Stevenette
Chaplain: Liz Gibney

Family News:

It is with sadness we share the news of the death of **Sara Slack**, who died recently. She was a member of Queen's Drive Methodist church, and then for a quite some time she came to Immanuel and then due to mobility issues attended St John's at Parks. While attending Immanuel she as a great supporter of the prayer team. She was a very progressive thinker, and had a great sense of humour. Her funeral will be on Wednesday 22nd March at 11:15, at Kingsdown Crematorium.

Lent Talks: As from Wednesday 8th March and until 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. The speaker this week is Revd Susan Durber URC minister from Taunton and a President of the World Council of Churches. These Lent Talks will also be available to follow on Youtube, for those who use that. The link,

which you can access already:
<https://youtu.be/0aG1SPQhhco>

Passion Sunday: I really hope that as many of you as possible will be coming along to the service at **10:30am on Sunday 26th March** when we are having a **1 hour Service of Readings and Hymns along with 5 excerpts from Handel's Messiah** sung by an enhanced number in the choir. It would be a great support to us.

There will not be a Sermon as I believe the words and music say what we need to hear on Passion Sunday. Why not invite a friend? Many thanks for your support.
Geoff Glead.

The Partnership Prayer Leaflet for the month of March is available from the box in the chapel. Please take one to inform your prayers for the Old Town churches and our common concerns.

Our Memorial Book

We remember Tony Wilkinson whose name appears in our book this week praying for him and his family and friends who mourn him.



Last week's flowers. Flowers went to John Thomson, Jean Campbell and Dorothy Hatton.

Election of elders

The annual election of elders will take place at the Church Meeting AGM on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm. The nomination exercise is now open and all (whether you are a member or not) and you are earnestly invited to think about who you would like to nominate to become a Serving Elder at Immanuel.

A list of eligible members and the nomination forms are now available in the chapel. You do not need the permission of the nominee to nominate him/her. If you feel you would like to offer to serve yourself, please include your name on the nomination form.

Please give your nominations to Robert Jordan or any elder by the end of the evening service on Sunday 19th March. Alternatively a nomination form and the list of eligible members is attached to the electronic edition of Weekly News and you can send your nominations electronically to Robert (robert.jordan1@btconnect.com) You are all asked to give serious consideration and prayer to this procedure so that we achieve a positive outcome in filling at least three vacancies.

Please don't forget
THE BIG BREW AFTERNOON
our monthly Tea and Chat
THIS TUESDAY,
14th March from 2.30pm – 4.00pm

The afternoon will be very much 'as normal' except that, this month, we are asking you, if you feel able, to please make a donation for your refreshments to support the Fair Trade Charity **TRANSFORM TRADE**.

Any donations of cakes and biscuits towards the refreshments will also be gratefully received and will, hopefully, mean an even bigger donation to Transform Trade.

All our remaining Traidcraft goodies will be

on sale and the money raised will also go to this former Traidcraft charity.



We would love it if we run out of tables and chairs in the Hall so please invite all your neighbours, friends and family to join us for a happy time of fellowship together over a Cuppa, Cake and Chat. We look forward to seeing you there

*Many thanks,
Liz Gleed*

Advanced Notice: "Godspell " at Christ Church

Swindon's SALOS is planning to stage a production of this popular musical at Christ Church on the weekend before Easter (March 31st and April 1st). It is based on the Gospel of St Matthew and contains some really memorable music.

Performances will be held on Friday and Saturday at 7.30 pm with a matinee on the Saturday at 2.30 pm. Tickets are £15 (£10 for children) and can be obtained from the website www.salos.org or 07731 183857

Help please

Do you or anyone you know have a baby's high chair now unused but still in working order? A Pakistani family in Swindon needs to find one. Condition and age of high chair are not so important but should be in working order. Please contact Helen Thomas (email immchurchsec@gmail.com) and write "for Helen Thomas" in the subject line of the email).

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