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# Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 19th March: 10.30am

We welcome Simon Stevenette to our service this morning, in which we will be celebrating communion.

**Readings:** Colossians 3 12-17 and John 19 25b -27

Theme: Trusting God's healing grace in our relationship

Elder: Liz Gibney

Today is the first **Old Town Partnership of Churches Pulpit exchange** for 2023. Robert will be at Bath Road and Rach will be at Christ Church.

## Sunday 26th: 10.30am Passion Sunday Service

Being 4th Sunday, Robert will be at Highworth, and in the evening will be leading worship at Christ Church (6.30pm)

## 10:30am on Sunday 26th March

I really hope that as many of you as possible will be coming along to this service when we are having **an hour 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 Gleed.

## Prayers for

- Turkey and Syria
- The war in Ukraine
- The Wednesday Lent Meetings
- The homeless in Swindon
- Our journey of Lent
- The Mission and Ministry of the church
- Those experiencing tough times
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches

**Thought for the week:** *“Health is a state of complete mental, social and physical well-being, not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”* – World Health Organization, 1948

**Church Membership** If you are not a member of Immanuel URC, have you ever thought you could be? Membership is a firm step taken as an expression of commitment in the journey of faith. It should not be something that puts people off or frightens them. It doesn't hurt, but it is a way of saying to yourself and to others that at this time of your life your belonging to a faith community is important to you, and it also helps the church you are attending to know they can count on you. It is also a deepening of your connection with God.

It allows you to be an active participant in the deciding of how the church is run, for example being able to vote at Church Meetings, electing elders, and also given time and your agreement, the possibility of being an elder.

If you would like to explore the matter, please get in touch with Robert, or one of the elders, for a chat. Please don't discard the idea without thinking and praying about it. Robert

## Election of elders

Nominations close at the end of this morning's service. Please remember to give your nomination forms in or send them electronically to Robert.

## 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.

**Lent Talks:** As from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and until 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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>

### Family News:

The funeral of **Sara Slack** will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 11:15, at Kingsdown Crematorium.

We are pleased to hear **Jenny Powley** is now back home, feeling very pleased the surgery was a success. We send her all our love.

### Our Memorial Book

We remember **Norah Anderson and Phyl Dyer** whose names appears in our book this week praying for them and their family and friends who mourn them.



Last week's flowers went to Jenny Powley and Mildred Carter

### Maundy Thursday Communion

Join us for Holy Communion, Feet Washing and a Soup Dinner. 7pm 6<sup>th</sup> April, Bath Road Methodist Church. Please let Robert Jordan know if you are interested and if you have and special dietary requirements.

### Contact us:

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- on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC](http://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC)

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### BIG BREW

Very many thanks to everyone who supported our Big Brew Tea Party this week to raise funds for Transform Trade.

Thanks to all who helped in preparing the Hall and providing the refreshments and to everyone who came along, brought delicious cakes and gave their support and donations. About 50 of us had a brilliant afternoon together (including a short sing-song!) and raised the magnificent sum of **£160.00** in donations. A special word of thanks to Dorothy from Bath Road Church who brought along her Traidcraft goodies to sell alongside Immanuel's remaining stocks so that a further **£90.00** was raised, making a grand total of **£250.00** to be sent to **Transform Trade**. What could be better, an afternoon of fun and fellowship *and* a fantastic sum raised for such a worthy charity. Thank you ALL so much.  
From the World Concerns Committee

### 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 not so important but should be in working order. Please email [immchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:immchurchsec@gmail.com) with the subject: For Helen Thomas.

### Canon Ink

In the recycle ink cartridges box there were 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.

### Church key fobs

Before we have to go and buy more Fobs, can we ask that Fobs you no long use please be returned. These now cost more than £200 for 10.  
Thank you Sue Goodall B&G