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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 26th 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

10:30am on Sunday 26th March

We welcome Bryan Elkington to this morning's Worship.

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 Glead.

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

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)

Prayers for

- The Wednesday Lent Meetings
- The homeless in Swindon
- Our journey of Lent
- The Church of Jesus Christ in every land
- The value of every life
- Those experiencing tough times
- The Old Town Partnership of Churches

Thought for the week:

"Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud."

(Maya Angelou)

Sunday 2nd April is our next collection for the **Swindon Food Collective**.

We appreciate that times are hard but there are others really struggling to even put food on the table.

Please give what you can to ease their problems in the Lords name

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

Family News: Last Wednesday I attended the service for Sara Slack which took place at Kingdown Crematorium. A great time to give thanks for her life and her faith, and I was pleased to be able to be there given the time Sara shared with Immanuel over the years. (Robert)

From Jenny P:

I continue to gain strength and feel wonderfully blest by the love and prayerful support of Immanuel friends, - and for gifts of beautiful flowers. Thank you so much Immanuel. Last Sunday was my first day back after a long time, - and it was a truly joyful day!

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 1st March 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.

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>

Our Memorial Book

We remember **Stanley Booth Watson, Jean Elizabeth Timbrell, Ivan Woolford and Muriel Baden** 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 Peter and Mary Beale and Tom and Teresa Hartshorn

Maundy Thursday Communion

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

Worship and Outreach: We are seeking two new members, who can support this group, we don't have too many meetings, and we try to think outside the box, so it usually is quite interesting. You might be just the

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person we are looking for! Let Robert know if you would like to join us.

The Romanian Church is collecting all sorts of goods for needy people from Niamey-Niger and have invited us to be part of this....

All sorts of clothing (good and clean, not necessarily new)

Bedsheets for hospital

Beds and mattresses (metal frames beds)

Food: rice, sugar, oil, tin food...

Any other goods... **but not appliances (no electrics) and no toys please**

Things for school.

Furniture (possible metal) like chairs and tables...

Donations can be left in the West Porch of the Church.

Thank you

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 longer use please be returned. These now cost more than £200 for 10. Thank you Sue Goodall B&G