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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 16th April

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending worship today

Sunday 16th April – Communion

Service led by Robert

Bible Reading: 1 Peter 1; 3-9

Theme: What is New?

Chaplain: Mike Denton

Prayers of Intercession led by John Blakesley

Sunday 23rd April

Being the 4th Sunday, Robert will be at Highworth URC

Sunday 30th April

Robert will be leading worship at Royal Wootton Bassett

Sabbatical: Robert will soon begin his Sabbatical, covering the months of May, June and July. Just imagine all he will be talking about when he gets back into action!!!

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.

Prayers for

- The Church Annual Meeting
- The Church in Asia and Middle East
- Famine in Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia where over 27 million people are suffering from extreme hunger
- Teachers, teaching assistants, special needs teachers
- The NHS under so much pressure
- Those living in fear

Thought for the week:

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. (Anne Frank)

Election of elders and notice of the AGM

The elders would like to formally announce that June Smythe has been nominated to serve as an elder and is willing to stand. Please pray for her and attend the AGM to cast your vote and support her.

The Church Meeting AGM will be held on Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm at which the election of Elders will take place. Please make every effort to attend as, although only members can vote, everyone is able to participate in any discussions. We will also receive the annual reports from the minister and elders, as well as the presentation of accounts.



Our Easter Cross

Our Memorial Book

We remember **Joe Tooth, Anthony (Tony) Rivers, and Marj Newman** whose names appear in our book this week, we pray for them and their family and friends who mourn them.

The flowers in church today are in Memory of our son Richard Thomson 22-7-65 -15-4-93. Always in our prayers Mum and Dad. John and Cath Thomson.

Last week's flowers went to Peter Beale, Anne Farrow, John Palmer, Pat Rebbeck, Sue and Dom Montauro and a neighbour of Barbara Tagholm



Filling the pulpit

I am struggling to fill the last Sunday where the pulpit is empty when Robert is on sabbatical. Does anyone have any suggestions as to who might be able to help us out on Sunday 9th July? I have tried most of the usual names, but you may have an unusual suggestion...if so, I'd be pleased to hear it. Or, maybe you yourself might like to lead the service? Or a small group of people? I could point you in the direction of some useful resources, if that is the case. Please give this some thought before it starts keeping me awake at night! Thank you.
Liz Gibney

Bath Road Methodist Church Christian Aid Fundraising Quiz

7.30pm Saturday 20th May at Bath Road Methodist Church.

Teams of up to 6 people - £5 per person.

For tickets contact: Lindsey Miller

“Join the family”: 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.

If you would like to explore the matter, pick up a short booklet in the Chapel called **Join the Family**.

Please don't discard the idea without thinking and praying about it. (Robert)

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

Local and National Elections - Changes to the way we vote.

Please remember

The way that we vote is changing. From 4 May 2023, voters will need to show photo ID at polling stations. Voter ID doesn't replace the need to register to vote – you will still need to register to vote at your current address, if you haven't already.



Many thanks to those who decorated the church so beautifully for Easter Sunday

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