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# Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending worship today

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April

Morning Worship Led by Reverend Mark Barrett

Bible Readings: Acts 2: 42-47 and Acts 3: 1-10

Chaplain Eddie Thomas

Robert will be leading worship at Royal Wootton Bassett

## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Service Lead by Rev Geoff Gleed

*“Well, I completed the London Marathon and am alive to tell the tale. My time was 4hours 7mins, not quite what I hoped for but chuffed as I suffered cramps from mile 20. The main thing though is that I managed to raise £2,000 for the RAF Association and I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who sponsored me and all your support and prayers too, especially my mum of course!! That's what has made the pain all worthwhile!!”*

**From Sam Roylance.**

## Prayers for

- People in Sudan
- The Church in Latin America
- Famine in Kenya, Ethiopia, South Sudan, Somalia where over 27 million people are suffering from extreme hunger
- Peace with Justice in the world
- The work of Christian Aid
- Those living in fear

**Thought for the week:** *"Hope is not the conviction that something will turn out well but the certainty that something makes sense, regardless of how it turns out."* (Vaclav Havel)

**Tea and Chat:** the next meeting will be held on Tuesday **9<sup>th</sup> May** and will include the Christian Aid week and invite people to contribute to Christian Aid.

**Tea Service:** the next one has changed date, it will now take place on **25<sup>th</sup> June**. Everybody welcome to sing along, share a prayer or a poem, and have a great time.

## Family News:

With sadness share the news of the death of **Neil MacVicar**, who died on Tuesday morning. Please hold Catherine and the family in your prayers at this time.

Good to hear that **Edith Watson** is back home. We send all our best wishes to her.

**Judith Robertson** is back home, though treatment continues. Please hold Judith and Bill in your prayers.

**Andrea Phillips** celebrated a special birthday on Thursday. Congratulations!

**Amnesty International:** Paraguay has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy in South America with almost 20,000 adolescent pregnancies between 10-19 years per year. Please consider supporting this petition.

**Old Town Partnership of Churches:** the Council meeting is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:30 at Immanuel. All elders are encouraged to attend. Agenda items include Anna Soulsby speaking about street pastors in Swindon - should be of interest to World Concerns members especially as Simon is hoping for this to be our next Partnership project.

**Coronation Big Lunch:** If you are planning to attend please let us know asap as Christ Church needs to know numbers for planning. Please pick up a brochure of activities organized for the Coronation Weekend, you can find them in the Chapel.

**Donations in Memory of Jean Campbell:** A number of people asked me where they could send donations in memory of Jean; I asked Claire and she suggested PSPA (*Progressive Supranuclear Palsy*) is a neurological condition caused by the premature loss of nerve cells in certain parts of the brain. This is what Ian suffers from. Robert

For more information you can see their webpage:

<https://www.pspassociation.org.uk/>

**Sabbatical:**

Robert soon begins his Sabbatical, covering the months of May-June-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.



This week’s flowers are dedicated to all those we know who were separated from loved ones at the end of their lives during the pandemic.

**Our Memorial Book**

We remember **Edith Annie Ruddle and Philip Powley** whose names appear in our book this week, we pray for them and their family and friends who mourn them.

**Immanuel Prayer Circle**

This will continue to meet regularly on Thursdays at 2pm, usually in the small lounge at the back of the church. Please give any names/subjects you wish to include to Helen Thomas, Anne Farrow or any other member of the group. You could also come and join us and listen or pray as you prefer.

**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.

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