



Faith – Hope – Love –
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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 14th May

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



Swindon Old Town Ecumenical
Partnership Established 1969

We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending worship today

Sunday 14th May

Morning Worship Led by John Cheek of the
Lawn Community Church

Bible Readings: Luke 2:41 - 52

Matthew 27:11 - 26

Chaplain: Helen Marson

Sunday 21st May

Service Lead by Revd David Pattie

Chaplain: Mike Gordon



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

Tea Service: the next one has changed date, it will now take place on **25th June**.

Everybody welcome to sing along, share a prayer or a poem, and have a great time.

Tea and Chat: Our members and associates are a generous bunch, an amazing £88 was collected from the folk gathered to enjoy tea and chat this week. This will be added to Immanuel's contribution for Christian Aid this week.



Although our numbers were slightly down on previous months, a good time was had by all.

The next Tea and Chat will be 13th June

Family News:

It was wonderful to have both Jenny Powley and Edith Watson back with us last Sunday and to see them looking so well after their different 'setbacks'. As reported last week, Peter and Mary Beale are going through a trying time at the moment, so please remember them in your prayers.

The funeral of **Neil McVicar** will be on 19th May at 12.45pm at Kingsdown Crematorium. All are welcome.

Sabbatical: Robert is now into his Sabbatical, covering the months of May-June-July and is currently in Prague. If you follow him on Facebook you will be able to see his pictures.

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 the petition in the prayer corner.

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 went to Edith Watson, Betty Jolly, Shelley Morgan, June Smythe and Michael Dismore

Our Memorial Book

We remember **Ted Webb, Edith Woolford, Roger Phillips and Madge Sutton** whose names appear in our book this week, we pray for them and their families 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.

Contact us:

- via our website at www.immanuelurc.org
- on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ImmanuelURC

If you are new to Immanuel and would like to receive this newsletter by email each week, please email immanuelweeklynews@yahoo.co.uk and I will add you to the mailing list. Thanks, Ceri.

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 Tel:01793 535855

“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)

Recordings of the church service

For a variety of reasons connected with the quality of the recording it has been decided to discontinue sending out the recording of our worship as an attachment to emails.

However, after some struggle, lots of head-scratching and advice from the professionals, it now sounds as if our team on the sound desk has sorted out the gremlins that were causing problems in our new sound desk: a really good recording of last week's service was loaded to the church web-site and you can hear it if you try www.immanuelurc.org and click on the 'recent events' tab. A recording will be uploaded there each week and should be there by Monday morning.