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Immanuel Weekly News

Sunday 7th May

Our Minister is Revd Robert Jordan



We extend a warm welcome to everyone attending worship today

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Morning Worship Led by Geoff Gleed
Bible Readings: Luke chapter 13 verses 18 to 21 and
Luke chapter 18 verses 15 to 17
Chaplain: Maria Kawonga
Theme : "Acorns and Oak Trees"

Sunday 14th May

Service Lead by John Cheek of the Lawn Church
Chaplain: Helen Marson

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 and Chat:

The next meeting will be held the **9th 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 **25th June**. Everybody welcome to sing along, share a prayer or a poem, and have a great time.

Family News:

It is good to hear that **Edith** and **Judith** are making progress, albeit slowly. Peter and Mary are going through a trying time at the moment, please remember these friends in your prayers.

On a happier note it is good to see **Steve Brain** back among us after his long holiday 'down under': he brings greetings from his sister Andrea and her husband Lyall and all her family who have fond memories of Immanuel.

Sabbatical:

Robert has begun his Sabbatical, covering the months of May-June-July and is currently enjoying the art galleries of Northern Spain. If you follow him on Facebook you will be able to see his pictures. Just imagine all he will be talking about when he gets back into action!!!

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.

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/>

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.



The flowers this week celebrate the Coronation and also a special birthday for one of our members (his 80th?)

This week's flowers went to Judith, Catherine and Maria.

Our Memorial Book

We remember **John Morgan, Ann Pidgeon, and Les Lovelock** whose names appear in our book this week, we pray for them and their families and friends who mourn them.

London Marathon

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!!

Many thanks

Sam Roylance.

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. Next meeting is Thursday May 11th.

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 Liz Gibney know if you would like to join us.

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