

2019

Royal Wootton Bassett
United Reformed Church
January 2019 Newsletter



Services

Sunday services begin at 10:30am

6 th	Terry Riches including Holy Communion
13 th	Church Worship team
20 th	Revd Adrian Heath
27 th	Martin Osman

Tea and coffee will be served after the service.
Please stay and enjoy this time of fellowship with us.

Murmurings from the Manse

I was on the way to the crematorium, chatting to the driver about the end of 2018 and we remarked how much quicker time seems to go by. He paused and said, "I wish I could get my children (grown up) to appreciate that fact and make the most of each day".

Some people fill each and every day – some go for more of a 'pick and mix' approach and some will be content to do as little as possible. The diversity of humanity will never change that and I am not convinced it is anyone's role to interfere anyway.

However, it seems that as one year draws to a close and a new one is ushered in there is a sense of renewed promise and enthusiasm, a blank canvas just waiting to be filled and we have the power to do that as we choose.

Jesus' public ministry had periods where he took himself off but mostly it was a fairly punishing, relentless time, in exhorting his followers to do likewise we could be forgiven for thinking it is too hard to keep up, we need built in rest periods. Yet Jesus would be the first to tell us it is about balance, it is about doing some things and doing them well, instead of trying and failing to do everything!

2018 was a challenging year for our church and our pastorate, we have come through and now we look ahead in confidence and hope and trust to the year that is to come. As we do so let us pray that by our action we will make the most of what it offers and that in our own small way we can make a difference to the lives of others.

I wish you a happy and healthy 2019

Sarah



Faith and Dementia Workshop



Immanuel United Reformed Church,
Upham Road, Swindon, SN3 1DH
Tuesday 22 January 2019, 10.30am-12.30pm

- Learn more about how dementia can affect members of your Community - A chance to share your experience, think about your Faith Group and how you can support people with dementia and their carers - An optional Dementia Friends Session at 1pm to provide a more in-depth insight into what dementia is and how it can affect someone.

Featuring Guest Speakers:

Dr Jennifer Bute, a former GP who was diagnosed with early onset dementia.

Revd Dr Margaret Goodall is a specialist in the spirituality of dementia and has written and contributed to books on this subject.

Please contact Rev. Robert Jordan to book a free place:
robert.jordan1@btconnect.com Tel: 01793 513039

The mince pies and music get together on 8th December raised £37.50 for church funds. Thanks to Alison (with help from Peter), Nicky, Fiona and Andrew and everyone who came.



Happy Birthday in January to Sarah Simpson, Eileen Henly, Margaret Wills, Lorna Lewis and Andrew Crown

Rotas for January

	Church Flowers	Welcome	Vestry	Notices	Readers	Communion	Tea
6 th	Isobel	Lorna	Jack	Joy	Jenny, Lorna	Eileen, Jack	Ron, Margaret
13 th	Jenny	Eileen		Joy	Fiona, Jack		Jack, Isobel
20 th	Angela	Jack	Fiona	Joy	Ron, Margaret		Jenny, Andrew
27 th	Margaret	Richard	Andrew	Joy	Andrew, Jenny		Joy, Eileen



Saturday 26 January 2019
Swindon and Wiltshire Area Gathering
to be held at Wesley Road Methodist
Church, Trowbridge. BA14 0AX

Time: 10.30am – 3.30pm

Tea, coffee and soup provided (please bring your own sandwiches)

Sunday Worship. Monday Life

Sunday by Sunday we gather. The 'retired-busy' crowd, the 'living-life-to-the-full crowd', the 'uncertain-in-faith' crowd, the 'juggling work-and-family' crowd, we all come together in worship, expressing our unity in Christ and our deepest desires to follow him in every area of our lives day by day. So how can our worship on Sunday empower us for the lives we long to live for Christ out in the world, Monday to Saturday.

Join us for a wonderful opportunity to equip and inspire us all as we Walk the Way of our Lord.

The day will be led by Lindsay Caplen, Imagine Church Life Consultant. Lindsay works for the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

Further Information available from:
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**Walking
the Way**
Living the life of Jesus today

**Julia's
House**



Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices

The collection at the Carols by Candlelight service this year, taken in Christmas stockings, in aid of Julia's House, children's hospices raised **£140.64**. Thank you to all those who contributed.

Church Diary for January

Thursday 3rd 10.30am

Take down Christmas decorations

Thursday 10th 7pm

Elders Meeting

Monday 14th 6pm Ganges, High Street, RWB

Church Curry Night Please tell Joy if you plan to come

Tuesday 22nd 10.30am-12.30 Immanuel URC, Upham Road

Faith & Dementia Workshop

Saturday 26th January 10.30am-3.30pm Wesley Road Methodist Church, Trowbridge

Swindon and Wiltshire Area Gathering - theme Sunday Worship, Monday Life See poster inside

Thursday 31st 1.30pm

Women's World Day of Prayer ecumenical planning meeting

Thursday 31st 7.30pm

Church Meeting



Hive Toddler Group for parents, carers, and babies and toddlers,
meets Thursday mornings, 9.30-11.30

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