

Old Town Partnership of Churches – Celebrating fifty years
Festival 50 Birthday Services on Sunday 20 January

Fifty years of the Old Town Partnership of Churches will be celebrated at two special services on Sunday 20 January, to which all are welcome.

The morning service is at 10.00 am at Bath Road Methodist. Robert Buckland, MP for South Swindon and the Mayor of Swindon will be attending this service. The preacher will be Martin Palmer, who is the son of Derek Palmer, one of the initiators of the Partnership in 1969.

The evening service is at 6.30 pm, at Immanuel in Upham Road. The Revd Dr Susan Durber, who is the Moderator of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and previously principal of Westminster College, Cambridge, and theology coordinator for Christian Aid, will speak at this service.

The OTPC is the oldest ecumenical partnership in the country having been established in 1969, between Bath Road Methodist Church, Christ Church with St Mary's (Anglican), and Immanuel United Reformed Church.

These services will mark the beginning of a series of events throughout the 50th anniversary year. Full details are given in the Festival 50 brochure which is available from any of the churches.

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