



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 22nd March 2020



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4th SUNDAY OF



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MOTHER'S DAY

Very many thanks to Nicola for providing our Mother's Day plants and to John, Dave, Barry, Iris and Nicola for delivering them. Have a nice day



The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live its discipleship in worship and Mission

PASTORAL LEADERS

Will all Pastoral Leaders keep in touch with their members regularly by telephone instead of visiting. Many thanks. Iris

From Rev. Dr Jonathan Pye –Chair of the District

Hello, at the moment we are living in difficult and unprecedented times for us both as a church and as a society. The recent outbreak of coronavirus has left many people feeling anxious and afraid. The recent decision to close our churches for public worship at least for the time being was a difficult one but in the end it was necessary to help us to play our part in stopping the spread of the disease, nonetheless it also offers us many new opportunities. New opportunities for finding different ways of expressing what it means to be church in living in community with each other. I hope that many of you are taking the opportunity to join in with others either in praying online or using the resources offered by the church to help us to get through this difficult time. I know that many of you are wondering what the future will bring but the important thing at the moment is that we look after each other and we look after ourselves doing all that we can to maintain both physical and emotional health. As a district we are doing all that we can to support local churches and circuits in their work and your ministers will be doing the same. They will be offering you ongoing pastoral care and support albeit in new and different ways perhaps through a telephone call or other means. Times are hard but they will get better but that will only be the case if we all do our part. Don't be tempted to give in and to give up. Read your bibles, pray. Pray for each other. Pray for the communities of which you are apart. Pray for those who love you and pray for those you love and remember that as Christians even when we are on our own we are never alone. I want to end by sharing with you a prayer from the Iona community.

let us pray. Jesus you commanded the waves to be still and calm the stormy sea. Quieten now our restless hearts that they may find rest in you. We recognise the noise inside us and the noises around us with the knowledge of them but seek here to know your presence in the midst of all that might distract us. So now we surrender for these moments our speech knowing that beneath the silence is a deeper word and even when we say nothing you are still listening, ever listening, ever watchful. Ever loving God we rest in you. Amen

Thought For The Week

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As you will see and understand our Notices are not so informative as they would be and this will be so for the time being. So, in the meantime, you should have received a service plan which Meg has sent out to all her churches. They have been put together by the Methodist Church centrally and these will continue for the foreseeable future. For those with access online Methodist Central Hall Westminster are live streaming a service tomorrow morning at 11 -

ALSO

Coronavirus: Archbishops call for national day of prayer and action.

Please can this be circulated around - we call all do this whether we are attending church or not! This Mothering Sunday, 22nd March, we are calling all churches to a National Day of Prayer and Action. At such a time as this, when so many are fearful and there is great uncertainty, we are reminded of our dependence on our loving Heavenly Father and the future that he holds.

At 7.00 pm this Sunday, light a candle in the windows of your homes as a visible symbol of the light of life, Jesus Christ, our source and hope in prayer.

We intend to send out Notices each week so in coming we pray that in the Name of Jesus, God will keep us safe and that we will know His Peace. John and Kathleen

A Psalm you might like to read...Psalm 91

Food Bank Update



We have had a generous offer from Ian Stocker at St Congers Cafe to take our food bank collection to the Food Bank on Monday morning next. Any donations you may have if you would kindly take them to the cafe before 11 00 am Ian would be pleased to accept them for the food bank. We are making a heart felt plea and we are sure everyone of us could find one item to donate in this time of crisis because we can't stop thinking about the children with no breakfast club and no free lunches. Can we please open our hearts and give one item.

Love always Kathleen and John xx

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