



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

## Week 13th September 2020



Please Note we now have a Facebook Page @ CONGRESBURY METHODIST CHURCH



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Services being Broadcast by the BBC this Sunday for those without internet access.

[BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am Sunday Worship](#)

## 400th anniversary of the Mayflower



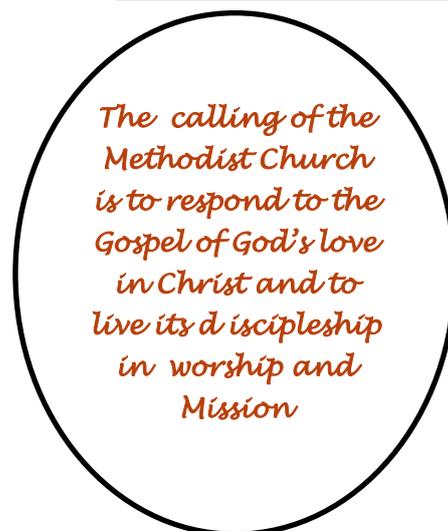
Radio 4's Sunday morning service with the Right Reverend Nick McKinnel, Bishop of Plymouth

[BBC 1 Songs of Praise at 1.15 pm.](#)

## Mayflower



Aled Jones is in Plymouth, where 400 years ago a group of Christians embarked on an epic journey across the Atlantic which changed history - the voyage of the Mayflower.



*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



Harvest Of Hope

### PRAYER

Gen 8: 22 As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall never cease." -We thank you for your unending love.  
AMEN

### Methodist centre

As everyone is aware sadly we couldn't open our church as planned, so our Harvest festival cannot now take place, we'd planned instead to make monetary donations instead of bringing fruit and veg and flowers to decorate our church, so we were wondering if you are able and willing would you place your donation in an envelope addressed to Bristol Methodist Centre c/o Mrs I Belsten, No 9 Orchard Close, High St, and she will pass it on for us especially at this time of Covid 19. They have had to open their doors to so many more homeless people but they promise never to send any one away hungry.—so any donation will be sensibly used . **Kathleen**

### Zoom Bible Study Group

If anyone is interested in joining a Zoom Bible Study Group led by Rev. Meg please let Iris know  
Next meeting is this Tuesday (17th) at 11.00am

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 13 Sept Continuous Exodus 14: 19-31 Psalm 114 or Canticle: Exodus 15: 1b -11, 20-21 Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35 Related Genesis 50: 15-21 Psalm 103: (1-7) 8-13 Romans 14: 1-12 Matthew 18: 21-35

It has been decided that each week either the Local Preacher, Worship Leaders or Stewards from our church would write a few words of personal reflections for our Notices . This week it is Grace

I write this after the decision not to reopen the church due to the recent happenings, the decision was not taken lightly, but for the safety of all.

The Lectionary reading for this Sunday is from Matthews gospel chapter 18. verses 21 - 35. The passage is on forgiveness- and the unforgiving servant.

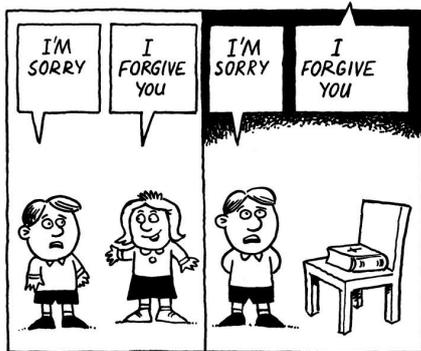
It starts with Peter asking how often he must forgive his brother if he goes on wronging him? As many as seven times? Jesus reply suggests that forgiveness could be unlimited.

Following on we read of the parable of the unmerciful servant, quite a well known parable to most of us. It is a story of a man released from an enormous debt, who then refuses to show mercy to a colleague. The man who had been released from his debt is then reported to the Lord, who revokes his act of mercy. It becomes a story of judgement on the unmerciful servant.

The end of the chapter offers a comment - God will respond as the Lord did, if we do not show mercy or forgiveness to

Forgiveness  
Is the  
*Foundation*  
for Reconciliation

others. Those who are forgiven must themselves discover to way to forgive. The end of the chapter - verse 35 - That-is how my Heavenly Father will deal with us, unless we each forgive our fellow human from your hearts.' This is very difficult I know.



The stories in Matthews gospel often appear to be direct and simple, and the more carefully we read them the more searching we will find them, and this is certainly one such parable/story. But with hindsight and possibly as I get older I see the advantages of me forgiving, and I try to reason as

to why people act the way they do, This certainly makes it easier to forgive, try it.

Keep well and keep safe, hope we can meet up in church again soon to celebrate and worship our ever forgiving and loving God. Amen

*Prayer- Lord I am sorry for the things I have done, and shouldn't have, for thing's I've said and now wish I hadn't, the things I've thought and now regret. The damage has been done, and maybe it's too late to apologise. I thank you Lord that I can say I'm sorry Lord , and know that you will forgive me, and I can start anew. Amen*

GRACE ISAAC (LP)

### Thought For The Week

**WHOSEVER LOVES MUCH CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH AND WHAT IS DONE WITH LOVE IS WELL DONE**