



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week 15th November 2020



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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

It's Complicated



The Rev Dr Doug Gay, Principle of Trinity College, Glasgow, and Rev Dr Caroline Kelly, chaplain to Glasgow University, explore the mixed feelings experienced when faith has to reckon with the complexities of life

BBC 1 Songs of Praise at 1.15pm.

Aled Jones's Faith Journey

Aled Jones is back on home turf in North Wales as he takes a journey exploring how his faith has shaped his life and his singing, Aled also picks the hymns in the programme



Radio Bristol at 8.00am Sunday Service



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



PRAYER. Dear God, We thank you for a new day and so help us to recognize you above all else. Enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might see you, and notice how you're at work through our lives. Give us wisdom to make the best choices, fill us with a desire to seek after you more than anything else in this world. Let your Spirit and power breathe in us, through us, again, fresh and new. Thank you that you are greater than anything we may face in our day. Thank you that your presence goes with us, and that your joy is never dependent on our circumstances, but it is our true and lasting strength, no matter what we're up against. We ask that your peace lead us, that it would guard our hearts and minds in you. We ask for your grace to cover our lives for each returning day and surround your people as we pray. We love you Lord...we need you. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Services for December

Lockdown permitting our services for December are as follows:

Sunday 13th 11am led by Ken Hill

We are hoping to make this our Gift Service.

More information to follow

Sunday 20th 11am Holy Communion service led by Rev Ian Bowley from Yatton

CHURCH COUNCIL

Lockdown permitting our Church Council will be held on Tuesday 15th of December 2:30pm in our church

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 Nov Continuous Judges 4: 1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30 Related Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18 Psalm 90: 1-8 (9-11) 12 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 Matthew 25: 14-30

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

My thoughts..... I've usually used a text from the Bible, but this time one of my favourite hymns has been with me this last week, and what a week. -

'When you walk with the Lord'. Hymns and Psalms no 687

Last weekend we had the usual Festival of Remembrance from the Royal Albert Hall, and then the service and laying of wreaths and parade from the Cenotaph, seemed to me all the more poignant, and meaningful. With less people taking part due to Covid-19, we must remember all the people who gave their lives and have made it possible to live the way we do. , even with the restrictions of the present time. Besides the military victims, we should also remember all health workers and carers.

Then the wonderful news of a vaccine with very positive results. I don't know about you but I felt that a great weight had been lifted from my shoulders. I've always thought that eventually a vaccine would be found, which I had hoped might return us to what we perceive as a moral normal way to live. Then hearing that the vaccine needs to be stored at low temperatures, made me realise how fortunate we are to live in a country where a vaccine will eventually become available to all, at no cost. It makes me feel very blessed, and humble that it's not just to those who can afford to buy it, but to all. Just as accepting Jesus as our Lord and saviour is available to all - not just to this country but the whole World, this is not a vaccine but more like a medicine to make us whole.

Yes - When we walk with the Lord,
In the light of his love.
What a glory He sheds on our way!
When we do His good will
He abides with us still
And with all who will trust and obey.

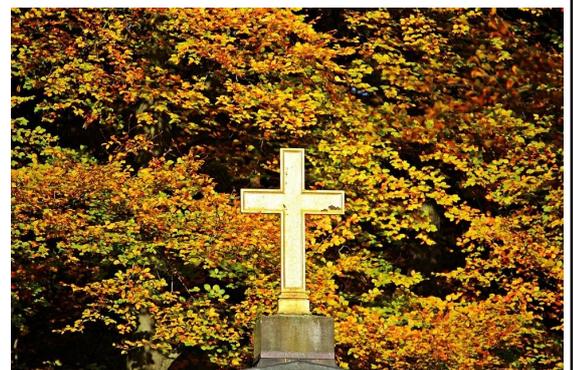
(Refrain) - Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy with Jesus,
But to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil he doth richly repay,
Not a grief nor a loss,
Not a frown, nor a cross,
But is blest, if we trust and obey.

So these coming days and weeks let us remember TRUST and OBEY.; and I add to this PRAY.
God Bless, Grace Isaac (local preacher)

PASTORAL LEADERS

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



Thought For The Week

Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will lift you up