



## Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 26th April 2020



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### For those without internet access here are the main broadcasts for this week

These are the services being broadcast by the BBC this weekend - and yes - they have changed the time of Sunday Worship on BBC 1 again to 10.45 am

**Sunday Worship services for those without internet access 26 April:**  
BBC Radio 4 at 8.10 am "We had hoped....."  
BBC 1 Sunday Worship at 10.45 am from Hereford Cathedral  
BBC 1 Songs of Praise at 1.15 pm with Kate Bottley

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### PASTORAL LEADERS

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

### Words of wisdom for today

## A Methodist Way of Life

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.

### Food-bank

Last week Ian Stocker delivered :-  
**44.3kg** of items which had been put in a box which he has kindly placed in his porch at 17 Paul's Causeway and in the porch at St Andrews church. There was also a donation of £20. Also some bags to the school.  
A big Thank you. Ian and Sonia.



Also a very big 'thank you' to people living in Dickenson's Grove who placed a box outside of one of the houses and they have decided to keep the box out in the street ready for any further donations. Well done to everyone for we know how much these donations are needed and appreciated.

As far as we are able, with God's help:

### Worship

- We will pray daily.
- We will worship with others regularly.
- We will look and listen for God in Scripture, and the world.

### Learning and Caring

- We will care for ourselves and those around us.
- We will learn more about our faith.
- We will practise hospitality and generosity.

### Service

- We will help people in our communities and beyond.
- We will care for creation and all God's gifts.
- We will challenge injustice.

### Evangelism

- We will speak of the love of God.
- We will live in a way that draws others to Jesus.
- We will share our faith with others.

May we be a blessing within and beyond God's Church,  
for the transformation of the world.

### Prayer For Today

Dear God, thank you for carrying me through the past two months of 2020. I pray that the next 10 months will be filled with blessings, healing, miracles, new opportunities, and growth.  
In Jesus' Name. Amen

DEUTERONOMY 31:6  
BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID OR TERRIFIED BECAUSE OF THEM, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD GOES WITH YOU; HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU NOR FORSAKE YOU."

The Methodist Church



Lectionary Readings -3rd Sunday of Easter 26 April Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19. 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35

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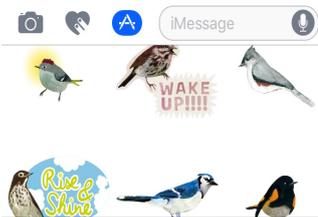
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It has been decided that each week either the Local Preachers or Worship Leaders from our church would write a few words of reflections for our Notices . This week it is Kathleen

The poem entitled "leisure "by William Henry Davies has the words 'What is life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare?- Well if nothing the last six weeks have taught us is we now can sit and stare but do we like it? No we don't. But why don't we like to stand and stare? Is it because we have to stop and actually listen to everything that is going on around us?



But isn't it wonderful: we can hear the dawn chorus! We notice there is hardly any aeroplanes in the sky! No sound of traffic roaring along the B3133. but what do we do with all this silence?

I have found my self sitting in the garden and looking up to the Mendips Hills and straight away Psalm 121 comes into my thoughts ... *I to the hills will lift my eyes from whence shall come my help? My help come the from the Lord.* What wonderful reassuring words! Yes, at the moment we are all unsure how or when we might be getting back to a normality we can live with, but all that while we have the assurance that God is with us and will if we ask Him, be our help and guide.



It certainly is an uneasy feeling we have at the moment- but my prayer is that we all keep safe and well and all keep phoning each other and sharing our love

Kathleen Chaplin [WL]

**Thought For The Week**

*Be joyful, keep the faith, and do the little things well*

Here is a link to the advice given by the Methodist Church regarding Coronavirus Guidance for Church Properties <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/property/coronavirus-guidance-for-property/>

We have also had strong advice from Jonathan Pye that the church should not be used by anyone to record worship.

The thinking behind all of this is that the virus can stay on certain surfaces for a period of time.