



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week 22nd November 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](#)

Young Chorister of the Year – Girls' Semi-Final



Katherine Jenkins hosts the girls' semi-final of the BBC Young Chorister of the Year competition, with judges John Rutter, Laura Wright and Carl Jackson.

[BBC 1 Songs of Praise at 2.15pm. \(Change of time!\)](#)

Student Life in Lockdown



A live service from Holy Trinity, Platt in Manchester exploring the experiences of the nearby student community during lockdown led by the Revd Dr Paul Mathole and Sarah Bradley.

[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

CHURCH COUNCIL

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

[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

PRAYER. Father God you are our hope and our strength and we recognise it is especially so at this time. So we praise you that when we are weak we can rely on your strength, when we are poor in spirit you fill us with joy, when we are empty you flood our lives with peace, when we are hurting you hold it in your care, when we are lost or losing our way you find us and welcome us home, when we are in the wrong you love us still and when we are defeated by life you give us victory in the power of you Spirit, when we are breaking or broken you make us whole, when we turn our back on you and your will for us and when we were filled with selfishness and sin you sent Christ to live our life, to die in our place, when we felt we could go no further and everything seemed empty and hopeless Christ showed us his hands in his side and you called us to worship to begin again. So we praise you father for your all sufficient grace. We now know that there is nothing we can say or do that would mean you will stop loving us and we know too that no matter what we face or what we are trying to cope with or what battles we are fighting, your love is sufficient for all our needs. We ask that your Spirit will guide, protect and empower us and that always what we say and do will bring honour to you. We ask this in the name of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday before Advent 22 Nov Christ the King Continuous/Related Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95: 1-7a or Psalm 100 Ephesians 1: 15-23 Matthew 25: 31-46

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 Mary

My thoughts..... Well my turn to write a piece again.

On all our minds is what will Christmas be like?

One thing is sure it will come and go as it has for 2000 plus years.

There will have been many Christmases with problems-the two world wars that we have been remembering over the last couple of weeks. Many families would not have been able to meet, the same as many of us face now but we can speak, video call and know where our loved ones are unlike in wartime when maybe we did not know where or how our loved ones were, or whether they were even alive.

Advent is about to begin and that will be a big thing in the Christian calendar looking forward, even if we cannot meet for worship, we need to keep in mind the first Christmas when a baby was born to save all of us. This promise still applies. We will get over the pandemic and emerge maybe more caring, loving and appreciative of our world .

Advent is for looking forward, maybe we can all do that with a happy heart knowing that Jesus is always there.

Emanuel God with us.

Prayer

Dear Lord

We pray today for everyone who is lonely ,anxious or worried about the future, at this time of advent let's all pray for better times to come.

Amen.

Mary Krawczenko (S)(WL)

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

Let there be no sadness, for joy in the Lord is our

