



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week 10th January 2021



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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

CLOSURE OF OUR CHURCH FOR JANUARY.

Notice from our Superintendent Minister, Rev. Tina Swire

....'None of us likes to see our buildings closed, however it would make sense to not meet physically for the month of January. Not only will it keep our people safe, but also show solidarity with the wider communities. We understand, as church, "stay at home, save lives and the NHS'..... Tina

We are sad this is happening again and will keep you with updates as and when we receive them. John

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

BBC Radio 4 at 8.10am Sunday Worship

Our Common Home



Martin Palmer explores how faith can partner with the conversation movements in protecting what Pope Francis calls "Our Common Home"

BBC 1 Songs of Praise at 13.15

Sterling



Claire McCollum is in Sterling, exploring the city's connection to the King James Bible, and JB Gill meets a Scottish singer who found Jesus whilst battling addiction.

Norma Penny

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you that our dear friend Norma passed away at home on Dec 22nd aged 88 years . Ian with the help of carers looked after Norma at home for the past few years and whenever one went to visit Norma was so pleased to see you .

Date of funeral is 26th January at 1.30pm and held in our Church.

Because of Covid attendance is by invitation only and if there is any queries please contact Iris beforehand

Our thoughts and prayers are with Ian and Graham, Rhona and Brian and ask that the Lords loving arms will be placed around them all at this time .

PRAYER. Father God, we pray for those who look at your creation but they do not see you and for those who can marvel at the wonders of the world but never lift their hearts to you to worship you even though you have made all things. We pray for those who lives is no more than the things they can see or hear or touch and for those who whose lives are so dominated by material things and by the pleasures of the moment that they are leaving no space for the things of heaven or the Lord of eternity.

O, Lord Jesus, we do pray for any who are finding that the pressures and stress they are faced each day mean other joys of living in your world is simply being drained away. Especially at this time, Lord, we pray for those who are experiencing anguish and despair for themselves and for their loved ones and may we share their anxiety as we pray for them. Through all this, Lord, we thank you for the dedication and the skills of the medical team in these most difficult days and also for the scientists whose discoveries provide us with hope and even more reason to worship you as our creator. Lord Jesus we offer these prayers in love and through Your Name-a Name above all names -and with the guidance of Your Holy Spirit. AMEN

January 10 Epiphany1 09B (Baptism of Jesus) Gen!1:1-5 Ps 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mk1:4-11

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 Kathleen

My thoughts.....



What's that Mama Mia songs that starts 'Well, here we go again that feeling - - - - ? Yes, we are beginning to know that feeling of being in lockdown once again, aren't we, but seriously how does it make us all feel? I personally feel I want to wrap myself in a warm blanket and lock myself away until it's all over. My daughters are somewhat disappointed with me feeling like this. 'Mum' they said 'there is so much more to life than this COVID thing to think about and it's will not be long before Spring will be here and you've always told us that when you see a snowdrop pushing through the earth that it's a sign of new life and new hope'. It brought me up sharp and yes we do have so much to be hopeful for, firstly we have the vaccination which thankfully many in our village have had their second dose of this week and then we also have the hope and reassurance that our God has said he will never leave us or forsake us. What a great feeling is that- so I've taken off my blanket and now I am back testing the waters to face what the future has to bring and I hope like me you will be doing the same.



Please, please look after yourselves and stay safe. *Kathleen. (S) (W L)*



May Every Rainbow
Remind Us of God's
Promises;

May Every Sunrise Bring
Us Hope;

May Every Sunset Bring
Us Peace.



ACTION FOR CHILDREN It's that time of year again when John and Kathleen would like to receive your Action for Children boxes ASAP for the annual emptying of the boxes. As the church is closed would you please let us or Iris have them. If there is any difficulty with this please let us know. Many thanks K and J xxx



We wish you a happy
and healthy New
Year

