



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 2nd May 2021



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METHODIST CHURCH



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Plan for June

It has been decided by the Church Council Members that as from May 23rd our church will be open fortnightly for morning services until the end of August. There will also be one evening service each month, possibly at 4:00pm. Any queries, please contact Iris 833693

There are various Zoom services

in our Circuit on a Sunday. I have passed on the links to some of you and if you haven't got one and wish to join one please let me know. John.



For those without internet access here are the main broadcast services this Sunday:

BBC Radio 4: At 8.10 am



A look at the ethical and religious issues of the week

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15 pm

Northern Ireland 100th

Claire McCollum marks the Partition of Ireland information of Northern Ireland 100 years ago, meeting Christians from across the denomination's to discuss the past and their hopes for the future.



Lectionary Readings May 2 Easter 5 Acts 8: 26-40 Ps 22: 25-31 1 Jn 4: 7-21 Jn-15: 1-8

PRAYER. We pray for churches that have lost sight of the gospel and those that are trapped by the unbelief of the world; for Christians whose faith in Christ is slipping through their fingers and whose sharing in fellowship and worship is growing cold; for congregations that have heard the good news so often they no longer hear it and have lost the urgency of mission and service. May the love of Jesus fill them anew with the Holy Spirit.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves and all our concerns; for our longing to be made new in Christ and to be filled with the spirit; for our need of assurance at the past have been dealt with, that the future is in God's hands and that we are made new today by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. May the love of Jesus give us new power.

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

From 500 prayers for All Occasions by David Clowes

Father God, we offer our prayers to you for the millions of people of India in their desperation and suffering due to Covid and that aid be immediate in their hour of need.....for for those known to us who are ill....those who are anxious....

Lord in your mercy. Hear our prayer. AMEN

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 John

My thoughts..... Have you ever been with a group of people and you have been asked, 'what have you eaten at all your meals and snacks today...Yesterday...last week-end...weekend before...special events etc?' Then 'name all the different food?' Imagine our minds as we tried to remember what we had eaten! It was a good exercise and I guess we don't realise how many types of food we put into our mouths each day. Also there are herbs and salt that we use. Often we take our food for granted, but what about those who don't because they have very little or perhaps none at all? Or what about those that before the COVID 19 pandemic had plenty, whether it is food, belongings - or even a home to live in!

All this reminds me of Paul. In *Phil 4: 11 KJV* we read 'Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content'. I have referred back many times in my life to this part of the verse-especially when times are hard and it has helped me immensely. Paul also wrote these words: 'I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me'.

In *Matthew 6: 25 ESV* we read from Jesus Sermon on the Mount: He says....."Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?"

I referred to quite a bit from the scriptures I know, and I hope it helps you to know as well as me as we try to understand what our real needs are. When we feel anxious or afraid, we pray: Father God, We are not sure where life is leading at the moment but please give us strength as we live each day-a New Day. New every morning....Thank you Lord Jesus. Amen

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning, great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23)

Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

John C (WL)



Thought For The Week

