



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 5th September 2021

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Church Services and Events for September are:-

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Moira Cowell

Sunday 5th 6.30pm Evening Service and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo

Sunday 12th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Barry Spedding

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Robert Channon

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

BBC Radio 4: At 8.10 am

Back to the Square Mile

BBC 1 Songs of Praise 1.15 pm

The Journey to Forgiveness

PRAYER Father, we thank you for the truth that is in Christ, and that in him is life in all its fullness; that because of his life, death and resurrection he is our strength, our guide, our teacher and our Lord, Father, we praise you for the confidence we can have in Christ. In him we are not given a place in which we can hide from life's problems, but the strength to face each day; you do not provide a crutch to prop up broken lives' but you give us your power to lift us, to hold us and to enable us. We thank you that Christ taught us not to trust the way of self-sufficiency, self-satisfaction or power in positive thinking. He called us to trust in the reality of receiving your Spirit, who alone will empower us to live for you. We praise you that no matter what our days or years may bring or the gifts or abilities we possess, you will walk with us to the end. No matter the faith or the hope with which you fill our lives, you lead us in the way that declares your truth and offers new life to our neighbour. We ask that the spirit of joy and gratitude make colour every facet of our lives and overflow to touch and change the lives of those around us and bring glory to your name. AMEN

Lectionary Readings Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-8, 22-23. Psalm 125.

James 2: 1-10, (11-13)14-17. Mark 7: 24-37. 23

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

PRICKLES COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to all who supported the Prickles Coffee Morning when £683 was raised. What a super total!

Laura & John Batt

Yatton Men's Society

The Yatton Men's Society meet in the Methodist Church, High Street, Yatton every fortnight on Monday Mornings 10.30 to 12.00

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

Mon. 6th "Farrago"- with Flanders and Swann

Sheila Furneaux & Tim Lewis

Mon. 20th British Family Cars of the 1950's

David Woodruff

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"DROP IN" coffee mornings-0 to 90 plus



SORRY, this has had to be put on hold partly because of ill health.



John



Each week either our minister, Meg, Pastoral Worker, Mike Bewick, or a Local Preacher, Worship Leader, Steward from our church writes a few words of personal reflections for our Notices . This week it is Mike

My Thoughts....

VALUES

The phone rings: Another enquiry about a wedding. It's the mother of the bride. Can they book a certain date for the autumn? I'll oblige if I can, but this time I can't, the date is already spoken for. 'But,' the bride's mother insists, 'he's a very important person.' So, I ask; 'What makes him important?' She's stumped. I'm not sure why, it's a simple question. I hope she will answer that he is important to her because he loves her daughter enough to want to spend the rest of his life with her, to support her through the best and worst that life can bring. That would be an excellent answer. I would do whatever I could to help this couple be married. But it's not the answer I get. Maybe she could appeal to my role as a minister of the church: He is important because of his selfless lifestyle; he gives freely to charity; does voluntary work in his spare time; even goes to church (steady on now!). Being a Christian may be about a lot more than simply being good but being good is not a bad start. No, even if he does do these things, they are apparently not what make him important. Go on then I will her silently, appeal to my selfish nature, to those things important to me: Does he empty my bins or provide me with clean drinking water? Does he teach youngsters such as my own, drawing out of them talents locked deep inside, or is he waiting at the hospital to offer treatment if one of us should be hurt? I'm afraid not. His importance apparently supersedes even my self-centred wants. Apparently, his importance is directly proportional to his income. His income is very large. Thus, he is very important. I can see the merits of such a system in terms of sheer simplicity, but in all other respects I think it's somewhat lacking. He may be wealthy. That may mean he is powerful. But does that make him important? According to many people it does. Even in Jesus' day wealth and power were seen as signs of God's blessing and importance and the same is often true today. Even the Church can often fall for this lie and pay greater heed to those with the loudest voice and fattest wallet. When some of his disciples argued about who was the most important Jesus brought a child into the centre of their argument and bid them be like the child. A child in that society had no rights, no intrinsic value, only a potential value if they survived to adulthood and, of course, the inestimable value which might be placed in them by their parents. If a child were valued at all they were valued unconditionally. That is the value God places on us; a limitless, unconditional value. To value ourselves on any other basis is to sell ourselves short. The problem was not that this woman overvalued her future son-in-law, but that she undervalued him.

Mike Bewick (Pastoral Worker)

Thought For The Week

**When you pray God listens—when you listen
God talks - when you believe God works. Amen**