



# Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 10th October 2021



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## Church Services and Events for October are:-

**Sunday 10th 11.00am** Morning Worship led by Lois Emm


**Sunday 17th 11.00am** Church Gift Day Anniversary Morning Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slings. (Brown envelopes will be available for your gifts)

**Sunday 24th 11.00am** Morning Worship led by Rev. John James

**Sunday 31st 11.00am** Morning will be a Songs of Praise (change of Plan)

*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*

**PRAYER** Father God, we pray for those whose lives are governed by compassion for those less fortunate than themselves, and for those agencies that seek to bring hope to the hopeless, food to the hungry, medicine to the sick and comfort to the dying. We pray for the [Red Cross], [Tear Fund], [Save the Children], [Oxfam], [Cafod] and Christian Aid; for [NCH Action for Children] [Shelter], [Barnardo's] and [Amnesty International], [Caring for Life], [Mission Aviation Fellowship], [Air Ambulance], and many more not mentioned - and for all whose love and care reflects God's grace for all. May this be our prayer and we ask it in Christ's name. Amen

**SMC**  **SOMERSET MENDIP METHODIST CIRCUIT**  
Encouraging Discipleship

Are you a member of a Christian Church with the pastoral skills and an ability to work with people of all ages and backgrounds?  
We are seeking 2 Pastoral and Community workers to join our team.  
Working with the ministers responsible for these churches and the Circuit Leadership team, the positions provide a challenging and satisfying role performed in the churches and the community.

**Lay Pastoral and Community Worker for Frome Area**

The position will involve working with churches and communities in Frome, Oakhill, Norton Down, Rode, and Coleford.  
Working with the minister responsible for the Frome Section and the Circuit Leadership team, the position provides a challenging and satisfying role performed in the churches and the community.

**Lay Pastoral and Community Worker for the Southern Area**

The position will involve working with churches and communities in Castle Cary, Keinton Mandeville, Somerton and Street  
Working with the minister responsible for the Castle Cary Section and the Circuit Leadership team, the position provides a challenging and satisfying role performed in the churches and the community.

**Both posts**  
A friendly and committed working environment where full training and support will be available.  
20 hours per week.  
Salary £11.64 per hour.

Please write or e-mail for a Job Description and further details to:  
Steve Derby  
Lay Employment Co-ordinator  
Dunroamin, Smiths Lane, DITCHEAT, Somerset BA4 6PR  
e-mail [enquiries@stevederby.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@stevederby.co.uk)

The closing date for applications is 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Interviews at Wells Methodist Church on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

 **"DROP IN" coffee mornings-0 to 90 plus** 

**Good News! We are now holding our coffee mornings on a fortnightly basis:**  
**Come and join us for refreshments and a chat:-**  
**Next one is on Tuesday 19th October**  
**from 9.30am to 12 noon**  
**In the Methodist Hall**  
**Everyone of all ages are most welcome**

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**Dates for October and November are:-**  
**Oct. 19th, Nov. 2nd, 16th, 30th**



**Lectionary Readings** Job 23: 1-9, 16-17. Psalm 22: 1-15. Hebrews 4: 12-16. Mark 10: 17-31

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 Kathleen

**My Thoughts.....**

Whilst listening to the evening news one evening in the week I found myself becoming very anxious about how much we were going to be effected by the lorry drivers shortage and making the sales of petrol unavailable and thinking 'Oh no, we've got over the COVID problems mainly and now we were going to be trapped in our houses by not being able to drive our cars and not being able to buy the necessities we need to feed ourselves' and I felt almost a panic rising in myself and when I was talking to John about how I was feeling he reminded me of verses in the Bible in Matthew's gospel ch 25: verses 35 -40. When I actually read these verses myself it made me feel that this is exactly what we are going to have to do—all of us will need to learn to share and go back to offering our friends and neighbours any excess vegetables we've grown and even make offers of sharing a meal with friends to make our food go around better,

On Friday evening last, John and myself were invited to the Harvest supper at the Evangelical church at Langford. it was just so enjoyable to sit around the table with like minded Christians all eager to share their love with everyone but not expecting anything in return. They were just so anxious that we had enough to eat and drink and the feeling I got was a genuine feeling of love and respect which was passed on to all who were sat around the tabletogether. When I got home I was thinking about how pleasant the evening had been. It made me remember the missionary suppers we used to hold in our school rooms ,

There used to be about 60 plus people being fed and entertained by Mary Walters and her team to raise funds for the missionaries overseas and oh, what fun we use to have. I hope I'm not right in thinking "are we loosing our way"?

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**John Wesley's New Room, Bristol** As you know John Wesley's New Room is the oldest Methodist building in the world. a Chapel, a museum, a cafe and meeting rooms— a place where everyone is welcome to explore, step back, take time, reconnect an recharge. 300 years ago John Wesley started a mission here that sparked the worldwide movement that your church is part of today. Throughout the Autumn, we have a number of events and opportunities at John Wesley's New Room, and we would love your help in getting news about them to your congregations please help us to share and spread the word [newroombristol.org.uk](http://newroombristol.org.uk)

**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 OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

Mon. 4th Oct. My Life as a Vet.

*Peter Holt*

Mon 18th Oct. The Worlds First Computer

*Tony Carroll*

Mon. 1st Nov. Laos

*Ian Bowley*

Mon. 15th Nov. "Till the Clouds Roll by" - Jerome Kern

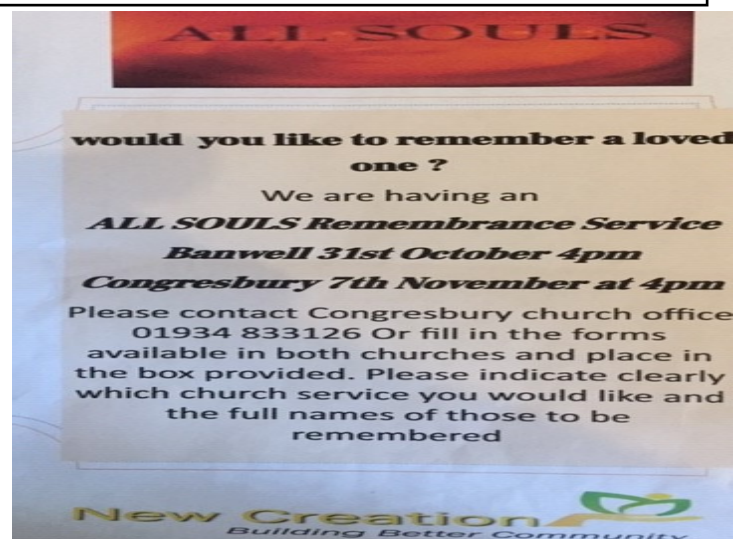
*Terry Merrett-Smith*

Mon. 29th Nov. Bristol's Lost City

*Clive Burlton*

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**Thought For The Week**

**The joy of the Lord is your strength.** (Nehemiah 8:10)