



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 31st October 2021



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have a Facebook Page
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METHODIST CHURCH



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Church Services and Events for October are:-

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

Church Services and Events for November are:

Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning Service will be led by Ken Young

Sunday 7th 6.30pm Evening worship led by Rev. Meg Slingo

Sunday 7th 11.00am **OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED** and we shall join St Andrews for the Remembrance service at **10.30am**

Sunday 21st 11.00 Morning Service led by the Worship Leaders

Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Service led by Rev. Meg Slingo

Remembrance Sunday Sunday 14th of November.

Please note our church will be closed for services to enable us to join St. Andrews service at **10:30am**

All Souls Service There will be an All Souls remembrance service held on Sunday 7th November at 4:00 PM at Saint Andrews, Congresbury. If you wish your loved ones to be mentioned please complete the form on the porch table and return to iris by 31st October

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 NOVEMBER

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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Lectionary Readings Ruth 1: 1-18. Psalm 146: Hebrews 9: 11-14. Mark 12: 28-34.

*The calling of the
Methodist Church is to respond
to the Gospel of God's love in
Christ and to live its disciplesh-
ship in worship and Mission*

Ladies give your support

Ladies please give all your old **bras** a new lease of life and help raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Deposit your old bra in the **Bra Bank Box** in the porch and they will be whisked away to Africa where there is a shortage of affordable bras. Again Breast Cancer will receive a donation based on the weight of the bras collected. The bras collected by us will be eventually taken to Street Methodist Church for distribution.
Poster on the board. Thank you, ladies.

CATCH UP AND PRAYER AND ALSO BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

Friends, I am asking in January and February 2022 would anyone like to have reinstated Catch up and Prayer on Monday afternoons and also Bible Study on Tuesdays?

This may have to move to Tuesday afternoons. Both of these would be on zoom. Please email me. God bless
Meg

PRAYER Father God we celebrate with Thanksgiving and with joy for the servants of the past and for the servants of God whose vision has brought us to this time and place. For those who through the years have stood firm for Christ, For those who have finished the race and won the prize, we thank you Lord.
We thank you too for our life in Christ and the fellowship of his people for freedom to worship and good news to share and for our gathering together in the name of Christ; for our oneness in him and the promise of wholeness both now and to come; for the God who had the first word and assures us that he will have the last; for the one who is worthy. We thank you God in the Name of Jesus. Amen

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 Grace

My Thoughts.....All Saints Sunday & Monday all Saints Day. (or all Souls)

Today I'm using the reading set for tomorrow. "The Beatitudes " It is Matthew chapter 5 1 - 12.

Methodists tend not to celebrate Saints Days. But remember that in the New Testament it says all the faithful are Saints. I'm sure, we have and know Saints. Saints are real people not those figures portrayed in stain glass windows. We have all known many Saints - those who brought us to faith, those who encouraged us on our way, those who provided the care and concern we all need from time to time. Saints are also those who challenge and question us, who invite us to rethink our attitudes and favourite ways of doing things and ask us to test them against the call of God in this age. All of them are our partners in prayer and in service.

All Saints day, or all Souls, is of course in our modern day the time when we all remember people who are no longer with us on earth. In many churches people will be lighting a candle to remember them, I know St Andrews in our village will be holding such a service.

What is All Saints Days? - It was and is, the day to remember all Saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history it provides a contrast to today's Halloween trick or mainly treats, or even modern Christian ideas of alternative events, with All souls day, when priests would encourage their flock to pray for the souls of the departed. The common thread was the belief that a powerful spiritual bond connects us with our ancestors.

People grieve mainly in their own way, but I feel that we don't need a special day to remember our loved ones. Grief doesn't go away we just learn to live with it.

You might wonder how the reading set for all Saints Day speaks to us, the Saints of this generation? By world standards even the poorest in Britain are incredibly rich - that is why so many migrants want to come here. Yet I, like many have experienced hospitality offered by many if the world's poorest people is way in excess of what they can expect to receive in the rich world. Frequently, the Saints , famous or unsung, have not really known where God was leading them, why God wanted something done, or how to go about doing it. Often they doubted whether they would have much impact, for humility is the mark of a true saint. But they got on with it. And we as Christians are called to follow their example, to follow the great heritage of all God's faithful people down the ages. Let us pray that we may live up to whatever He is calling us to do in this age.

PRAYER. - *Blessed are you, O God, for you are holy, gracious and good, the hope of all the faithful. Empower the meek and encourage the poor. Comfort those who mourn, and fill humble hearts with gladness. Give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, peace to the peacemakers, mercy to the merciful, and honour to the despised. Sustain your Saints in ministry, until at last they see their reward, the joy of eternal life with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Matthew 5; 1-12 (MWB)

Grace Isaac [LP]



Thought For The Week

Pray anywhere
because God
is everywhere.



'DROP IN' coffee mornings-0 to 90 plus



Come and join us for refreshments and a chat:-

Tuesdays every fortnight

9.30am to 12 noon

In the Methodist Hall

Everyone of all ages are most welcome

November dates are:-



2nd, 16th, 30th

