



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 8th May

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Church Events for May

Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning Worship led by
Lois Emm
Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy
Communion led by Rev. Meg Slings
Sunday 22nd 10.30am United Service at Wedmore
(OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED)
Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Barry
Speddings

The calling of the Methodist Church is to
respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ
and to live it's discipleship in worship and
mission

*There is a very warm
welcome to everyone
worshipping our Lord in this
place. After morning
worship there is
refreshments and an
opportunity to have a chat.*



SERVICE AT WEDMORE

On Sunday morning of May 22nd our church will be closed as
we will be joining a Sectional Service at Wedmore with Rev.
Megs other churches. If you wish to attend and would like a
lift would you please inform one of the stewards as soon as
possible. As the service at Wedmore starts at 10.30am we will
be leaving our village at 9.30am

18th MAY 1.00pm Open Discussion on same sex
marriage and where our church is going regarding
marriages
2.00pm Church Council for church council members
only

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all
those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and
protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength and
wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world that in this moment of crisis, we
may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in
need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice
become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the
world.

Amen.

Ladies Friendly Circle

First of all I must say a huge thank
you to you all for the wonderful
amount of food gifts you brought for
the food bank ,The response from
the lady who received it was so
immensely grateful it made me feel
very humble and wanted to cry. she
explained that because of the
pandemic and the Ukraine situation
gift to the food bank had been very
lean of late ,and also they were
desperate for fit and strong
volunteers (who were under 60
years of age) who held a driving
licence. The age limit is because of
their new Insurance policy .so if you
know any one who s fit and strong
and has some spare time send them
to the food bank please ,and thank
you all for the amount of gifts you
all donated for our Auction what a
lovely happy evening we all had Our
next Aven is our annual meal out
and this year for a change we are
going to the Mendip Springs Golf
Centre but at a lunch time visit so
it's 12 noon for 12 30 lunch so
looking forward to seeing you all
then .
(Kathleen standing in secretary)

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

My Thoughts..... As I have been thinking what to write about this week I cannot help but return to Mary's thoughts last week (when you have time, you may like to read them again) and I can echo them, but feel ashamed that sometimes I have not applied all of them in the way I should. I am a firm believer that actions speak louder than words, but is this enough?

We sing hymns like 'We've a Story to Tell to the Nations' and 'Tell out my Soul the Greatness of the Lord' with the last line of the hymn ending 'To Children's children and for evermore. Then there is the lovely hymn-'O Jesus I have Promised to Serve Thee to the End' So the answer to myself is, it is not enough! As Christians 'We Have a Gospel to Proclaim'. Sadly many of us fall very short in this respect.

The hymn that I have been asked to play most at our services over the Easter period has been 'Christ is Alive! Let Christians sing. 'His Cross Stands Empty to the Sky'. In these words we can find Hope, Peace and Love in Jesus. There is the hope that through conquering death he is alive for evermore. In him we can know his love and peace that goes beyond all human understanding. We can see it today by so many in their actions of love in helping the needy around the world that can in some cases cost them there lives.

Like Ken I took on the task of reading the whole of the Bible from the beginning of the Pandemic but I am going at a slower pace. However I am reading from Hebrews now and the end is in sight. I must admit it has been a challenge but very, very worth while and I would recommend it all. Asking the Holy Spirit for guidance has helped so much. A challenge can do no harm, so give it a go!

I mention this because in a few short weeks we shall be entering the Season of Pentecost and shall be celebrating the Season of the coming of the Holy Spirit and so we read in John 14: 25-27 NIV -Jesus says *"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid"*.

John Chaplin (WL)

'DROP IN' coffee mornings-0 to 90 plus

17th & 31st May 9.30am to 12 noon

In the Methodist Hall

Thought For The Week . **Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths**

Proverbs 3: 5-6

