



Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 15th May

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Church Events for May

Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo
Tuesday 17th 9.30am-12noon 0-90's 'Drop In'
Coffee Morning in the Methodist Hall
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.

'DROP IN' coffee mornings-0 to 90 plus

17th & 31st May 9.30am to 12 noon **In the Methodist Hall**

PRAYER You are my rock, and I run to you today, believing that you will lift up my heavy arms, that you will fuel me for the tasks you've given me, and that your joy will completely consume the weakness of my life and make me strong again. I don't want to stay grounded, crippled by limitations and failed attempts. I'm tired of feeble efforts. Lord, I want to mount up with wings like an eagle and not just fly. I want to soar.

Renew my strength, Lord. Fill me with your supernatural power to overcome each obstacle in my path. With my eyes on you, Lord, with you walking beside me, working through me, I can make it. Thank you, Lord! Amen



...they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they will mount up on wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

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 Kathleen

My Thoughts..... Pathways

I have always loved photographs and pictures of pathways, especially long and twisted ones. My thoughts immediately make me ask 'where does this path lead and what may we find once we've passed the first corner? This then led me on to thoughts of 'isn't life a bit like this? When we're young if we're lucky, our parents hold our hand and help us along the pathway picking us up if we fell down and keeping us on the right path, but next comes I think the most difficult time on the pathway. When we are teenagers we think we know it all, don't we? Perhaps for some of us this was the first time we travelled the path alone and eventually got to the first corner and we very timidly crept on around the next bend and before we knew it there were decisions to make. Did we stay on the main pathway where the street lights helped to light the path for us or did we get tempted to try the little twisty turns on the path which are so tempting -until you got there? Was there someone who helped us on our way until the path became wider and easier to travel? Next, I personally feel comes the hardest time on the path when we have to decide what path or career do we want to follow. This can lead us down many paths can't it? Was the first choice the right one or did we get part way along and change our minds and hopefully found another path to follow or did we stick to the safe path and reached our final destination following the choice we first made? What path do we then take - do we get married and find the love of our lives and start the pathway once again helping our own family on it or do we stay on the path following our chosen career then comes the decision as we get much older, do we follow the path and find a suitable place on this pathway where we can live and enjoy other peoples company or do we move and find a completely new path to follow?

I know whatever path I've been tempted to go on, there has always been someone with me and that was and is JESUS. So many times on life's path he has had to pick me up and put me back on the right path and no matter how many times I let him down he is there ready to pick me up and gently lead me back on to the right path. Why does he do it? Because he promised that he would always love me and that in what ever state he found me he would rescue me and lead me home. This promise is not just for me but for everyone. It also makes me think of the poem 'Footprints in the Sand. Perhaps if you don't know this one why not look it up. so I hope next time you see a pathway you'll think who's travelling this path with me!



Kathleen Chaplin (S) (WL)

Thought For The Week . “So then just as you received Christ as Lord, continue and live In him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2: 6-7