



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

## Week beginning 17th July

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### Church Events for July

Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Ian Bowley

**Sunday 24th 11.00am** Morning Worship led by John Chaplin and the Worship Leaders

**Sunday 31st 11.00am** Morning Worship led by Rev. Robert Channon

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.*



### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday 24th July 4.00pm.** Leaving Service for Rev. Craig and Elizabeth Manley at Castle Cary Church

**Sunday 21st August 3.00pm.** Closing down service at Wedmore Methodist Church

**Saturday 3rd September 4.00pm.** Welcome Service for Rev. Colin Moore and family at Castle

### COFFEE MORNING

**We would like to thank everyone who helped in any way at Ken's Coffee Morning and for those who made cakes. £170 was raised for church funds.**

**PRAYER** O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; For the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot. We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring. Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory. O God our creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN



### REVD CAROL CHAPLIN:

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of our sister-in-law last Sunday afternoon at Weston Hospice following a long illness. Carols family have sent us the details of the funeral arrangements below: -

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For friends of Revd Carol Chaplin: A celebration of Carol's life will be taking place at Churchill Methodist Church on Friday 22nd July 11am, followed by a private family burial. Please know you are all warmly invited to Shipham Village Hall BS25 1SG after the service to share your memories of Carol with us all. Buffet provided; Carol was very clear that everyone should be well fed so please do come! If you don't have transport a minibus will be available. Please do not feel you need to wear black; her family won't be. Family flowers only. Donations will be split between Weston Hospice Care and Coeliac UK. Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers throughout Carol's long illness.

*John and Kathleen*

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 KEN

**My Thoughts.....** Some times I cast my eyes along my bookshelves and notice an old favourite! Often, I it is something I haven't actually opened and read for years and years. This is what has happened to me over the last few weeks!

I picked up and started to reread "Pilgrims Progress". John Bunyan started his life as a tinker and as a Puritan was locked up for holding open-air services! It was in Bedford jail that his masterpiece was written.

For me it springs to mind at crisis points in my life or in the lives of those around me!

Just lately I have thought once again of those immemorial words telling us about those who have shared our earthly pilgrimage;

***"They passed over and the trumpets sounded as they landed on the other side!"***

If it's been a long time since you read those page's I urge you to read them once more!

**Ken Hill [LP]**

**FOOD BANK**

We are pleased to say we are re-installing a box in our Church Porch for the Foodbank and realise things are becoming very difficult for all of us but if we can manage to put one item per week in the box it would soon be full and the Foodbank would be so grateful as they have so many more clients to feed. The box will be emptied on a regular basis

- TINNED POTATOES/ INSTANT MASH
- INSTANT NOODLES
- HONEY
- INSTANT HOT CHOCOLATE
- INSTANT COFFEE
- TINNED FISH
- COOKING SAUCES
- DEODORANT
- WASHING POWDER/TABS
- DRY PET FOOD
- SHOWER GEL



**John and Kathleen**



*Thought For The Week* .

**God has given us  
two hands, one to  
receive with and  
the other to  
give with.**

**Billy Graham**