



Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 18th September 2022

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Church Events for September

Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb
Sunday 25th 11.00am **Harvest Festival** Service led by Rev. Robert Channon (Followed by a *Harvest Meal* at 1.00pm in the Methodist Hall

CHURCH COUNCIL Please note Change of DATE
The date of our next Church Council has been changed from October 26th to **November 9th at 2.00pm**

EVENING SERVICES
The Stewards have decided that as from October 2nd our evening services will cease during the winter months. Thank you for all your support

HARVEST As we have done over the past few years during our Harvest Service we will be making donations to the Methodist Centre for the homeless in Bristol. Brown envelopes will be on the Porch table if you require one. If you wish to bring food for the Food Bank as well please do so **and we will use it to decorate our central table**

Harvest Lunch
Next Sunday—25th of September it is our Harvest Service. Nicola and her band of helpers have put on a Harvest Lunch following the service at 1.00pm and would love us all to come and enjoy a meal together as a church family. It will be held in our Methodist Hall along the road. The cost will be £5 a ticket available from Nicola Cunningham. 832205.
Visitors very welcome.



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



Ladies Friendly Circle
The next Ladies Friendly Circle meeting will be held in the Methodist Hall on Wed. 28th Sept at 7.30pm. Speakers: Ian and Marjorie Ball. 'Travelling from Singapore to UK' **KATHLEEN CHAPLIN**

FOOD BANK On Monday last we took more gifts to the Foodbank you had kindly given us. Another 23.15kg! So in three weeks we had actually managed to bring 43.45kg of food, Lucy the lady at the Foodbank was feeling quite low because the weather had stopped her skydive and she was hoping that people wouldn't take their sponsorships away. I said that I was sure that the sponsors from our church would be happy for her to hold this over until her jump was complete. And she hopes to do this in October now **KATHLEEN**

PRAYER Father God we pray for the King and the royal family on Monday as the State funeral takes place and also for others we know who are experiencing similar sadness in their lives. May you hold them in the palm of your hands and put your loving arms around them. We pray also for the clergy and all who minister to those bereaved that in their sadness give words of comfort and we pray for the readers, wardens and stewards as they support them. Thank you too for those who provide music, hospitality and flowers, so we offer these prayers in the Name of Jesus that you will grant them peace. **AMEN**



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 we all know the news over the past couple of weeks have been dominated by two major events. Firstly we have a new Prime Minister, Liz Truss who was almost overshadowed by the the death of our Sovereign Queen Elizabeth II, and subsequently we have a new King, Charles III. These events are so contrasting inasmuch as Liz Truss beginning the next stage of her life in trying to help our nation through the many difficulties we face. The death of the Queen means she has ended the longest reign in history of a monarch who through birth has been a member of the Royal Family and who HAS helped our nation constantly through the whole of her life. Much has been hard for her. Over the past week we have seen and heard many, many interviews from people (some have spoken to her) of all ages who have felt her love and compassion, and of course her graciousness as the National Anthem implies. We have recently heard the tribute our new king has given to his mother and much what he says is that in some ways he, it seems, is and will be echoing much his mother has done, such as his concerns and his love for our nation.

The news of these events over these couple of weeks has made me think, ‘what a difference!’ Previous weeks and months all we would hear would be arguments and strikes, saving the planet, cost of living and hardship all this brings to us and especially to those in need. All this seems very negative. Yet the sadness we have experienced through the passing of our monarch has in many ways drawn people closer together and there is more of a community spirit. This makes me think of the hymn-Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy, the praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ. Perhaps our lives are being jolted at this time because things are not going to be quite the same from now on. So we pray for Liz Truss and those under her leadership that they will seek wisdom in all the decisions they need to make and also King Charles III as he and his family mourn for his mother and also that he also be given the wisdom in overseeing the duties that lie ahead of him.

***Prayer.** Father God we pray that you grant wisdom to those in authority and that in the days, months and years that lie ahead they will seek to know you more. That they know you as King of kings and Lord of lords, the Way, the Truth and the Life. We pray also for ourselves at this time as we face a future of change that we turn our eyes to you-for you call us to follow you to bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to you as Servant King. Lord we give you all the honour and praise as we count our many blessings you have bestowed upon us. Holy Spirit we ask these things through the name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

John [WL]

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 SEPTEMBER 2022

Mon. 26th Scam Awareness

Lin Griffin

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Thought For The Week

