



## Congresbury Methodist Church News Week beginning 4th December

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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Church Events for December

**Sunday 4th 11.00am** Morning Worship led by Barry Speddings

**Wednesday 7th 11.00am** Prayer Time

**When we talk to God!** This includes refreshments and led by Iris in our church All are welcome

**Sunday 11th 11.00am** Gift Service with Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slings

**Monday 12th 1.00pm** Pastoral Carers meeting

**Monday 12th 2.00pm** Church Council meeting

**Sunday 18th 11.00am** Morning Worship led by Ken Hill **Sunday 18th 4.00pm** Carol Service led by Rev. Ian Bowley, followed by refreshments in the Hall

**Wednesday 21st 7.30pm** Ladies Friendly Circle Christmas Party held in the Hall

**Sunday 25th 10.00am** Christmas Day Sectional Service led by Rev. Meg Slings

**PASTORAL CARERS MEETING** Monday 12th December at 1.00pm followed by **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** at 2.00pm in our church

**Gift Service** Our Gift Service will be held on Sunday 11th at 11.00am. Gifts required will be any Christmas foods i.e. biscuits, chocolates or sweeties etc. They will be taken to the Food Bank the following week. Please leave the gifts in the Porch. Thank you.

**PRAYER GROUP** Our next Prayer Time is on Wednesday November 7th at 11am and includes refreshments. In these days we feel it is an important time that we all gather together for prayer, either silent or spoken. Please come and join us. Even if dropping in for just 5-10 minutes. John and Iris

**PRAYER** Heavenly Father, once again we are preparing for Christmas, and we ask you to help us to find time in our busy lives for quiet and thought and prayer, that we may reflect upon the wonder of your love and allow the story of the Saviour's birth to penetrate our hearts and minds. So may our joy, our hope, our peace be deeper, our worship more real, and our lives worthier of all that you have done for us through the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, we ask that all who come into our church this Christmas time may be enabled to renew their relationship with you. Help us all to be glad of your presence, and to rejoice at the coming of Jesus. May we also pray that your blessing be upon us all. Give us grace to live as faithful members of your family that we may learn each day afresh to love and serve you as you love us. AMEN

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.*



**Ladies Friendly Circle**  
**On Wednesday December 21st 7.30pm the meeting is our Christmas party, hosted by our committee members and also we will be having a visit from our minister Rev Meg Slings.**

**At our last meeting it was suggested that if we are able to, we could donate a tin or bottle etc to the Foodbank to help them restock after the urgent plea for help needed by the Foodbank this year, before Christmas. Many thanks. Kathleen x**



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.....Second week of Advent**

Here we are with three weeks to go to one of the most important times in the year, CHRISTMAS. In church on Sunday morning we will light the second candle on our Advent ring and this reminds us of Matthews gospel chapter three, when John the Baptist was baptising the Jews, preparing them for the one who was to come.

Are we preparing ourselves for the baby who comes to us each Christmas Day? Or are we so wrapped in chasing around buying presents worrying if the person we're buying for will like it or will they just open the present and put it away and even pass it quickly on to the nearest charity shop, or are we thinking of that lonely person who perhaps would so be so happy to just receive a card through the door or even nicer would be a knock on the door! or the family who perhaps would appreciate some biscuits or chocolates for the family. The majority of us could so easily spare that but only we personally know our own circumstances. so as our founder member, John Wesley said "and their hearts were strangely warmed" may we find our hearts thinking of others this Christmas and as Mary said last week all we need is Love.

**KATHLEEN CHAPLIN (S)(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 DECEMBER 2022

Mon. 5th The Story of the Off Shore Pirate Radio Stations

**Clive Burlton**

Mon. 19th Down Memory Lane— a nostalgic tour of Denmark incl Danish Christmases

**Preben Andersen**

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**Thought For The Week**

**HARK THE GLAD SOUND  
THE SAVIOUR COMES**

