



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 22nd January 2023

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Church Services for January 2023

Sunday 22nd 11.00am COVENANT SERVICE

led by Rev. Meg Slingo

Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Eric Small

Church Services for February

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Sunday 12th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Tina Swire

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Young

Leprosy Mission

Ken has ask that we save all our used stamps to go to the Leprosy mission cause. **BUT THEY WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEM UP UNTIL MARCH** These are needed to raise funds and can be placed in a box in the church window sill, or put put through Ken's letterbox

Ladies Friendly Circle

The next Ladies Friendly Circle meeting will be held in the Methodist Hall on Wed. 25th

January at 7.30pm.

'The Life Of a Vet'

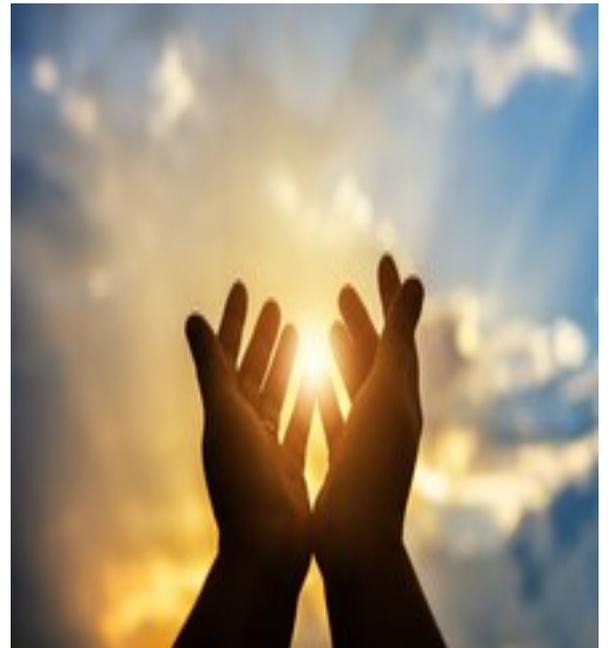
By Prof. Peter Holt

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN

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.



METHODIST COVENANT PRAYER I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you may place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things and when I have nothing. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose. Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. May it be so for ever. Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. 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 Barry

My Thoughts Christmas and New Year are less than a month away but seem like a distant memory. We are being bombarded with “news” about Valentines Day, Easter and Summer Holidays and of course all the commercial money spinning offers and activity that go with these events. These events have their place and some are more important than others but do we need the razzamatazz and commercial emphasis. I guess it is just someone trying to make a living and get by in this money charged world. For me I try not to be distracted by all the money grabbing ideas and the keeping up with the Jones’s and focus more on the simple pleasures of enjoying time with friends and family and where I can in some small way doing someone a good turn. I am no saint and could probably do a lot more but you have to start somewhere.

Last week we heard the reading about the good Samaritan who looked after the traveller that had been attacked, robbed and beaten when others who could/should have helped passed by on the other side. The Samaritan didn’t stop to help in order to bolster his business or his standing in the community, he helped because his fellow man was in need and he was there. I hope I would take the same approach and give help to those who need it. Again last week we heard about the good work that is done in our local food bank and I know many of us contribute to that cause either with gifts of food or money and the organisers are very grateful for all they receive. There are many good causes we could contribute towards and it is difficult to know which need our help the most but if we do what we can then we can be content that we have tried to help people in greater need than us. That help doesn’t have to be financial, prayer is a great way to focus on those less fortunate and it can change minds and attitudes of those around us so that they too focus on those in need.

So, we do what we can, give what we can and pray when we can for all those who need it.

BARRY SPARKS (S)



Thought For The Week

If you have time to worry, you have time to pray!