



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

## Week beginning 9th April 2023

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# Happy Easter

### Church Services and Meetings for April

**Easter Sunday 9th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Lois Emm**  
**Sunday 16th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Hill**  
**Sunday 23rd 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo**  
**Sunday 30th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders**

**Easter Sunday Morning.** It has been a practice of our church to decorate our empty Cross with small bunches of flowers to celebrate Jesus rising from the tomb, so if you have any small flowers they would be much appreciated, and would you please bring them on Sunday morning.

### Easter morning Sunrise Service

As usual we shall meet on the millennium green at 6.15am for a short service (who knows perhaps we will see the sun rise this year!) and then afterwards go to the Methodist hall where hot cross buns and tea and coffee will be waiting for us all. It would be good to see you. Why not come and join

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



**Shirley Bullock** Shirley s funeral service will take place on Friday April 21st at 12 30pm at Weston Crematorium and then afterwards at Congresbury Recreation Club.

**Leprosy mission** We would like to thank everyone that contributed to the Leprosy Mission a couple of weeks ago and are pleased to say that a total of £321.00 was raised and has been forwarded to the mission.

Father God, We praise you that even when the world and our neighbours have like the crowds of Palm Sunday stop praising, you still love us that even when those around us like the mob that cried 'Crucify!' turning their backs on you and rejecting your son and your purpose of grace for a lost world, still you cannot be defeated so we praise you that whether like the crowds we wave our palm branches or whether it feels if we are standing at the foot of across surrounded by the mystical sea shores your grace which is all sufficient no matter the cost we praise you for the victory of your love that triumphed over sin and death. we praise you that now and always we can claim you as our living Lord. So we thank you and we praise you today. AMEN



## EASTER MORNING

*-Hallelujah!*



Lord Jesus. we praise you for the hope and joy of this day we praise you for the assurance Christ resurrection gives us and that your victory will always have the final word over all the work, hurt, sorrow and the darkness of life. We praise you that we went to the empty cross and we found a Saviour and we praise you even more when we went to the empty tomb and we returned with the Lord. So, Lord, we simply cannot find the words that will do justice for the joy we feel and to the worship that we long to offer you. We praise you for sharing our sin and our shame. We praise you for the way of your resurrection that rekindles our faltering faith that gives light and which breaks into our darkness and touches us with assurance that nothing will ever be the same again. THINE BE THE GLORY, RISEN, CONQUERING SON, ENDLESS IS THE VICTORY THOU O'ER DEATH HAST WON. 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** The last time I wrote a piece for the notices was, I think, in January when we had just stopped thinking about Christmas and I was bemoaning the shops for promoting Easter Eggs!! Well, here we are it is Easter NOW, and for me it has sort of crept up on me. I think that is to do with being away for three Sundays in early March and not getting into lent mode early enough. Nevertheless, by the time you read this we will probably have had our Good Friday service and will be waiting to celebrate the resurrection.

It still strikes me as incredible that God would send his only son to earth and let him be crucified.

But then I think/realise it was all part of his master plan, knowing the resurrection was to follow and then his ascendancy into heaven. God was sure his people would see that all the good and kind acts that Jesus made would enable him to overcome the “petty” cruelties of this world and transition to a place where all was calm and bliss. He clearly hoped we would see the light and follow suit in our lives on earth. Many thousands, millions, have tried and despite the wicked actions of a minority have found great comfort in knowing they have acted decently and in a caring manner during their lives. They will have gone to heaven. For those we know have gone to heaven we have to do likewise if we are to meet them again in the hereafter. We must be kind and tolerant with our fellow citizens on earth and always try to help those who need it. How else can we hope to follow those who have gone before.

For many this is a time to get away for a break from the tedium of daily life. For many that is not an option. For us all it should be a time to take stock and consider how we conduct our lives and how we treat those around us. Is it with kindness and love or is it with indifference. Search in your heart and find the way it must be if God’s self-sacrifice is to mean anything.

**Barry Sparks (S)**

**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 APRIL 2023

*Apr. 17th. - Operation Black Buck*  
**Baz Hamblin**

*May 8th . - No meeting—Bank Holiday*

*May 22nd An Actor’s Voice for me*  
**Gina Merritt Smith**

*June 5th - Last meeting TBA*

**Return on Monday 11th September 2023**

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**Thoughts For The Week**

*Alleluia, give  
thanks to the  
Risen Lord*