



## Congresbury Methodist Church News

### Week beginning 21st May 2023

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### Church Services and Meetings for May

**Sunday 21st Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Ian Bowley**  
**Sunday 28th 10.30am United Service at Banwell Methodist Church**  
**(NO SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH)**

### Church Services and Meetings for June

**Sunday 4th Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Michael Pullan**  
**Wednesday 7th 11.00am Prayer time.**  
**This includes refreshments in our church. All are welcome**  
**Sunday 11th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders**  
**Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Hill**  
**Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson**

**FOOD BANK** We have made another delivery to the Food Bank and the total weight was 19.55kg. Lucy was so pleased that we are continuing to make contributions and says the need is ever greater even at this time of year. However Lucy has made a request that we give no pet food as there isn't an outlet for these gifts and she is struggling to find someone to pass the items on to.

Thank you again for your continued love and support.  
*John and Kathleen*



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.*



**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

*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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### Ladies Friendly Circle

#### Wednesday 24th May

**This is our last get together before September and it is our Annual Lunch at Mendip Springs Golf Course. We shall meet at 12noon for 12.30pm lunch**

**PRAYER** Father God we praise you for the light of Christ that conquers all the darkness in our lives. We praise you for the love of Jesus that by His resurrection He shares our pain and fills us with hope so as we abound in this hope by the power of Your Holy Sprit. Lord Jesus fill us with all joy and peace.

Holy Spirit, fill us with all joy and peace as we believe in You. Empower our lives to produce Your fruit of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. We ask that through Your power we can we live in holiness and in victory over sin. Speak to us, Father God, fill us, and empower us. Amen.

**My thoughts for the week** Maybe I am putting my farming/gardening hat on now. It is something that comes naturally to me as I was brought up on the farm. Every year has its season. Each month, week and day likewise. Some of us may have a favourite season of the year because of the various festivities we celebrate but I am thinking beyond these. I am thinking more of nature governed by the length of the days with the daylight hours and it's increasing warmth in the latter part of Spring. I would say this would be a special part of the year for me which is beginning now and is from mid May to the longest day (21st June) Up until mid May we are so busy preparing the land and then sowing and planting the many vegetables and flowers. Over the next three weeks or so most of the remaining tender plants should be cared for, for a bit longer because of the danger of the possibility of late frosts.

The reason I believe this to be the special part of the year for me is that God always rewards me/us for the efforts we put in. I never cease to marvel at the speed of growth over this period of the year and as soon as the days shorten then the plants begin maturing and then ripening until the season of harvest (only about four months away!) You will note from last weeks notices that we have just passed the season of Rogation when we celebrate God's wonderful creation. We remind ourselves of how much we depend on the crops in the fields and farm animals for our food, as well as remembering so many other blessings. In my younger days the church I attended would hold their annual Rogation service in a hilly field nearby. Before I finish I would like to draw attention to the need of perseverance and patience if we expect reward. We have the small seeds that need tender loving care. We all have different gifts so may we thank God for the ones we have. How many of you saw the Coronation concert two weeks ago and saw Lucy who is blind with other problems; And how fantastic was her playing of the piano! There were people that recognised her gift and it was their gift of love and patience that was rewarded. May we thank God for their love, patience and understanding and maybe for their example as well.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.  
Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.  
All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

*The Lord God made them all. John Chaplin*



**Photo :-** 3 Petunia plants alongside approx. 100 seed (circled and hardly seen with the naked eye!) and has taken them about 8-10 weeks to grow to this stage and promises me with the many plants I have to produce beautiful scented flowers from late June until September. This gives satisfaction and joy. Man planned many years to get to the moon and many other marvellous inventions. We thank God for technology also but is there any comparison?

### Thoughts For The Week

**LET EVERYTHING THAT HAS  
BREATH PRAISE THE LORD**

**Psalm 150: 6**