



Congresbury Methodist Church News

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Church Services for June

Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Hill

Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

SUGGESTIONS FOR PRAYER THIS WEEK

- ♦ Prayers for our troubled world
- ♦ Health and Health Workers
- ♦ Natural disasters
- ♦ Conflict and political instability
- ♦ Refugees and asylum seekers
- ♦ Prayer for world peace
- ♦ For people we know and love
- ♦ For ourselves



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.



Food bank



On Wednesday this week, John and I took another trip to the Foodbank depot, and we handed over 18.kgs of the generous food donations you have donated , unfortunately Lucy was out making collections from the big stores. The depot actually did look quite empty and the lady that received our donations told us they were desperate for tinned peas, tinned carrots, rice puddings tinned meats, cereals, tinned or packet custard and squash any flavours. We know how difficult and expensive it is to go shopping but if you could possibly just put one thing in the box at church we know it Would make a huge difference to the food bank. Many, many thanks.
Kathleen and John xx.

PRAYER Blessed are you, Sovereign God, fountain of life, to you be glory and praise for ever. When your people were thirsty in the wilderness, you remained faithful and abundantly provided water from the rock for them to drink. You visit the earth and water it, you crown the year with goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. You are the giver of all good things, gifting to us each new day, your mercies are new every morning, and we, your creatures, glorify you. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever. AMEN

My thoughts Following on from Ken's thoughts last week a friend came round to the house on Monday and she introduced us to an "App" called Merlin which you can use to find out which birds are active in your local area or garden. You just set your phone to listen for any bird song/chatter and it tells you exactly which birds they are. We had about 8 different birds recognised while we sat in our back garden in about twenty minutes. We didn't see all the birds and some were not there for very long but as they went about their day we became aware of them. It was amazing and scary to think how an app on a mobile phone can give such an insight into a hitherto unrecognised element of every day life.

They say AI (Artificial Intelligence) will be the downfall of mankind if it is not carefully controlled and they could well be right. On the news this week was an article about how Paul McCartney has taken just the words sung by John Lennon from a hitherto unused recording from around the 1970's and is looking to mix it with music played by John Lennon and other members of the Beatles to create a "new" Beatles record many years after the last "live" recording the group made.

This might seem amazing, awesome and a great way to keep the memory of the Beatles alive but I somehow doubt it will last for over 2000 years which is what God has achieved with the works of his son Jesus and God didn't have apps to hand or the ability to isolate words sung in a recording.

OR, HAS HE GOT ALL OF THAT AND SO MUCH MORE???? Something to ponder on.

Barry Sparks (S)



Thought For The Week

As for God, His way is perfect, the word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him

Psalm 18:30