



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 20th August 2023

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Church Services for August

Sunday 20th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Young
Sunday 27th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Barry Speddings

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

THIS SATURDAY



Congresbury Methodist Church

You are invited to a

CREAM TEA



At Little Orchard, Hewish

(From Congresbury- On the left of the A370 before Puxton turning)

On Saturday August 19th 2.30pm-4.30pm



AT ENTRANCE

Fee is £5

Money raised is for Church Funds

By kind permission of Nicola



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
The Monday before last found us making another delivery to the Food Bank. On arrival we were met by a charming young man called Luke. "No Lucy today" says I. "No, she's having a well earned holiday, so you guys have to put up with me today!!" So in replying I said "well, all this is from Congresbury Methodist church" "what a coincidence" says Luke, "I work in Congresbury" "Oh where?" says I "Right opposite your church's school rooms at the pet care centre. I work 3 and 1/2 days there and volunteer at the Foodbank for 2 and 1/2 days". When he weighed in our gifts an amazing 45.05kgs was registered. "You will never know how your gifts are an answer to prayer" says Luke. "not only have you brought food but there's this pouch filled with toiletries. Only this morning we had a request if we had anything suitable for a lady who was going into hospital and needed a toilet bag to put her soap and flannel and toothbrush and toothpaste in and here we are!

Someone has sent not only the waterproof pouch but it's already full of the things she needs" Well, that was brought to our church coffee morning and wasn't sold as well as the other toiletries we brought. Someone said why not put it in Foodbank box so that's what we did and here we are and yes God does answer our prayers and make us mindful of those worse off than ourselves. love Kathleen xx

A MORNING PRAYER We pray for those whose minds are full of joy; for those whose thoughts are good and right and true; for those who fill their minds with the word of God and for those who daily seek his presence and his blessing; for those whose first thoughts are always for the good of their neighbour and for those whose example of love brings hope to others; for those whose words and deeds lead others closer to God and for those whose whole life is a prayer of thanks and praise. May the mind of Christ bless others through them. May this be our prayer and we ask it in Jesus' name. AMEN.

My thoughts for the week. Memories and Friends

Last week saw one of our members very sadly but graciously have to give up her home and move into the Elms Nursing home. Jean had lived in the same house that she had been born in some 90 plus years ago. When John and I visited Jean a couple of days before she moved, we were talking about how long we had known each other. "Oh" says John, "it's got to have been a long time because you played the organ for our wedding". Jeans eyes lit up; "Yes, and for most of Kathleen's sisters as well" she said. And she also said, "I've known Kathleen since she was three years of age when her mum brought her and her twin sister to Sunday school along with her brothers and sisters" And then we recalled all the things we were involved with together as I grew up, to name a few there was junior choir, Christian Endeavour, scripture exams and plenty more, but just as we were about to leave Jean handed me her Action for Children box; a glass jar teddy bear containing 5p pieces "That's for the Food Bank" she said, and lastly a pot for the Leprosy Mission which I thanked her very much for, and suddenly into my mind came a chorus we used to sing at Sunday school. 'Hear the pennies dropping, listen as they fall. Every one for Jesus, he shall have them all'. I started to repeat this and suddenly all three of us were singing the old Chorus word for word perfect, "It's like being back at the beginning" says Jean; but at least we could remember all the words" then says I, "now I have to rely on other people to fill in the gaps for me. Isn't it really wonderful to have someone who knows you so well and who has been a friend all your life. I suppose you could say that Jean is doing what Jesus has asked her to do. That is to love one another and love God. Amen

Kathleen Chaplin (S)(WL)



Message from Meg-Bible Studies Would you, the wider church family be interest in Possible Bible studies? They are entitled: Life Explored. Christianity Explored. Discipleship Explored. (Christianity Explored. You may feel this would be for yourself or a friend who is seeking faith or if you are new to the church. Each study would last for around six weeks and would involve multi media. If one of these studies were to happen it would not be before September.

Please if you are interested telephone me on 01934 852314 or email me:

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Thank you for your prayers.

Meg

Thought For The Week

"If we trust God more, we can fear less."