



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 24th September 2023

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Church Services for September

**Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning Worship
and Holy Communion led by
Rev Meg Slingo
THIS IS ALSO OUR HARVEST SERVICE**

Church Services for October

Sunday 1st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Hill

**Wednesday 4th 11.00am A Time For Prayer This
includes refreshments in our church. All are
welcome**

Sunday 8th 11.00am

**Chapel Anniversary. Morning Worship led by Rev.
Robert Channon**

**Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy
Communion led by Rev Meg Slingo**

**Sunday 22nd 11.00am Morning Worship led by the
Worship Leaders**

**Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Eric
Small**

Harvest

This Sunday (September 24th) is our Harvest Festival and as in past years we will be handed a brown envelope in which to put our harvest donation towards the Bristol Methodist Centre. Also we will be accepting food items to decorate our church windows with. These items will then be taken to the Food Bank so which ever you feel you can support your gifts to will be greatly appreciated. Our centre table will be prepared for our Communion Service which will also be happening at our morning gathering.

PRAYER Creator God,
forgive our moments of
ingratitude, the
spiritual blindness that
prevents us from
appreciating the
wonder that is this
world, the endless cycle of nature, of
life and death and rebirth. Forgive us
for taking without giving, reaping
without sowing. Open our eyes to see,
our lips to praise, our hands to share.
May our feet tread lightly on the path
we tread and our footsteps be worthy
of following, for they lead to you. AMEN



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.*



Jean Darby

It is with great sadness that we have to tell you of the passing of Jean, she is well remembered for her organ playing in her younger days here in Congresbury and her amazing work with Sunday School and youth work. Many of our older congregation have memories of being taken out in Jean's father's "egg van" for a trip to the beach at Brean. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. As yet there are no dates etc. for her funeral. We will let you all know as and when dates are available.

Ladies Friendly Circle

The Ladies Friendly Circle are
resuming after the Summer break
and the first meeting will be held
in the Methodist Hall on
Wednesday 27th September
at 7.30pm.

'History of the Court House'

By Marlene Holmes

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN

My thoughts Reading the “thoughts for the week “over the last couple of weeks has made me think of my personal situation and events/experiences that have happened to me recently. I am writing this whilst up near Manchester visiting a long-standing friend who is experiencing some challenging health issues and we decided on the spur of the moment to come up and visit him and his wife and offer our support directly rather than over the phone or by text. We will only be here a couple of days but we will all get a huge benefit from the visit especially as they have no family of their own to offer direct support.

Strangely on the drive up to Manchester there was a programme on the radio about a convicted drug dealer and general all round bad guy who was converted to Christianity whilst in prison and then proceeded to be derided and mocked by his fellow prisoners. His conversion seemed quite genuine and it seemed to me to be not that dissimilar to John Newton, who Mary Krawczenko wrote about last week, who ended his time as a slave trader when he was caught in a storm in the Atlantic ocean.

We no doubt all have our stories to tell about how our faith affects our lives and our relationships with others and I think it is often in the little things that it has the most impact. We can look at instances when we have been tested and reflect on how we have dealt with those times. Are we content with our actions or could we have done more? I think we could use this time of reflection to try and set our path to aim for a better outcome more often. We will not always get it right or achieve our aims but if we try to improve each time it will be for the benefit of all. If we show our care and love to those around us then any small act of kindness will generate a ripple effect and spur others on to do the same and the result will be beneficial to all.

BARRY SPARKS [S]

Food bank

Monday last saw John and I take another trip to the food bank. Lucy was helping to empty a large trolley from one of the local supermarket trucks plus whatever had been placed in the stores Food Bank container. 27.30kgs was our amount that we weighed in and Lucy told us she didn't know what



they would do without ours and other regular supplies she received. I must admit for a Monday morning it did look empty. I think we cheered her up a little bit when we said it was our Harvest Service in a couple of weeks. The things they are really desperate for are Tinned Fruit, Hot Chocolate and Tinned Meat.

Lucy's parting words to us were 'I know I can rely on Congresbury's Methodist Church so please, please will you thank your members for me on behalf of the families' So well done and thank you everyone.

Kathleen and John xxxx

THE SOMERNOTES



A male voice ensemble performing an eclectic selection of popular, spiritual and show songs, old and new.
You are invited to an afternoon of music with light refreshments at

CHURCHILL METHODIST CHURCH
Front Street, Churchill, BS25 5NG, on

Saturday, 30th September 2023 at 3:00pm
Tickets £8 – under 16s, £2
available from 01934 514363
or available on the door

Proceeds to
Methodist Homes for the Aged
and Churchill Methodist Church funds

Thought For The Week

GOD always has something for you, a key for every problem, a light for every shadow, a relief for every sorrow and a plan for every tomorrow.