



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

## Week beginning 1st October 2023

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### 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.

**John and Iris**

**Sunday 8th 11.00am Chapel Anniversary AND Gift Day**

**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**

**Gift Day Sunday 8th October is our Chapel Anniversary AND as usual it is our Annual Gift Day also when brown envelopes are available for gifts for the running of our church**

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.*



**Hello Friends** The Chapels Anniversary is upon us. Time just seems to fly by! We know Anniversaries are a time often for joy and celebration, for giving thanks. However, having said this, I think you will agree with me there are times when Anniversaries, can bring back sad memories, as people we would have chosen to celebrate with are no longer with us or are unable to attend the service at this time. All of us are mindful of this and continue to hold one another in prayer.

As we hold one another in love and prayer this letter is also being sent to you asking for us all to continue to give thanks.

We give thanks to God for the witness of this building because it has been part of this community for some time and all of you at the Chapel are very much part of that witness. We praise God for all the worship, prayers and fellowship that has taken place here over many years.

As we celebrate the Anniversary of the Chapel, we are also mindful it is Gift Day. A time when we remember all the Lords Blessings and how we can use our gifts to bless others. Thank you each one for the time and your talents that your offer to the Lord especially here in this place. Please do not forget as you offer your gift of money, no matter how large or small, whatever we give to the Lord He will bless and multiply. Let's not forget the small boy who offered his five loaves and two fish. Remember what the Lord Jesus did with that. Please be mindful and remember the very best gift is that of yourself.

Gracious God, may we continue to rejoice in all that you are doing, giving thanks for all that you have done and look forward with joy in our hearts to all that is to come. You have called us by name, continue to anoint us with your Holy Spirit. Thank you, Lord Jesus, that you are our Great High Priest, our Good Shepherd, hearing us when we call out to you. Be Glorified in us, God in three persons Blessed Trinity. Amen.

God bless, Meg

**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**

Well another week has passed and what a lot has gone on. I was watching the news on Wednesday evening and I was just dumbfounded that a young 17 year old man had stabbed a 15 year old girl to death with a knife. What makes a seventeen year old lad carry a knife ? Was his intention to stab the young girl? Then there was a serious coach accident with fifty girls and boys on their way to school; sadly one girl and the coach driver were killed. In Pakistan a young man threw a bomb into a school and killed 20 people. Was his intention to really want to kill people? We will never know because sadly both young men lost their lives too.

I can hear people saying, where was God in these two things plus all the other terrible things that have happened this week? I personally feel that that God must be weeping for all of these people who have been so tragically killed by unnecessary incidents, and pleading with ordinary people like you and me to pray for them and by our actions they may come to realise that there's another way out to solve their problems.

I know the love of God in my life and my prayer is that more and more people will get down on their knees and pray and by our example will show the strength and power of what our love for each other can do in this world Amen

**KATHLEEN CHAPLIN [S][WL]**



**Food bank**

On Wednesday John delivered 51.20kg of a great variety of items to the Foodbank which were given at our Harvest service last Sunday. What a fantastic amount!!!



The stocks they have available seemed very low. The lady who received the gifts said hopefully it will improve when the majority of the gifts of harvest have come in. She told us also that Lucy was at a school giving a talk and making awareness to the problems that some have; that they do not have enough to live on and it is primarily food So well done and thank you all again so very much for your gifts for the needy.

Kathleen and John xxxx

**Jean Darby**

Jean Darby's funeral arrangements are: Cremation at Weston Super mare Crematorium. FAMILY ONLY. There will be a Service of Thanksgiving for Jeans life in our Church on October 16th at 2.00pm. This will be followed by refreshments in the Methodist Hall

**Thought For The Week**

**Do not be  
afraid for  
I am with you.**

(Isaiah 43:5)