



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 29th October 2023

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Church Services for October

Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev Ian Bowley **CHANGE OF PLAN**

Church Services for November

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb

Wednesday 8th 11.00am A Time For Prayer This includes refreshments in our church. All are welcome. John and Iris

Sunday 12th 10.30pm Remembrance United Service at St Andrews Church. NO SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Ian Bowley

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo

ERIC SMALL We are pleased to report that Eric has returned home from hospital and we continue to pray for his complete healing.

Many Thanks Nicola wants to say a very big 'Thank you' to all who helped and supported The Afternoon Tea and Cake event at Hewish on 23rd September when a whopping £850 was raised in aid of Breast Cancer Awareness. Well done everyone.

Ladies Friendly Circle

The Ladies Friendly Circle will meet in the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30pm. **'Christmas Table Decorations'**

By Alison Krawczenko Knight

ALSO ON 20th December (3rd Wednesday) CHRISTMAS PARTY organised by the committee

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN

PRAYER Lord we pray for nations whose people are filled with hatred and aggression towards each other for communities split by distrust and injustice. May the love of God bring a deeper desire for true reconciliation We think particularly of those in Ukraine and Russia- the fighting also in the Middle East

The Lord hears our prayer. Thanks be to God.

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.



Extra hour in bed-29th Oct!



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CHRISTMAS LUNCH
Sunday December 10th at 1.00pm
At Carriages, Hewish

ROAST TURKEY

NUTLESS WELLINGTON
(Vegetarian)

CHRISTMAS PUDDING

TEA or COFFEE

£23.50 Deposit £5.00

For more details or booking please see Nicola Cunningham

My thoughts for the week

Following the thoughts of others in recent weeks I thought I would share some of my recent activities and how the love of family and friends can impact on our lives.

As you know I have been a bit all over the place recently both in terms of location and activities but not in a bad way. A very good friend of over 40 years went into hospital 2 weeks ago for a major operation to remove 70% of his liver, which I was delighted about, because the alternative would have been to give him a projection of his life expectancy which would probably have been very short. He has come through the liver operation and is now at home recovering and waiting for the doctors to start and resolve the prostate cancer issues he has which will be another long battle but one I feel sure he will fight tooth and nail to win. As a consequence, Catherine and I have been up and down to Lymm near Manchester to support him and his wife as they have no family that could step in.

Among all of that Catherine and I hosted a family get together prompted by Catherine's niece coming over from Australia and so we had 21 for dinner one evening 2 weeks ago and we had 7 staying with us the whole weekend. It was full on and busy but lovely to see everyone.

None of this would have happened without the love and goodwill that runs between family and friends and both events would have been very different without the love of God seamlessly evident at all times. If only we could see his love in action more often and in all parts of the world. It is not that he isn't there, it is just that we cannot see him at work or we refuse to accept that he is at work.

Oh that we could be more tolerant and understanding in all aspects of our lives and allow our fellow world dwellers to live their lives without demanding they conform to our way of thinking. What a difference it would make if we could live and let live.

BARRY SPARKS (S)

St Michael's Leonard Cheshire home

Many of you will know already that St Michael's Leonard Cheshire home in Axbridge is closing. Most of the residents have already moved and it will close for good on 31st October. The building will be secured on 8th November and there will be no further access after this. The chapel is a consecrated building so we await what will need to happen to that in the future. Over the years many people both from Axbridge parish and the local ecumenical network have ministered there through the regular services in their chapel. Revd Julie Sims is organising a farewell service in the chapel on Sunday 29th October at 3.00 p.m. This will be an opportunity to mark and celebrate all that has been achieved there over many decades of fruitful contact and worship. All are welcome, particularly anyone who has ministered there and/or been part of the team leading worship.

- Thought For The Week

- **JOY IS THE INFALLIBLE PROOF OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD**