



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 12th November 2023

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Church Services for November

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 Slings

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

GWEN DAWKINS

Sadly Gwen passed away on 22nd October and her funeral will be held at Weston Crematorium on Tuesday 14th November at 12.30pm

WESTON FOODBANK

John took a visit to the Foodbank last Monday. There was an amazing 45.90kg which was received by Lucy who very much appreciated it. So again many thanks for all that you give to this very needy cause.



KATHLEEN AND JOHN

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal 2023

Children Around the World Need Your Help

We're seeking: Christmas Gifts For Ages: 2-4, 5-9 & 10-14 & Shoebox Sponsors

Join our **SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY** Saturday 11th November at Churchill Methodist 10am-12.30pm Drop your Shoebox at Churchill Methodist 13-20 November

For more information ring **Jacqueline on 01934 844134.**

A Preparation Prayer as we come to worship our God. Lord, there are so many obstacles that we bring to worship: The hurt and anger we feel within us, the worries and concerns that fill our minds, our awareness that life and our lives are being changed, painful memories of the past that still causes anguish even now, the uncertainty and bleakness of our tomorrow's, the emptiness, sorrow and doubt that fill our lives today. We do not find it easy to keep Christ at the centre, but open our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus. 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.



My thoughts for this week Nearly two weeks ago according to the weather forecasters we were going to be hit by a hurricane storm named Ciaran. They were fairly accurate and fortunately we were spared the full brunt- but it could have been much, much worse. In my younger days without the technology we have now we probably wouldn't have known how much danger we could have been in, apart from some of the natural signs we see. Just after daylight on the day before the storm was forecast to hit us I looked out of the window and I saw two flocks of ducks flying in formation travelling east and at 40-60mph were able to keep ahead of the oncoming storm. How did they know? I believe this to be a natural sign of danger. This makes me think, How do we as a nation and indeed on a personal level take note of the warning signs we see and hear? When we read our Bibles it says in Luke 12: 15, Jesus warned His followers against sin and evil. He said: "Watch out! Be on guard". We are told there are seven Cautionary Warnings straight from the Bible and they shouldn't be ignored.

To name one: There is Warnings About Jealousy, Money and Greed. More and more we see the signs, don't we? We are only about six weeks away from Christmas and as I visited the local giant money making 'garden centre/come-whatever' yesterday (Wednesday) I walked through the main area to the restaurant and this was made very difficult for Kathleen to manoeuvre her way through the glitter of the season. It was a maze of unsustainable items that would bring unsustainable joy to the receiver! For the first time ever I never saw any nativity scene. If there was, it wasn't put in a prominent place. I know I am early in talking about Christmas but in the midst for self indulgence and greed we must seek to find time to follow the star that leads us to Jesus born in a humble stable and when we have found Him we can experience the Eternal Hope, Joy and Peace that he offers us.

May we share this hope as we seek to help those in need - especially the homeless, hungry and lonely; many, who through no fault of there own are finding life so very difficult. I pray that through God and His Love He will give us the Grace to do just that. Amen

JOHN CHAPLIN

Happy Thanks giving

CHURCHILL BABY & TODDLER GROUP
 6, 13, 20 & 27
 November
 Churchill Methodist
 9.00-11.30am

Try us for FREE!

- ♥ Friendly group, easy parking
- ♥ Bright hall, lots of toys
- ♥ Yummy snacks; cuppa & chat

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Thought For The Week

At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them