



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 19th November 2023

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Church Services for November

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

Church Services for December

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Sunday 10th GIFT SERVICE 11.00am Morning Worship led by Janet Day

Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo

Sunday 17th 4.00pm Carol Service led by Rev. Ian Bowley

Sunday 24th NO SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am Service led by Rev Meg Slingo

Sunday 31st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Barry Speddings

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

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



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.



Iris and Dave would like to thank everyone for their beautiful cards, presents and flowers received on the occasion of Iris's 90th Birthday. Such a happy time was enjoyed by all.



Prayer Father, we praise you that whoever we are and wherever we go you are there. We have discovered that there is simply nowhere we can go where you will not be present. We cannot hide, we cannot run, we cannot even be there before you! You are always ahead of us preparing the way. You are there waiting with arms of love and mercy to hold us and to welcome us; to heal us and to hold us. Lord, you are ever near, ever approachable. So we thank you for this and we praise you here and will praise you everywhere. We praise you now and will praise you for ever. Amen.

My thoughts for this week I watched the Martin Lewis show last night and two of the elements he was exploring were the “Black Friday” reductions and Christmas Gifts. Black Friday is associated with Thanksgiving in the USA which is a public holiday on the last Thursday of November and for many Americans they take the Friday as well to make it a long weekend. Both Black Friday and Christmas have (according to Martin Lewis) been hi-jacked by the retail trade who have turned them into huge opportunities to entice us all to spend money on “stuff” we probably don’t need and for many, can’t afford. It strikes me as rather sad that we cannot find a way to enjoy and celebrate these events without spending money that in the current climate we struggle to justify.

Thanksgiving, as I understand it, was a celebration by newcomers/pioneers to the USA that they had achieved a good harvest and would have enough food to last them to the next year when they could start again. No doubt there were some amongst them who were not so fortunate and as a consequence the celebrations would be somewhat muted if they occurred at all. Like Christmas when we celebrate the birth of our Lord we like to be a bit extravagant but not everybody can afford that and when we look at the historical event, it was a very low key celebration for Mary and Joseph. For me it is not the razzmatazz that is important it is the people you meet and celebrate with that make it worthwhile and memorable. At the same time, we should remember all those who have nothing to celebrate, those in Ukraine, Israel and Gaza to mention just a few from around the world.

I am not a “bah humbug” sort of person but I do think we sometimes get events in the wrong perspective and focus on the wrong elements. For those who can afford to spend to enjoy good luck to them, for those who can’t, try not to be caught up with the hype and let us all spare a thought for those who have nothing to celebrate.

BARRY SPARKS (S)



Congresbury Methodist Church

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



Thought For The Week "God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." -

Hudson Taylor

Have you booked your meal with Nicola yet?