



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 17th December 2023

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Church Services for December

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 FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS

Sunday 24th NO SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.30am Service led by Rev Meg Slingo

Sunday 31st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Barry Speddings



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.



COME AND JOIN US

We are holding our Carol Service led by Rev. Ian Bowley on December 17th at 4.00pm (followed by refreshments in the hall)

Everyone Welcome



Food bank

Last Monday John delivered 34.40kgs of a great variety of items to the Foodbank and which included gifts from the Gift Day last Sunday Lucy and five others were at the warehouse and they were all very busy with sorting out the Christmas gifts as well as the usual ones. Lucy thanks us all for your continued support to those in need, and wishes us a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.



REMINDER

Lucy has been invited to speak at the Ladies Friendly meeting on 24th January at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall so please keep this date and come along and listen to the stories she has to tell May you all have a Joyful and peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year Kathleen and John xxxxx

MESSAGE FROM MEG

Hello Everyone,

Please know I am planning to lead a Bible study in January looking at the Gospel of Luke. The Kingdom is opened by Mike McKinley. The first session: Nothing is impossible. We will meet on Thursday 4th January 1.30- 3pm for study, fellowship ,prayers and refreshments all this will be happening at 21, Pauls Causeway, Congresbury BS49-5DH. We have been kindly offered a room for our use in the home of Mary a member at Congresbury Chapel. If you are interested please let me know before the 17th of December. I can then order you a book. If you require transport again please let me know. The Bible study will run for eight weeks.

You are all very welcome and it will be good to see you. My phone number is 01934 852314. meg.slingo@methodist.org.uk, Thank you for your prayers for this time of gathering together

Ladies Friendly Circle
20th December (3rd Wednesday)

CHRISTMAS PARTY
organised by the committee

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN



A MESSAGE FROM GRACE

As I'm having problems seeing and writing I shall not be sending Christmas cards but will be sending a gift to charity in lieu, so it would be good if you please insert the following in our notices.

“ I would like to wish all my friends a happy Christmas, I've missed meeting and worshipping with you recently, but I have much appreciated the digital service on my iPad produced each week by our Methodist District .

Besides sending you all Christmas greetings, I also wish you all a Happy healthy new year. This last year I feel there has been so much chaos in our beautiful world which can be very depressing, but each day I give thanks for all my blessings as I think how God has been with me, which if you accept Him in to your lives you will also feel this love and joy he brings, and I sincerely hope you will continue to pray for a fair and just resolution to restore this world to how our ever loving forgiving Lord wishes it to be. *God bless, Grace.*

PRAYER Creator God we pray for our world, which like that of the Holy Land at the time of Jesus' birth, is facing incredible change. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who offer their services in leadership that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly at this time for peace in the Middle East. Also for continued prayer for Ukraine and for the future of our world as climate change continues to make itself felt in so many unsettling ways.

Compassionate God, bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. In lives afflicted by pain, illness, distress or grief bring comfort, hope and the courage they need for today and every day. We pray for those having to travel to hospital for treatment or surgery and for those who love them and care for them.

For those who are mourning, lead them gently through this time of darkness into the light and peace of your enduring love. Help us to look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are now on that journey to you **Amen**

Thought For The Week

**Come thou long expected
Jesus. Born to set thy
people free**

