



## Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 21st January 2024

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### Church Services & Events for January 2024

**Sunday 21st 11.00am COVENANT SERVICE and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo**

**Wednesday 24th 7.30pm Ladies Friendly Meeting in the Methodist Hall**

**Thursday 25th 1.30pm Bible Study meeting at 'Caldetas' - Mary's house**

**Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Lois Emm**

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*



### Church Services & Events for February 2024

**Sunday 4th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson**

**Wednesday 7th 11.00am Prayer Meeting in the church.**

**Sunday 11th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders**

**Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Rev. Ian Bowley**

**Sunday 25th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo**

**Wednesday 28th 7.30pm Ladies Friendly Meeting in the Methodist Hall**

### Food bank

**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. Lucy will be accepting any gifts you may have for the Foodbank. The latest request is dried rice and tinned meat but as the food banks are struggling for any food items anything would be most welcome **Kathleen xxxx**



### More Dates to remember in February

**Thursdays 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th Bible Study meeting at 'Caldetas' - Shrove Tuesday 13th Ash Wednesday 14th**

**Please continue to pray** for Iris (who is now home from hospital) and Dave at this most difficult time that they will receive the Lord's comfort and strength and know His peace.

**PRAYER** Father, we praise you that when we are weak we can rely upon your strength and when we are poor in spirit you fill us with joy. When we are empty you flood our lives with peace. When we are hurting you hold us in your care when we are lost or losing our way you find us and welcome us home. when we are in the wrong you love us and when we are defeated by life you give us victory in the power of your spirit when we are breaking or broken you make us whole. We ask that your spirit will guide protect and empower us and that all we do and say will bring honour to your name for Christ sake Amen

**My thoughts****My turn again to write a few words.**

**There is so much illness around this last week, John and Kath and Barry having Covid just when we all thought things were getting back to normality after the lockdowns three years ago.**

**My own daughter and son-in-law who were very ill before we had vaccines have contracted it again; it just shows we cannot be complacent about anything.**

**We just have to trust that the Lord is in everything that goes on.**

**Iris has been in hospital with a very bad leg and our prayers must be for all of them for a speedy recovery**

**Prayers are very powerful; many of my Christian friends have been praying for my sister-in-law who in March last year was diagnosed with brain tumours after a lot of treatment; we heard this week that they have gone. The power of prayer!**

**Many good things have come from the floods, the post office scandal, groups of people working together for the good of their neighbours, people who may not have known each other without the crisis. I firmly believe that we are put in situations to show Gods love working through us.**

**In all the turmoil in the world at the moment we must look for small miracles, the child pulled from rubble, the people for whatever reason were not in a building when it was flattened. God is there and here today. lets praise him for that.**

***Mary Krawczenko (S ) (WL)***

*Thought for the week*

**Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who wait for the Lord!**

**Psalm 31 v 24**