



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 7th January 2024

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Church Services for January 2024

Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Janet Day

Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the
Worship Leaders

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

Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Lois Emm

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

It is the time collecting in the Action for
Children boxes. It (Thank you for those
who have done so already) we are
asking now that any box holders will
hand them in to us by Sunday 14th January. Thank
you.
John and Kathleen



CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING As usual the
Offering received on Christmas day will be
sent to Action for Children as a donation.
*I am sorry I haven't received the total given
as yet, to put in the notices*



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*



Christmas Day Service It was a
pleasure to to see so many of all ages
come to our Christmas Day Service
when around 35 came. The young
people really interacted with Rev Meg
as they and the older generation took
part in two teams in 'Chinese Whispers'
and the messages of the 'Glory of God'
and the 'Peace and Goodwill' towards
each other. We thank all who were
involved in making this a Christmas Day
to remember



Photos taken this week. It makes me want to ask the question:
'Is Spring really here?' OR Is God saying 'I will cheer you up in
the midst of storms (troubles)?'



PRAYER The following poem by Minnie
Louise Haskins, was quoted by King George VI
in his 1939 Christmas Day broadcast to the
British Empire.

**And I said to the man who stood at
the gate of the year:**

**"Give me a light that I may tread
safely into the unknown."**

And he replied:

**"Go out into the darkness and put
your hand into the Hand of God.**

**That shall be to you better than
light and safer than a known
way."**

**So I went forth, and finding the
Hand of God, trod gladly into the
night.**

**And He led me towards the hills
and the breaking of day in the lone
East.**

**Lord Jesus, we ask your guidance
for the New Year as we face so
many uncertainties. More than ever
before, it seems. Amen**

My thoughts to start the New Year .

Well, what happened to last year? It simply seems to have flown by, doesn't it? When John reminded me it was my turn to write my thoughts I sort of inwardly panicked.

Well, what is happening in 2024? Already our world is in such a state; we've heard of the war in the Gaza Strip ,fighting in Afghanistan, Tornados recently and now storms and much flooding with thousands of people forced to leave their homes at the present time; famine around the world and homelessness for many reasons are becoming more apparent.

So how can we wish each other a Happy New Year when so much is happening around us? Well I know I've been asked 'how can you pray to a God who allows such terrible things to happen too so many people' and my answer was I'm sure our God is weeping over what is happening. God didn't ask Putin to start a war nor did he want the Gaza war to be happening. It is once again mans doing and why so many homeless; it's man's greed over ownership of land that these poor people are being made homeless. I know this is only my thoughts and perhaps you think I'm wrong, but let's even talk about it and perhaps we can see why God has such a time dealing with it all.

My prayer for the start of 2024 is that more and more people not only pray for our world but that in some small way we can each do our part for those less fortunate than ourselves.

How about a 'sort out' of our children's clothes, books and toys to either give to a family in need or perhaps our local toddler/playgroup whom I'm sure would welcome them. Or perhaps you might like to hold a jumble sale in aid of one of these charities, or perhaps a cake bake event. 'Oh yes' I hear you say 'she's full of her suggestions' but I can assure you I am doing my bit; it might be small but as my mum always told me if everyone does a little a lot will benefit, and my final wish is that everyone of you has a very Happy and Blessed new year

Kathleen Chaplin. S & W Leader.

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.

Kathleen xxxx



***We wish you a happy
and healthy New Year***