



## Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 17th March 2024

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### LENT 5

#### Church Services & Events for March 2024

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

**Tuesday 19th 2.00pm Church Council meeting in our church. Everyone is welcome**

**Thursday 21st 1.30pm Bible LENT Study meeting at 'Caldetas' - Mary's house**

**Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev Peter Davis**

**Good Friday 29th 10.30am United Service with St Andrews in our church followed by the Walk of Witness**

**Easter Day 31st 6.30am**

**Dawn/Sunrise Service with St Andrews on the Millennium Green followed by hot cross buns and refreshments in the Methodist Hall**

**Easter Day 31st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Eric Small**

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.*

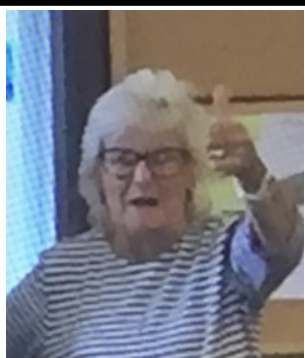


#### CHURCH COUNCIL

**IMPORTANT!** Please note we are holding our Church Council meeting on **Tuesday 19th 2.00pm** and **NOT** on Thursday 21st as first agreed. This will be held in our Church. Everyone is welcome

**Thursdays at 1.30pm**

**Bible LENT Study meetings at 'Caldetas' - Mary's house**



**IRIS BELSTEN**

It is with sadness that we report Iris passed away in the early hours of Tuesday morning so as with everyone else my thoughts this week have been about our dearest friends Iris and Dave. Iris was a wonderful, wonderful person with so much love and compassion; her frame may have been petite but she cared for each and every one of us as though we were her children and she even included our grandchildren in this; and we know she has risen to glory to be with her Lord and Master. Dave her beloved husband has been by her side for all of their married life; they worked side by side but no one could have done more for Iris than Dave in the last two months or so. We thank God that he was given the health and strength to have been able to do so. Our thoughts and prayers are with him at this time.

*Kathleen*

**Food Bank** Another visit taken there this week, It was very quiet; not many helpers today but Lucy was eagerly awaiting for a local scout group who were coming to help her with the sorting!!!! Our donations amounted to 30.1 kg and she was so pleased to receive them. Many, many thanks again for your loyal support

Kathleen and John xx



**My Thoughts for this Week** As I look around me I can now see the end of winter approaching and the beginning of Spring; the beautiful snowdrops, daffodils and hyacinths gracing the gardens. Only last night in Mary's garden we could smell the Daphne bush so strong as there was a beautiful perfume coming from it.

We as a church have lost someone so precious to us all but amidst all our sadness I can hear Iris saying 'don't you dare be sad that I've gone but look to the new Spring in the garden and carry on in the way I have taught you'. I think one of Irises favourite psalms was psalm 121 'I to the hills will lift mine eyes; where does our strength come from; it comes from our Lord who made heaven and earth' - and I know that is what she'd want us all to do. We will never forget her but will carry on as she would expect us to.

*Kathleen Chaplin [S] [WL]*

**Christianity Explored.** Friends, you are invited to Churchill every Tuesday evening, we will be running a course Christianity Explored, looking at the Gospel of Mark. The evening will begin on the 2nd of April with refreshments from 7pm. This is open to everyone, those of you who attend worship regularly but also family and friends who may well be interested in Christianity and or seeking faith? Over the next seven or eight weeks we will be engaging with the question Who is Jesus? What did he achieve? How should we respond? Each week there is a short video for us to watch and times for reflection and sharing. Each person will be given a copy of the Gospel of Mark and your own Handbook. The first evening is looking at Good News. What makes Christianity Good News? Please can you let Ken Young or myself know if you would like to come along and be part of the fellowship. My contact details 01934 852 314. Kens contact details 01934 852 686 We look forward to sharing with you. Thank you for your prayers for this study.

*Meg and Ken*

#### **JUST PRAY**

You can be anywhere to pray,  
At any time of day.

There is no need to make a date  
And then arrive perhaps too late.

You do not have to look your best,  
Or pass some kind of special test.  
You do not have to write a letter  
In the hope of something better.

Don't delay, just kneel and pray  
And wait for God to show the way.  
For this He will so surely do.  
It will be right and just for you.

#### **Thought For The Week**

Lord, make me a messenger of  
your love; to the searching  
heart send me with your word;  
to the aching heart send me  
with your peace; to the broken  
heart send me with your love.  
However small or wide my  
world, Lord, let me warm it with  
the promise that you care.