



Congresbury Methodist Church News

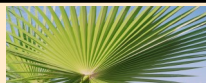
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LENT 6 –PALM SUNDAY



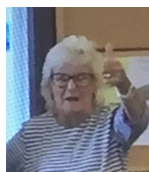
Church Services & Events for March 2024

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

Thursday 28th at 1.30pm

Bible LENT Study

meetings at 'Caldetas' - Mary's house



Date of Iris's Funeral

Iris's funeral service will be held at the Methodist church Congresbury's at 11.00am on Tuesday 2nd April. It will then be followed by a burial service at St Andrews Congresbury and afterwards there will be refreshments back at the Methodist Church Hall. No flowers please

IRIS BELSTEN

Ladies Friendly Circle

The Ladies Friendly Circle will meet in the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm.

'How to do decorations for Easter Cakes
By Pam Stewart

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.



NEW Discussion Group

Ken Hill from the Methodist church is very keen to start a discussion group on Tuesday afternoons. The first one will be on 9th April at 2.00pm in the Methodist hall high street. A cup of tea and biscuit will be provided. Subjects to be discussed will be chosen at the start of each meeting which will end at 4.00pm. For any further information please contact Ken on 833440

PRAYER Lord we praise you for your glory which we have seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We join in the praises of those who greeted him as he rode into Jerusalem. We praise you for his coming on the back of a donkey-and the sign that he comes as a Prince of peace. We praise you that in his coming you have demonstrated your commitment to us but your total rejection of all that is evil; for the utter determination of your love to touch our hearts, to change our lives and to gently but firmly call us to follow your Son. We praise you that even when the world and our neighbour have, like the crowds of Palm Sunday, stopped praising him, he is still Lord; that even when those around us, like the mob who cried 'crucify!' turn their backs on you and reject your Son and your purpose of grace for a lost world, still you cannot be defeated. we praise you that whether, like the crowds who wave their palm branches, we are passing through times of peace and rejoicing or whether it feels as if we are standing at the foot of a cross, you give us the assurance that your grace is sufficient no matter the cost. We praise you for the victory of your love that triumphed over sin and death. We praise you that now and always he is our living Lord. We come to praise you now in and for him as we will praise you for all eternity. Amen



My Thoughts for this Week I am very confused and disorientated at the moment. On the one hand I know Easter is approaching with all the hugely significant moments that are connected to it but on the other, I and many others are trying to reconcile ourselves to the passing of Iris Belsten our dearly loved friend. As Kathleen said last week, Iris would encourage us to carry on as normal but that, for me, is very difficult. Iris was such an integral part of church life that it is very hard to imagine how it will be without her actually being there. That said, it gives us a faint glimpse of what it must have been like for the apostles and those close to Jesus to suddenly have him snatched from them. What must they have thought, it must have seemed so unreal.

It is at times like this that we have to search deep into our hearts and find where our strength and resilience comes from and what we need to nurture that. No doubt we all draw on different aspects of our belief and with Easter so close and the resurrection to follow maybe that will connect with our inner feelings and give us the fortitude to get through a tough time. I would ask you to keep Dave in your prayers because he is definitely having a tough time, but, with our support, he will get through and come out the other end.

We all need help at different times and in different ways and I would urge you to talk to close friends if you need help and direction. If you don't feel able to talk to close friends then talk to the Lord and tell him your troubles because he will always listen and then provide a way forward. It might not be what you wanted or expected but the Lord has offered it with love and you know you can trust him. *Barry Sparks [S]*

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



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

Thought For The Week

**A new day will
dawn on us
from above because
our God is loving
and merciful.**