



# Congresbury Methodist Church News



Weeks beginning 31st March 2024



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## Church Services & Events for March 2024



**Easter Day 31st 6.30am Dawn/Sunrise Service with St Andrews on the Millennium Green**

**This Weekend** followed by hot cross buns and refreshments in the Methodist Hall

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

## Easter morning Sunrise Service

As usual we shall meet on the millennium green at 6.30am for a short service (who knows perhaps we will see the sun rise this year! ) and then afterwards go to the Methodist hall where hot cross buns and tea and coffee will be waiting for us all. It would be good to see you. Why not come and join us?



**Easter Sunday Morning.** It has been a practice of our church to decorate our empty Cross with small bunches of flowers to celebrate Jesus rising from the tomb, so if you have any small flowers they would be much appreciated, and would you please bring them on Sunday morning.



**NB There will be no Prayer meeting this week and we shall resume our monthly meetings on Wednesday 1st May at 11.00am and it will be held in our church.**

## 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.**  
**NO BLACK TIES OR CLOTHING PLEASE**



## Church Services & Events for APRIL 2024

**Thursday 4th 1.30pm Bible Study meeting at 'Caldetas' - Mary's house**

**Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Lois Emm**

**Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Ken Young**

**Sunday 21st 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo**

**Sunday 21st Bishop of Bath & Wells CS@Wells/4.00pm Service, Tea at 4.00pm**

**Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev Michael Pullan**

Father God, We praise you that even when the world and our neighbours have like the crowds of Palm Sunday stop praising, you still love us that even when those around us like the mob that cried 'Crucify!' turning their backs on you and rejecting your son and your purpose of grace for a lost world, still you cannot be defeated so we praise you that whether like the crowds we wave our palm branches or whether it feels if we are standing at the foot of across surrounded by the mystical sea shores your grace which is all 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 we can claim you as our living Lord. So we thank you and we praise you today. AMEN



**EASTER MORNING**

**-Hallelujah!**



Lord Jesus. we praise you for the hope and joy of this day we praise you for the assurance Christ resurrection gives us and that your victory will always have the final word over all the work, hurt, sorrow and the darkness of life. We praise you that we went to the empty cross and we found a Saviour and we praise you even more when we went to the empty tomb and we returned with the Lord. So, Lord, we simply cannot find the words that will do justice for the joy we feel and to the worship that we long to offer you. We praise you for sharing our sin and our shame. We praise you for the way of your resurrection that rekindles our faltering faith that gives light and which breaks into our darkness and touches us with assurance that nothing will ever be the same again. THINE BE THE GLORY, RISEN, CONQUERING SON, ENDLESS IS THE VICTORY THOU O'ER DEATH HAST WON. AMEN

**My Thoughts for this Week** This week marks 4 years since the country went into lockdown. This made me think how we were all affected; we couldn't come to church or see family and friends. Many people lost loved ones and were unable to have a proper funeral and my prayers really go out to those people. However there were good things; more time for family for those who couldn't work; looking after our neighbours getting shopping or taking round a meal. The air and the skies were fresh with no pollution. Was that what was needed to take stock of the world?

When this is published we will have been through Lent, Holy Week with all its mixed emotions, elated on Palm Sunday, the sadness leading to Maundy Thursday and Good Friday and then the absolute joy when Jesus rose again on Easter Sunday.

Jesus came to bring peace to all, but we still have wars and unrest in the world so do we sometimes think it was all a waste of time?

As Christians we must overcome these doubts and when we look around at the good things that happen in the world, people recovering from cancer, people being pulled from rubble after the destruction of buildings, this is where Jesus is leading the rescuers, giving the doctors the knowledge to cure and treat their patients.

Easter did not wipe out all the bad things in the world but gave all of us the means to overcome them by trusting that the Lord is in all of it and with the Holy Spirit we will have peace and reconciliation to God.

A very Happy Easter to you all.

*Mary Krawczenko [WL][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*

### **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

### **Thoughts For The Week**

**Alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord**