



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 21st April 2024

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Church Services & Events for APRIL 2024

Sunday 21st 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo
Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev Michael Pullan

Discussion Group -Dates for April

On Tuesday afternoons. on 23rd, 30th of 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

Food Bank Another visit to the Food Bank this week taking produce you have so kindly given. Again it was fairly quiet and not many helpers but we saw Lucy who was quite astounded when she saw what we brought. 'Wow, what a large quantity!' she said. Then she weighed it and it was an amazing total of 34kg. So again we say many, many thanks to all for your donations with the love and support that you also give to this worthy cause. Sadly there will always be this need.
Kathleen and John xx



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.

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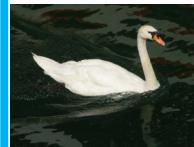
Our April meeting is on Wednesday 24th at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall

Our speaker this month is a lady from the Bishop's Palace, Wells.

She is coming to give us a very interesting talk [with slides] about the black swans at the Bishops Palace, their history and their adventures

We welcome anyone to this meeting. How about bringing your partner!

This also is our AGM Meeting which will follow the talk.



Cup of tea/coffee and biscuit to follow



PRAYER by David Clowes [500 Prayers for All Occasions]

THE DAMAGE WE CAUSE

Father, we are only too well aware that we are not the people you meant us to be. We are not living the kind of lives that you created us to live, and our words and thoughts and deeds are not bringing you the glory they are designed to do. Forgive us, father, for the way that through our plans and dreams and choices we damage your world, we hurt each other and we create a barrier between ourselves and you. We ask that you will not only forgive us, but that by the power of your Holy Spirit you will cleanse and renew us. For Christ's sake Amen

A Thoughts for The Week Over the past few weeks my thoughts have been about gratitude as I have heard it mentioned a few times recently in the negative sense. It seems that many are living their daily lives without any thought for others and they don't say thank you to those around them that have helped them; either because they forget to or don't feel the need to. So I googled the following:-

Gratitude is a positive emotion that involves being thankful and appreciative and is associated with several mental and physical health benefits. When you experience gratitude, you feel grateful for something or someone in your life and respond with feelings of kindness, warmth, and other forms of generosity.

When we listen to The News maybe this is part of the problem in our society today!

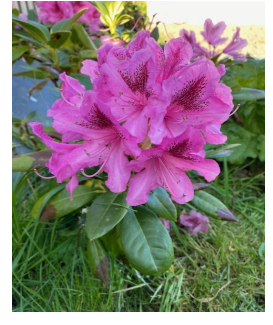
According to Colossians 3:17, we're to thank God in every word and action: "Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." Speak every word in gratitude, and do everything with a thankful heart.

Then we have the - The Story of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:11-19): In this story, Jesus encounters ten lepers who beg him for mercy and healing. After Jesus heals them, only one of them comes back to express thankfulness. This story teaches children the importance of showing gratitude and appreciating the kindness of others.

In some ways it may not seem important to say 'thank you' ; on the other hand it warms our hearts when we receive the compliment.

This makes me think, what a difference these two little words can make to relationships in our society, in our towns, in our cities, and in our land. Also wouldn't it help with relationships around the world. May we be ready to forgive and pray for those that can't for whatever reason for they may be experiencing many problems of their own. God bless you all.

JOHN CHAPLIN.



Thought For The Week

Jesus said to Thomas

I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

John 14: 6