



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 28th April 2024

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Church Services & Events for APRIL 2024

Morning Worship led by Rev Michael Pullan

Church Services & Events for MAY 2024

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning Worship led Heather Gale

Wednesday 8th 11.00am Prayer Meeting in our church

Thursday 9th 2.00pm AGM Meeting in our church

Sunday 12th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Meg Slingo

Annual Church meeting

This is the time of year when we hold our Annual Meeting when anyone can come and air their views about the organisation of our church meetings. We would encourage anyone interested in this to come along and have your say. We hope to see you there

Prayer meetings resumed

As readers will know we have been having our monthly prayer meetings at Mary's house over the colder months to save the heating in our church and we thank her for her hospitality. We have missed one month over the Easter period because so much has been going on and we all have missed Iris so much because she and I have been leading the meetings for many years. I shall continue to lead our time of prayer which during the summer months will be held in the Church. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month so the next one will be held this Week- May 1st at 11.00am. Please drop in even if it is for only a few minutes. One can pray in silence or aloud for God hears our prayers. I am a firm believer that through faith, even in the dark days He gives us strength and hope in the days that follow if we come to Him.

Meetings in our church for the next 4 months are Wednesdays June 5th, July 3rd, August 7th, September 4th -all at 11.00am
JOHN

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.



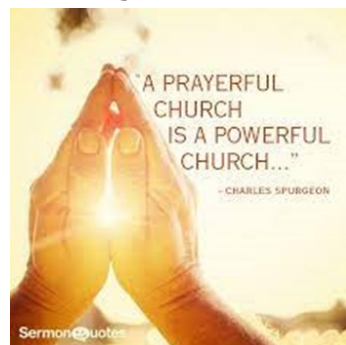
Food Bank Another visit to the Food Bank this week taking produce you have so kindly given. Again it was fairly quiet and not many helpers but we saw Lucy who was quite astounded when she saw what we brought. 'Wow, what a large quantity!' she said. Then she weighed it and it was an amazing total of 34kg. 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

Prayer Father God, You have-given us life, filled us with hope, enabled us to stand and guided us in the way of truth. Therefore, we commit ourselves to serve you all our days and to do all we can to bring glory to your Name. Amen.



A Thought for The Week

The first lines of "Leisure" is a poem by Welsh poet W. H. Davies

What is this life if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.

No time to stand beneath the boughs and stare as long as sheep or cows.

No time to see, when woods we pass, where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.

No time to see, in broad daylight, streams full of stars, like skies at night.

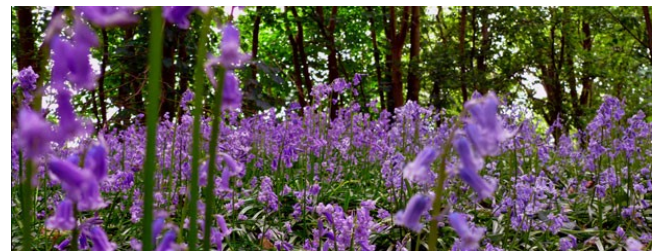
No time to turn at Beauty's glance, and watch her feet, how they can dance.

No time to wait till her mouth can't enrich that smile her eyes began.

A poor life this is if, full of care, we have no time to stand and stare.

This poem has been going round and around in my head for a few weeks now and it has really alerted me to the fact that John and I have seemed to have been going around like headless chickens trying to fit everything in and just jumping from one day to the next and not stopping to take a breath. People keep saying to us 'is there no one else who could do this for you?' and our answer is yes I'm sure but where and who are the people who are going to step forward and volunteer and straight away there answer is 'Oh I would but I'm just so busy' and isn't that what everybody says, I answer. But seriously, is it just us that it feels this way, or can you resonate with me and tell me the real answer. Why has life become so busy -what's making us all not have time to catch our breath! I keep saying to John, 'Oh, when can we go and look at the bluebells on Cleeve/Wrington hill'. And he'll look at the diary and then says well perhaps on Thursday, then what happens on Thursday? It jolly well pours with rain - so we look at the diary again Friday, eye examination, Saturday, a plant sale to help organise for the Childrens Hospital South West and Sunday, as well as our church commitments we have appointments for our Covid injections! somehow you know we do find the time to do it all and come out the other side perhaps not always smiling but grateful to God who has given us the strength and courage to allow us to do it all in his Name. In the Bible Paul says 'for I have learned in whatsoever state I am therewith to be content' Philippians 4 v 11. And it is with the love and help of our Lord that we are able to do what we do.

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN [S][WL]



Discussion Group -Dates for April

On Tuesday afternoons. 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

Your word (O Lord) is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. Psalm 119: 105