



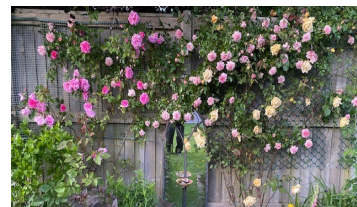
Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 26th May 2024



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Church Services & Events for MAY 2024

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

**Thursday 30th 2.00pm AGM Meeting in
our church**

Church Services & Events for JUNE 2024

**Sunday 2nd 10.30am Section Service inc.
a talk from MAF (Mission Aviation
Fellowship) at Cheddar Methodist Church
(NO SERVICE AT CONGRESBURY)**

**Sunday 9th 11.00am Morning
Worship led by Janet Day**

**Sunday 16th 11.00am Morning
Worship led by Rob Haskins**

**Sunday 23rd 11.00am Morning
Worship led by Rev. Ian Bowley**

**Sunday 30th 11.00am Morning
Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb**

Annual Church meeting Reminder

We are sorry the A.G.M. had to be postponed. The new date now is Thursday May 30th at 2.00pm in our church. If you are interested in the life of your church please come and have your say. We hope to see you there.

Food Bank On Monday morning last week John and myself took all your wonderful food gifts to the Food Bank. An amazing 37.50 kg was weighed in. Lucy and a young man came forward and started weighing it all and she kept repeating how wonderful we all are. And she also said that our gifts always come at the right moment, just when she thinks they are short of cereals in comes our collection and the first bags she weighs contains three boxes. She says she always says a quiet prayer thanking God for our loyal supporters so thank you, thank you, for all you bring. **KATHLEEN AND 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.



There are two job vacancies within our Circuit one for a Part-time Pastoral & Community Outreach Support Worker and the other for a Book Keeper and Administrative Support Worker. If you are interested please see the notices on the table in the porch.

Meg is reminding us we have a Section Service on Sunday 2nd of June 10.30am at Cheddar Methodist Church. A gentleman will be speaking to us about the work of the charity Mission Aviation Fellowship. MAF (who I have supported for many, many years) Meg says 'I am hoping we can have a retiring collection for the work of this charity. The morning service will be followed tea, coffee and biscuits

Thank you for your prayers and support for this service.'

Many thanks, Meg



**ALSO we can provide transport for anyone who will find it difficult to get to Cheddar
JOHN**

My thoughts for this week

Over the past few months I have reasons for being in waiting rooms either at the doctors, hospitals or the dentist, either by myself or with Kathleen or with friends. I guess many of us can relate in doing this, but what do we do in our time of waiting. Do we sit and talk with each other if there is the opportunity (and maybe able to offer comfort) or read a book or are we absorbed on our phones?

In a waiting room there can be many people whose outlook in life is so much different than our own through background experiences. Some are miserable, complaining and impatient. Many are anxious and sad and lost in their own thoughts. Some would smile and perhaps join in a conversation if time allowed. Then there are those who are cheerful and it can be very uplifting to talk to them and to share one's experiences.

As I mentioned many of us use our phones wherever we are and in our local surgery 8 out of 10 we're using them in the waiting room at my last visit. It seems to be the way of life today and I am not immune from using mine. They can be very helpful sometimes! Of the many Apps I have on it I can at any time refer to the Holy Bible App. There are many verses referring to 'waiting'. In Isaiah 40: 31 '...but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint'. I find this verse encouraging when I am a bit down.

Lamentations 3:25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks him.

Hosea 12:6 So by the help of your God, hold fast to love and justice and wait continually for Him

My Favourite verse but not easy to put into practice! Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

In short : 1. Advent is waiting for a Redeemer. 2. Waiting for Christ's Resurrection after His crucifixion. 3. Acts 1: 4 And while staying with them he (Jesus) ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father. 4 Christ is coming in Glory - soon, and we are still waiting...and we are on a journey.

JOHN CHAPLIN

PRAYER Lord, I thank You that You will answer my prayers in Your perfect timing. Reveal what is in my heart, and make me ready to handle the answer in the right way when it comes. Help me to pray by faith consistently and long-term, to believe, wait, and then move forward in Your timing. Help me to be patient in prayer, not give up, and trust You even during moments when I feel negative emotions. I don't want to live by feelings but by faith. Help me not to take matters in my own hands and to be faithful in prayer, Deepen my understanding, and give me a greater knowledge of what You are doing in my life. Stretch my faith in the midst of the wait, just as You did with Your disciples when encountering a storm at sea. I thank You that You have all wisdom and will answer my prayers in the perfect way. In Jesus' name, I pray Amen.

Thoughts For The Week

**PEOPLE WAIT ALL
WEEK FOR FRIDAY,
ALL YEAR
FOR SUMMER,
ALL LIFE
FOR HAPPINESS**