



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 5th May 2024

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Church Services & Events for MAY 2024

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning Worship led Heather Gale
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

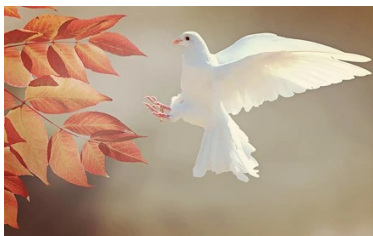
This is the time of year when we hold our Annual Meeting when anyone can come and air their views about the organisation of our church meetings. We would encourage anyone interested in this to come along and have your say. We hope to see you there

PRAYER

by David Clowes [500 prayers for all occasions]

The ascension of Christ

Father, we thank you, not only for being our Creator, Sustainer and Saviour but also that through Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension you have declared him to be Lord. We thank you that because of Christ ascension his ministry to us is no longer restricted by the limits of an earthly life. Now he has been lifted up we can be assured of his presence with each of us at any time, in any place and whoever we are. Lord, we thank you for those moments when we are aware of you all over again. We see you in the beauty of creation, in the love of a friend, in the smile of a new baby and in the satisfaction of a job well done. We discover your presence in our pain and our sorrow, in our hurt and despair. We meet you worship and in prayer, in the fellowship of your people and through your word. we thank you for those who speak your name, who bring us your hope, who help us to stand and who strengthen our faith. May our prayers of thankfulness be transformed into lives filled with gratitude that will bring faith, hope and courage to others and glory to our ascended Lord. Amen.



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.



And it came to pass, whilst He blessed them, He departed from them, and was carried up to heaven. Luke 24, 51.

Thursday May 9th is Ascension Day

A Thought for The Week It is amazing to think that it is less than two months since our dear friend Iris went to be with her Jesus, because in that time so much has happened that it feels more like several months. How different life has been without her “actually in” our lives but how influential has she been from afar? I certainly have felt her presence many times at church and at other times on a random basis and it is lovely to know that she is there and has been part of my life. She is a very strong, positive influence and helps me make sure I think about all aspects of church life even though I still forget things like charging the batteries for the microphone on the lectern. Bless you Iris, keep looking down on us and help me remember all the things that need to be done for worship on a Sunday.

In the meantime, life goes on and we have travelled through Easter with all the high and low points that go with that period of time in our religious year. We now travel forward and celebrate the Ascension of Jesus and then Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came down to earth and filled the disciples and others, thereby marking the start of the Christian church in the world.

Some would say nothing has changed, others would say everything has changed. For me, like the disciples, we have lost a major influence on our lives, but like them we have to go on and live our lives in honour of that person and show others what we have learnt from our mentor.

As the years pass the vivid memories of those important influencers naturally fade a bit but they are always there ready to impart guidance and direction from afar in a temporal way and for that we should always be eternally grateful. We will miss being with them terribly but they will never be far away and they will always be there to support us in our times of need.

Barry Sparks (S)

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TO BE SIMPLY YOURSELF
AND DON'T COMPARE OR
COMPETE, EVERYBODY WILL
RESPECT YOU**

