



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

**Weeks beginning 2nd June 2024**



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## 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)**

**WEDNESDAY 5TH PRAYER MEETING IN OUR CHURCH AT 11.00AM. Open to everyone.**

**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**

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.



**THIS SUNDAY -2nd June**  
**we have a Sectional Service at 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 by tea, coffee and biscuits**

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

**Many thanks, Meg**



**Food Bank** Last Monday 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**



At our annual church council it was agreed that as we had not managed to do any fundraising for our charity of the year last year it was suggested the Air Ambulance would continue to be our charity for this year. Any ideas for fundraising and how we can raise money for this charity and our church? as any fund raising is half and half for each fund. Can you think of anything to raise funds please and how can you help. Kathleen xxxx

**A MORNING PRAYER** We pray for those whose minds are full of joy; for those whose thoughts are good and right and true; for those who fill their minds with the word of God and for those who daily seek his presence and his blessing; for those whose first thoughts are always for the good of their neighbour and for those whose example of love brings hope to others; for those whose words and deeds lead others closer to God and for those whose whole life is a prayer of thanks and praise. May the mind of Christ bless others through them. May this be our prayer and we ask it in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**

**My thoughts for this week**

**Last weekend John and I happened to be in Weston high street ( a certain young man had lost one of his hearing aids so a replacement had to be bought!) and as we were coming out of the sovereign centre there before us was the statue of knives, or Angel of knives My only words were ‘oh no!’ By the time we had just walked a few paces forward quite a gathering of people had placed themselves around the statue, to start with in silence then slowly murmurings went round the circle. How sad, why, where did they all come from? what makes these young people carry knives?: and before long people were exchanging stories of how grandparents were begging their grandchildren not to get themselves involved in gangs and such likes and how perhaps more police on patrol locally would or could help more: then as we slowly moved away more people took our place but still for quite a distance people could still be heard talking about the statue, how tall it was and how could something so ugly as rusty knives seen from a distance look so beautiful?**

**Later, when I was sat quietly in my garden at home, my thoughts wondering over the last weekend and where we had been and what we had done and for some reason the vision of that angel came into my minds eye, so beautiful, but yet so ugly. Then a vision of Jesus came into my thoughts of how He was placed on a Cross and yet we’d let Him die; placed high upon a Cross with crowds of people circling around him. I wonder if they were murmuring ‘how sad and why what had He done?’ He’d only come to try to save us all from doing wrong and saving us from our sins but yet we’d let him die! I suppose what I’m trying to say is that even though it was two thousand or more years ago but still, it is so relevant today.**

**Going back to the knife angel; what suffering those knives have caused and what heart ache to so many families and for what? My prayer must be that God will somehow let these young people know that carrying a knife solves nothing but perhaps a gentle prayer could solve a lot. !!!!**

***KATHLEEN CHAPLIN [S][WL]***

**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 board (OUTSIDE THE METHODIST HALL)**

**Thought For The Week**

**“If we trust God more, we can fear less.”**