



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 30th June 2024



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Church Services & Events for JUNE 2024

Sunday 30th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb

Church Services & Events for JULY 2024

Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson
Saturday 13th 3.00pm Cream Tea in our church
Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Meg Slingso
Sunday 21st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Barry Spedding
Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

MEG'S CIRCUIT FAREWELL SERVICE will be on Sunday 28th July - 6 p.m. -at Churchill Methodist Chapel. This will be a Circuit Service.

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

CREAM TEA Our last service led by Meg will be on Sunday 14th July at 11:00 AM and will be a communion service so we are proposing having a Cream Tea on the Saturday afternoon (July 13th) the day before. Nicola Cunningham and her band of helpers will be selling tickets at £6 a head to start our Fundraising so why not come and say farewell to Meg and Graham whilst enjoying a delightful cream tea.
Kathleen

There is an ADVANCE NOTICE as there is a welcome service for our new Minister Revd. Andrew Bell. This will be held on Wednesday 4th September at Cheddar Methodist Chapel - beginning at 5.00 p.m. with tea and then followed by the service at 7.00 p.m.

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live it's



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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You are invited to a

CREAM TEA



**On Saturday July 13th
3.00pm-5.00pm**

Entrance Fee is £6

Money raised is for Air Ambulance and Church Funds

This will also be your chance to come and say Farewell to Meg and Graham

PRAYER Father God, we pray for your creation. You gave us responsibility for all that you have made. You entrusted every living creature into our care. But we have betrayed that trust and neglected our responsibility. We have allowed our good earth to become polluted by our greed, damaged by your selfishness and sucked dry by our materialism. Father, by your Holy Spirit, give us a renewed urgency to fill the task you laid upon us. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer Amen.

My thoughts for this week

I am sitting inside the gazebo in our back garden and in the cool of the evening following the hottest day of the year and thinking how blessed I am! Beautiful surroundings with a water feature in use with the sound of trickling water; also birds of all kinds making their presence known and there is the sense of peace-reminding me again of Psalm 46 where God says “Be Still, and know that I am God”. Then an airplane takes to the skies and there are a few moments of noise. Also in the distance is the sound of fast moving vehicles for much of the time.

So I ask myself which would I rather do? Travelling to a distant land and seeing a different part of the world OR racing up the motorway OR just being out in the garden. Well, Kathleen knows the answer as many of you who read this do.

Saying this, though, it is great to get out and see family and friends and to visit places. And it is so important also. Often one doesn't know how much good a visit can do for those that are poorly or lonely!

Last Sunday morning at church Rev Ian Bowley in his sermon shared some thoughts about impatience and how we want to do things in the shortest time and to reach our destination or our goal we have set ourselves in the shortest time. On the same morning it was as if God was speaking to me (in fact, I know He was) for when I woke up my thoughts were about ‘more haste less speed’ and also ‘make haste slowly’. As I get older I adhere much more to the latter. As I get slower it seems I need to make more use of my time by not going over the same ground a second time. At the same time I am consciously thinking that I am on a journey in life and that God is guiding me to find time for prayer and reading Gods word. Also to make best use of my time.

In Ephesians 5: 15-17 ESV we read:

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

God bless you all

JOHN CHAPLIN

The Somerset & Mendip Circuit are holding a Guided Retreat on Saturday 20th July at Walton Village Hall BA16 0LA – 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch, drinks will be provided, a Bible, notebook and pen. Free parking is available. If you would be interested in going would you please contact Revd. Collin Moore on 01963 351598 – e-mail: colin.moore@methodist.org.uk

Thought For The Week .

