



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 9th June 2024



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Church Services & Events for JUNE 2024

**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**

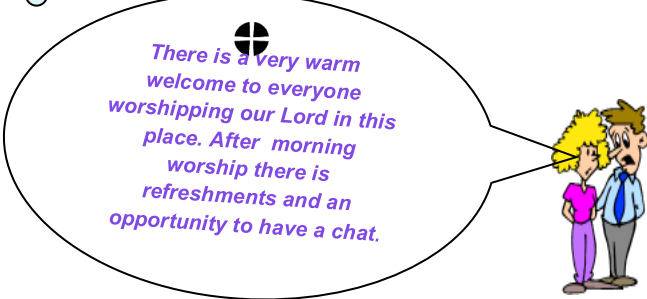
CREAM TEA Our last service led by Meg will be on Sunday 14th July at 11:00 AM and will be a communion service so we are proposing having a Cream Tea on the Saturday afternoon (July 13th) the day before. Nicola Cunningham and her band of helpers will be selling tickets at £6 a head to start our Fundraising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

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

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

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 discipleship in worship and mission



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: collin.moore@methodist.org.uk

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**)

PRAYER God our refuge and strength, as we are remembering those who faced danger and death in Normandy eighty years ago, grant us courage to pursue what is right, the will to work with others, and strength to overcome tyranny and oppression, through Jesus Christ, to whom belong dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

My thoughts for this week

I daresay a lot of you have been watching some of the coverage of the D-Day landings from 80 years ago that have been the subject of a number of programs on television. I have and it has made me very sad that we/ humanity have not learnt from our mistakes of the past and continue to engage in conflicts to this day. I know it has been going on since humanity first emerged on the earth but it seems like a huge flaw in our psyche that we have not learnt by now how futile and destructive it is to all around us.



On a better note we also hear from time to time about random acts of kindness that people make totally unprompted and the huge beneficial impact those have on the recipients. If only there were more of these to report than the acts of division and hatred that war and conflict generate.

Last week at the sectional service in Cheddar we heard about the actions of MAF in various countries and regions around the world and the beneficial impact they had on the lives of ordinary people, sometimes in conflict areas but also in places where resources were not just a short simple journey away. It was interesting to hear how some things we here take for granted because they are “just round the corner” require a major expedition for some people in the world. It is heart warming to know there are organisations that facilitate those people.

I find myself confused as to how some people can be so hell bent on achieving their aims at any cost to humanity and how others seek only to offer kindness and support to their fellow man, often at a cost to them. If only there were more of the latter, we would all be in a much better place.

I guess we should take a lead from those who do good and offer kindness and support and try to mimic their approach and do the best we can in our own way for those around us. If we could all do this and encourage others to do it we would, I am sure, feel a lot better about life and our contribution to the well-being of our neighbours, whoever and wherever they are.

BARRY SPARKS [S]



Thought For The Week .

LOVE AND KINDNESS ARE NEVER WASTED. THEY ALWAYS MAKE A DIFFERENCE. THEY BLESS THE ONE WHO RECEIVES THEM, AND THEY COULD BLESS YOU, THE GIVER.