



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 18th August 2024

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Minister:
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Church Services & Events for AUGUST 2024

Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Young
Sunday 18th 4.00pm Axbridge Methodist Church—final service
Sunday 25th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Church Services & Events for SEPTEMBER 2024

Sunday 1st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Lois Emm
Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Bell
Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Ian Bowley
Sunday 22nd 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Peter Davis
THIS IS OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Eric Small

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



OPEN GARDEN EVENT in aid of Weston Hospice. Edward wishes to thank everyone who visited and gave generously at the Open Garden Event at Yew Tree Farm two weeks ago. The total amount raised was a marvellous £1200.00 for the Weston Hospice who are so grateful for your donations.

FOOD BANK Last Monday we visited the Food Bank with another donation of food etc which you have so generously given. This time we didn't see Lucy as she was out in the van collecting items that are still in date but are surplus to requirements at one of the few supermarkets she regularly visits so this time we met a lovely lady named Sally and she was so very grateful of the gifts we bring. We asked her how things were going with regards items brought to them. Sadly she said 'more is going out than coming in' We only needed to look at the shelves in the warehouse to see that it was about a quarter full. Bless you all for all that you give to this most worthy cause.



John and Kathleen

COFFEE MORNING & SALE
RAISING FUNDS FOR
PRICKLES HEDGEHOG
RESCUE CENTRE
CHEDDAR
(Charity No. 1151912)

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY
26TH AUGUST 2024
10 a.m. – 12 noon

Churchill Methodist Church Hall

Front Street
Churchill
BS25 5NG



There is a large car-park in the Church grounds.

Further details from Laura Batt 01934 863679

My thoughts for the week Reading John's article in the notices a couple of weeks ago has prompted me to write about a friend of mine who has recently passed her driving test. So what is the big deal I hear you say and how does it relate to John's article. Well, I will tell you.

She is a nursing sister with the NHS having come to this country from India some 20 years ago and then was joined by her husband and two daughters a little later. They settled in to life in Weston and all was going well. The daughters progressed through each school level and then to university to study medicine and physiotherapy and the husband also worked in the NHS. Then covid came along and sadly the husband contracted it and later passed away. This was a huge shock to the family with the girls still at university and the mother not able to drive. The girls were planning to have driving lessons but only when they had graduated. Mum had never really needed to drive but now it was becoming a necessity if only to get to work, church and essential shopping independently.

So, she started having lessons and progressed quite well until her tutor said he could no longer teach her anything, she just needed practice. She got the practice from a friend who came round after her work and took her out for an hour or two to help improve her driving and build her confidence. She took the test and failed, more practice, took it again and failed, more practice, took it for the third time and passed, hallelujah. She now has to learn to drive!!

As it happens, she is a very religious person, so she knows the scripture about seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened and for her it has come to pass and she is eternally grateful for the help she has had.

For me this is a real life example of someone putting their trust in God to deliver what they need after a very difficult time of loss and transformation. It is something she will have prayed about continuously so that she can continue to nurture her children and provide a stable home for them to progress from in their lives. I also prayed for her to pass the test and can testify to the joy and thanks her success has given her. You no doubt have your own experiences of such events and it all goes to support the gospel and our faith in Jesus.

BARRY SPARKS (S)

WELCOME SERVICE

This is a a welcome service for our new minister Revd. Andrew Bell and his family. 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.

Thought For The Week

Jesus loves you like a friend. He holds His hand out to you. Give him yours. **Basilea Schlink**

PRAYER Dear heavenly Father, we thank you for your grace and your mercy. We thank you for your loving kindness that you show towards your people. God, you are our refuge! Lord, we thank you for being a very present help in times of trouble.