



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 15th September 2024

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Church Services & Events for- SEPTEMBER 2024

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



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.

Church Services & Events for OCTOBER 2024

Sunday 6th Sunday Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Bell

13th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev John James

Sunday 20th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Robert Channon

Sunday 27th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Ladies Friendly are beginning their new season

The first meeting is on Wednesday September 25th at 7.30pm

in The Methodist Hall

speaker Ian Bowley talking about the "House of Grace" in Thailand

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Harvest On Sunday September 22nd 11.00am we will holding our Harvest Festival service led by Rev. Peter Davis.

As we have been doing in recent years our harvest gifts will be going to the Weston Food Bank which is in addition to the regular gifts you so kindly give and they will be displayed in the church at the beginning of the service. There will be brown envelopes available in the Porch before this date for those who would rather give money to the Food Bank

CHURCH COUNCIL Our first Church Council with Andrew our new minister, will be held in our church on Tuesday 15th October at 11.00am

FOOD BANK Last Monday we visited the Food Bank with another donation of food etc which you have so generously given. Lucy as always was shocked by the amount given which was a total of 35.20 Kgs - especially as it follows a very recent delivery three or four weeks ago. So once again we say a very big Thank You to you all on behalf of the Food Bank *John and Kathleen*

A Short Prayer for Peace

Lord, I come before you ready to pour out my worries, anxieties, and fears at Your feet. I am claiming and declaring Your promises for blessings of peace and strength over my life. Bring peace into my soul that passes all worldly understanding and make me a light for others to see Your strength. **AMEN**



My thoughts for the week

'I cannot believe it!' were the words I was greeted with by my friend on Monday morning, At Cadbury Garden Centre they have Christmas cards to sell. 'Oh really' says I. They had them for sale online two weeks ago, and then of course we started talking about how much would it cost to even post them! 'Oh well' said my friend 'I think we should just cancel Christmas!' 'Cancel Christmas' I shouted 'what do you mean?' 🙄 To lots of us this is the most important time of the year especially Christmas Day when we remember when baby Jesus was born and what the whole meaning of Christmas is all about. Then straight away the conversation changed to well don't forget we've still got Harvest Festival to come and bonfire night to enjoy (although not by all of us I hasten to add) . But going back to Harvest festival which is on Sunday sept 22nd I wonder if I may make a special appeal this year. At Congresbury Methodist our church is not only going to be decorated with flowers 🌻 and fruit 🍎🍇🍓 but with gift of things suitable for the Food Bank, Lucy our very good friend at the Weston branch was telling us that life is a really, really hard struggle for so many people just now and through no fault of their own they find themselves unable to get a meal or prepare a meal for their families and even this week John and I were shocked to see homeless people camping out on the seafront at Weston including a young mum and a tiny baby, so perhaps if we do find we can spare a tin or a packet or any odd toiletry thing I know they would be gratefully accepted on behalf of the Food Bank. Oh, by the way gifts can be brought to the Methodist church on the Saturday morning when we decorate the window sills or why not perhaps pop them inside the church doors on Sunday morning whilst we we hold our morning service or even why not accept our invitation to join us for our service and bring your gift with you. Our service starts at 11 00 am you will be made very welcome and you even get a cup of tea or coffee afterwards!

Kathleen Chaplin S. W L



Thought For The Week .

**Lord, we are your
people, not because we
are worthy or
because we deserve it,
but by your grace alone.**