



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 17th November 2024

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Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Michael Pullan

Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Wednesday 27th 7.30pm Ladies Friendly meeting

Church Services & Events for DECEMBER 2024

ADVENT. Sunday 1st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. John James

Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Bell

Wednesday 11th 10.30am Prayer and Fellowship at Mary's house

Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Sunday 15th 4.00pm Carol Service led by Rev Andrew Bell and the Brass Band

Sunday 22nd NO SERVICE IN OUR CHURCH

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th 9.30am

Sectional Service led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led the Worship Leaders

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.

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP

Please note that our prayer and fellowship meetings will be on the **Second (not first) Wednesday** of the month from now on. The next one is starting **10.30am on 11th December. JOHN**

Bev Merritt.

It is with sadness we have to tell you that Bev fell asleep on the evening of Monday 4th November. The funeral arrangements are that a celebration service will be held in Churchill Methodist Church at 12.30pm on 29th November. Edna's wishes there will be no wearing of black and that it will be a joyful and not sad occasion. Please continue to keep Edna and the family in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

PRAYER We pray for people who feel lost, defeated and lonely; for those who look back to 'might have beens' and to 'if onlys' and for those afraid of what the future may bring; for those who have filled their lives with this world's material possessions but who arrive empty handed at the door of the Kingdom of God; for those whose attitudes are always negative and whose decisions are governed by how the outcome will affect them. May Christ's law of love soften hard hearts and transform broken lives. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen

Ladies Friendly

The next meeting is on Wednesday

November 27th at 7.30pm

in The Methodist Hall

Speaker: Mrs Janet Brown

Card Making With Die Cuts

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



My thoughts for this week Recently I was in a part of a group and we were asked the question ‘what is joy?’ For me I (I wasn’t the only one) couldn’t give an immediate answer and the reason was I needed to ask myself also ‘what is happiness?’ As we listen to the News and watch the many programs and films on the TV it is hard to find any signs of happiness let alone joy! Many are bent on arguing a point. Often it is about money. The rich don’t know how to spend it sensibly and the greedy want more. (All this means the needy lose out every time.) With the conversations we have with others and indeed the general public they don’t seem so happy as they used to be yet there is more on offer now than there used to be with regards material things and more opportunities to ‘get away from it all! BUT through all this happiness can be found - especially in the more simple things of life; perhaps visiting the lonely, the disabled, the aged and more. When we do visit them we see it in their faces that we have made them happy and this in turn makes us feel happier than we were before and this reminds us that we are blessed more from giving to others rather than from receiving from them.

From a young age I was taught how to share with others and this has brought me much happiness over the many years but that is different from joy. To look at Gods creation and see the beauty that surrounds us one cannot cease to be filled with the joy by what we see! Or can we? Many years ago I walk along a coastline path for about a mile in Wales with a gentleman I knew and I made the remark of the beauty we could see. ‘That doesn’t interest me’ he said. Sadly life to him seemed somewhat meaningless. He didn’t seem happy let alone joyful. It just seemed mundane to him.

We were also asked at the group meeting, when in our lives did we find the most joy? To me I believe that as we grow closer to Jesus and we know more of his graciousness, love and mercy, we experience more of his peace that passes all understanding which gives us everlasting hope. This, I believe is real joy. As Ken, in his thoughts the last time he wrote chose the theme ‘being in the presence of Jesus’ may we find time to be still before God knowing he loves us all and he calls us to love him, our neighbours and ourselves. God bless you all

JOHN CHAPLIN

Food bank visit

Last Monday week saw John taking our donations to the Foodbank Warehouse, and lo and behold there was Lucy and her volunteers waiting to help John unload his car. Lucy could just not believe our churches generosity and her first words to John was ‘amazing’ and wanted him to convey to us all how grateful they are for all our gifts. 39.9 kgs of food etc was weighed in.

John would like also to say a big thank you to Barry and Paul who continually help convey the goods from the church to his car—especially when it’s raining !!!!! So it’s a big thank you to you all for your support of this very much needed provision.

Kathleen and John xx



But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, Forebearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law
Galatians 5: 22,23



Thought For The Week "God’s work done in God’s way will never lack God’s supplies." -

Hudson Taylor