



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 15th December 2024



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Church Services & Events for DECEMBER 2024

3rd Sunday of Advent

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 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rob Haskins

Christmas Day Wednesday 25th 9.30am

Sectional Service led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Church Services & Events for JANUARY 2025

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev Michael Pullan

Wednesday 8th 10.30am Prayer and Fellowship at Mary's house

Sunday 12th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Sunday 19th 11.00am Covenant Service and Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Bell

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

Maurice Whalan

It is with sadness that we let you all know that Maurice passed away last Sunday week. He suffered a stroke & was in Southmead hospital and sadly died there. His funeral & thanksgiving service are on Friday 20th December. 11.30 at Weston Crematorium & 12.30 at Yatton Methodist church followed by refreshments in the hall at YMC.' (Marion and Maurice were long time members of our church until a few years ago when they moved to Yatton) Please keep Marion and her family in your prayers at this time.

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



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.



CONGRESBURY METHODIST CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE

led by Rev Andrew Bell with the

CONGRESBURY BRASS BAND leading the singing.

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm

followed by refreshments in the Schoolroom Please come and join us Everyone is Welcome



Foodbank

Wow, wow, wow, is all that we can say. Unfortunately our good friend Lucy was not there to greet us this time as she was at home suffering a very nasty cold infection, and we really wish her a speedy recovery especially at this hectic time of the year, but there to greet us was a very kind and friendly gentleman. He could see how full our car boot was and immediately brought out a trolley to load the bags onto - so John didn't have to carry the heavy bags in to the warehouse. Every time he added a bag onto the scales his comment was 'I can't believe this such kindness from your church members and friends, we really do appreciate all these special chocolatey gifts. Eventually 55.30 kg was recorded. John and I would really like to say thank you for your loyal support -especially at this time of year when everyone is so busy and kind. **Kathleen**



My thoughts for this week The Teaching of Jesus!

Sometimes these days I feel that too often we take the teachings of Jesus from the bible so reverently we often miss the true meaning of what he was saying.

For instance!

One of my relatives in his younger days had a shouting match with a younger member of our family and they didn't speak to each other for years.

Eventually he decided that he should make peace with the youngster but never really made it because he tried to apologize for the previous occasion! It never worked because it revived the old dispute! Then they were back going for each other and things were worse than before!

When I was told about the problem it seemed insoluble!

However, after prayer, and some thought I suggested that the old dispute should never be mentioned again, gave him one or two pointers regarding the youngsters' achievements which really could be a cause for congratulation and so far peace has been achieved.

What I really telling you is that we should ask ourselves what Jesus wants to happen in our lives and sometimes approach the situation obliquely or from another angle!

What do you think?

Ken Hill

PRAYER Creator God we pray for our world, which like that of the Holy Land at the time of Jesus' birth, is facing incredible change. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who offer their services in leadership that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly at this time for peace in the Middle East. Also for continued prayer for Ukraine and for the future of our world as climate change continues to make itself felt in so many unsettling ways.

Compassionate God, bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. In lives afflicted by pain, illness, distress or grief bring comfort, hope and the courage they need for today and every day. We pray for those having to travel to hospital for treatment or surgery and for those who love them and care for them.

For those who are mourning, lead them gently through this time of darkness into the light and peace of your enduring love. Help us to look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are now on that journey to you **Amen**



Thought For The Week



**Come thou long
expected Jesus. Born to
set thy people free**

