



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 8th December 2024

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## Church Services & Events for DECEMBER 2024

**Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion**

**led by Rev Andrew Bell This is also our Christmas Gift Service in aid of the Foodbank**

**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 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**

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.*

## FOOD BANK GIFT SERVICE

**Sunday 8th December at 11.00am**  
**Our gifts of Christmassy things will be thankfully received. We shall deliver them with the other gifts to the Foodbank Warehouse team on Monday 9th in time for them to sort them out before Christmas for the recipients. J & K**

## 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**

## Thank You from Edna

**Edna wants to thank everyone who has helped her in these last few difficult months with Bev. She sends her heartfelt love and gratitude to you all.**

## 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*



**PRAYER** Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. AMEN



**My thoughts for this week** We are into the second week of Advent, the week for peace and recognition. Christmas is looming, for some there will be great excitement but for others a dread. There are many reasons behind this, families worrying how to buy the presents the children have asked for, how to get the festive treats we all expect: but for lots it is just the worry of everyday things like the household bills, the cost of groceries, how to keep warm etc.

There are also homeless, lonely people who will just be alone over the holiday.

Many charities step in at this time to make things as nice as they can, but these problems are now all year round. The Foodbank is such a good example of helping in community.

Jesus spent some time as a refugee when they fled from Herod and spent some time in Egypt, then when he started his ministry he didn't have a permanent home. He has experienced all these things and many more which is why He will always be with us whatever troubles we have.

In the world today we have refugees, people with no food or water. We may not think that something we do will not help but however small our donation might be when it is added to others it can do great things. So all I can say is do whatever you can and trust that the Lord will do the rest.

Pray that peace will be found throughout the world this Christmas.

***Mary Krawczenko (S) (WL)***



**Love came down at Christmas  
Love all lovely, love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas,  
Star and angels gave the sign.**

**Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, love divine;  
Worship we our Jesus:  
But wherewith for sacred sign?**

**Love shall be our token,  
Love be yours and love be mine,  
love to God and all the world,  
love for plea and gift and sign**

**Thought For The Week**

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