



# Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 23rd March 2025

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## Church Services & Events for MARCH 2025

**Sunday 23rd 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders**  
**Sunday (Mothers Day) 30th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Eric Small**

## Church Services & Events for APRIL 2025

**Passion Sunday 6th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Claire Laudicina**  
**Wednesday 9th 10.30am Prayer and Fellowship at Mary's house**  
**Palm Sunday 13th 11.00am Morning Worship & Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Bell**  
**Good Friday 18th 10.00am Morning Service/Walk of Witness Rev. Andrew Bell with Rev Matt Thomson**  
**Easter Sunday 20th 6.30am Sunrise Service on the Millennium Green followed by Hot Cross buns in the Methodist Hall**  
**Easter Sunday 20th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb**  
**Sunday 27th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Michal Pullan**

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.



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

## Ladies Friendly

The next meeting is on Wednesday

March 26th at 7.30pm

in The Methodist Hall

Speaker: Mrs Alison Krawczenko-Knight

Decorative Flowers for Easter

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



## PRAYER *We pray for Protection of Those in Military Service*

God of Love and Compassion, we ask for your protection for those who are being sent to faraway places to prepare for our defence. we look forward to a day when no community will ever be asked to release its loved ones for purposes of war. But today, Lord, history and circumstances force us to release them into your care and into our country's service. We pray for their safe return; and not only for theirs, but for the safe return of others who are being sent from communities, so much like ours, in other parts of the world. As they face the myriad challenges and decisions that each day is destined to bring, may they be anchored by their faith, protected by your presence, and comforted by the knowledge that they are loved by you and by this community. We bless them in your name, and look forward to their safe return, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**My Thoughts for this week** The last time I wrote in the newsletter the daffodils were just showing and although that was only a few weeks ago they are now out in abundance along with hyacinths, grape hyacinths and an abundance of spring flowers. The trees are starting to bud and a lovely cherry tree in the next door garden is a gorgeous pink. It reminded me of how lucky we are to be able to see, smell and touch these things. Many are not so blessed and it reminded me of the blind man that Jesus healed by putting mud on his eyes and telling him to wash it off in the pool of Siloam. On my trip to Israel some years ago we visited the pool, it was very non descript where women had washed clothes and probably bathed their children and took water for cooking. It was not the mud or the water that cured the man's blindness but his faith in Jesus. How wonderful he must have felt when he could see all the things around him and their many colours after years of suffering. I sometimes feel that I don't appreciate the senses God gave me; I take things for granted but on reflection I am, and we all are so blessed with our senses and perhaps we should thank God more often for the many generous gifts and not just pray for help when things go wrong. I can see the flowers and the green fields, feel the rain, the sun and the wind on my skin.

So thank you Lord for all the gifts you bestow on all of us every day.

**MARY KRAWCZENKO (S) (WL)**



**CAMEO**  
 Wednesday April 9th 2025  
 Methodist Hall  
 at 7.30pm £2  
 includes tea/coffee and biscuit

**FOOD BANK** Last Monday week saw us visiting the food bank and we were so welcomed as Lucy was surrounded by a group of young people who apparently were doing their first day of work experience and she was trying to divide them up so each volunteer at the Food Bank had a group of young people to help them. As we entered through the large door, straight away a voice rang across the warehouse welcoming us, I've never seen our car emptied so quickly and our gifts weighed and dispatched to the correct place in the warehouse. But in all this Lucy still had time to come and thank us for all the gifts you had sent and her thanks were so sincere. It really made my heart feel so warm and proud that we were able to send so much this time. It weighed in at 42.20kg. Amazing!—and thank you all for what you give and bring so regularly



*John and Kathleen xxx*

**Please** can we draw your attention to the two advertisements in the Church  
 1. Tear Fund  
 2. Volunteers needed for The New Rooms, Bristol

*Thought For The Week-Lent 3*

Gospel Reading for this week is John 2: 13-22

**IN HIS LAST DAYS ON EARTH  
 JESUS CHALLENGED PEOPLES  
 HEARTS -AS HE CAN AND  
 DOES DO TODAY**