



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 13th April 2025

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LENT 6



Church Services & Events for APRIL 2025

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 6.00am 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. Michael 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

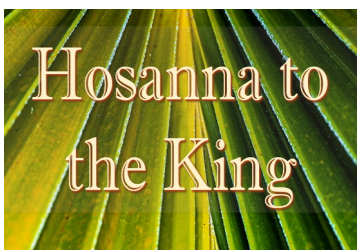


There is a very warm welcome to everyone worshipping our Lord in this place. After morning worship there is refreshments and an opportunity to have a chat.



Good Friday service and walk of witness service.

Our annual service will begin at 10.00am and will be led by our minister Andrew and Rev Matt Thompson. Immediately afterwards we will walk with the crosses to the paddock at St Andrews for them to be erected and have a short service of witness.



Easter morning Sunrise Service

As usual we shall meet on the millennium green at 6.00am for a short service (who knows perhaps we will see the sun rise this year!) and then afterwards go to the Methodist hall where hot cross buns and tea and coffee will be waiting for us all. It would be good to see you. Why not come and join us?

Easter Sunday Morning. It has been a practice of our church to decorate our empty Cross with small bunches of flowers to celebrate Jesus rising from the tomb, so if you have any small flowers they would be much appreciated, and would you please bring them on Sunday morning next week.

PRAYER Lord we praise you for your glory which we have seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We join in the praises of those who greeted him as he rode into Jerusalem. We praise you for his coming on the back of a donkey -and the sign that he comes as a Prince of peace. We praise you that in his coming you have demonstrated your commitment to us but your total rejection of all that is evil; for the utter determination of your love to touch our hearts, to change our lives and to gently but firmly call us to follow your Son. We praise you that even when the world and our neighbour have,

like the crowds of Palm Sunday, stopped praising him, he is still Lord; that even when those around us, like the mob who cried 'crucify!' turn their backs on you and reject your Son and your purpose of grace for a lost world, still you cannot be defeated. we praise you that whether, like the crowds who wave their palm branches, we are passing through times of peace and rejoicing or whether it feels as if we are standing at the foot of a cross, you give us the assurance that your grace is sufficient no matter the cost. We praise you for the victory of your love that triumphed over sin and death. We praise you that now and always he is our living Lord. We come to praise you now in and for him as we will praise you for all eternity. Amen

My thoughts for the week

How can five weeks have gone by so quickly and us scarcely remembering what happened or should of happened! - for me the latter is to my shame what I'm going to be writing about this week. Many churches through Lent have a Lenten Liturgy that they follow which includes having a small Cross erected in church and each week an item is added to the Cross such as the bag containing 30 pieces of silver referring to Judas when he betrayed Jesus with a kiss and received the money in return. Well the sixth week of Lent approached— (even one of our preachers asked me, 'do you follow a Lenten Liturgy pattern?') Oh no, says I. What was I thinking of, we always follow a Lenten Liturgy pattern. Where, oh where had my memory gone, and if it wasn't for John my husband we would still be minus a Cross in church, but it's strange because he kept saying he felt something was missing in church and I kept saying that he was imagining it and then thank goodness he had a light bulb moment and he knew what was missing. The Cross. This then really got me thinking without the Cross, there would be no Easter no chance to go to the foot of the Cross and say I'm sorry, - sorry Lord for the terrible things I do and say and never ever really remember to say it was my fault. Lord, I was the guilty one, and that now we can come away from the Cross being totally, totally forgiven and free.

Also now as we think of Palm Sunday, the day when Jesus rode on the donkey where the crowd greeted him waving palms and shouting Hosanna, Hosanna, and throwing their garments on the floor for him to walk on.

Please help us as we go about our daily life to remember the story of you on the Cross and remember that we owe it all to you and that we perhaps can at the end of the day say 'I love you Lord and I'm sorry for the things I've done. Please forgive me', and as we start a new day tomorrow please help us to do it in your love

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN (SS) (WL) (PC)

Ladies Friendly

The next meeting is on Wednesday

April 23rd at 7.30pm

in The Methodist Hall

Beginning with the AGM

followed with a talk by Katie Oldham

about the history of Pennybrohns

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Thought For The Week

**A new day will
dawn on us
from above because
our God is loving
and merciful.**