



Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 6th April 2025

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Church Services & Events for APRIL 2025

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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 6.00am 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

PRAYER AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

This Wednesday 9th April starting with tea/coffee at 10.30am at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards when we can have the opportunity to have a chat with one another. Everyone is very welcome to come along. JOHN



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.



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

PRAYER We thank God for who You really are. For Your infinite wisdom, grace, mercy, love and peace. There are not words that fully describe the immensity of Your attributes. We see in Your creation just a little of the vastness of Your love for us and even showing us the depth of Your love through the life and death of Your only Son, Jesus. We thank You, too for sending us Your Holy Spirit, a Comforter, walking along side us and interceding for us. **AMEN**

My Thoughts ————— **MY THOUGHTS**

It is Thursday evening as I write and I am finding it hard to write something that is relevant to the last days of the season of Lent. So I thought back to the things I have done today and one thing stood out! It will be Rev Robert and Daphnes (great friends of ours) Golden Wedding Anniversary this Saturday so I bought a card and a 1st Class stamp at the Precinct and sat on a bench to write the card and post it. The sun was shining and it was warm and it made me very thankful to be able to do this. Then I got to thinking 'I have bought a card and stamp for £4.10p (£4-2s-0d. Then my imagination kicked in! When I left school my wages was £1-18s-6d per week when I was 15. That's over two weeks wages I would have to find to buy a card AND a stamp at today's prices. What stands out is 1. I am getting old! 2. I am using my imagination which is the topic on my mind. I/we could not imagine there would be a Covid epidemic six years ago. I cannot really imagine what it was like for the nurses and doctors, physically or mentally who faced suffering and death day in and day out. I cannot imagine what it would be like for the young people and

students who are suffering from bullying, I cannot imagine what it would be like to be homeless or hungry. Then there are countries at war. I cannot wholly imagine the suffering there is.

Then I imagine those who are helping and giving of their time to the needy in so many ways and often some of them lose their lives. How difficult it must be!

So as we think of the last days of Jesus on earth, we know that Peter denied Him and Judas Iscariot betrayed Him. We cannot imagine by far all that Jesus has suffered and done for us but His love says it all.

*2 We may not know, we cannot tell
What pains He had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.*

From 'There is a Green Hill'

by Cecil Frances Alexander

So we thank the Lord for His unfailing love and His peace that is everlasting for all He did at Calvary and through His resurrection. Beyond this point we do not need to use our imagination-but we do! Our God is a Great Big God who knows the future and holds us in the hollow of His Hands. May He bless you through the holidays and the Easter season.

JOHN CHAPLIN

Thought For The Week

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future"

Jeremiah 29:11

