

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 28th September 2025

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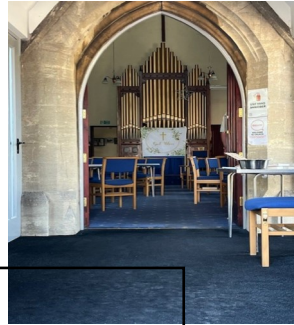
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The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live it's discipleship in worship and mission

Church Services & Events for SEPTEMBER 2025

Saturday 27th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day

Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson



Church Services & Events for OCTOBER 2025

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

Tuesday 7th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 12th 11.00am Service of Celebration of witnessing 175 years of Methodism in Congresbury led by Rev Robert Channon

CIRCUIT SERVICE 4.00 –5.30pm Shared tea followed at 6.00pm by an evening celebration led by our minister Rev Andrew Bell which includes a visit from Congresbury Brass Band

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Rev. Ian Bowley

Saturday 25th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Heather Gale

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.



Mary Clark In the last few issues of our notices you may have noticed Marys contact number and email address. She is our Lay Pastoral and Community worker in this side of the Circuit and shares only a few hours each week in helping Andrew in his five churches and she has been present with us at the prayer meetings we hold in Mary Krawzcenkos house.

You will see she has for the first time contributed to 'My Thoughts' on the back page this week and we thank her for this and hope that from time to time she will be doing this. May God bless her. John

175 years of Methodism in Congresbury

Come and celebrate the Christian witness with us on Sunday October 12th. 11.00am. Service of Celebration with Rev. Robert Channon
6.00pm Circuit service and Celebration with Rev Andrew Bell and the Congresbury Brass Band

Before the evening service there is a shared tea at 4.00pm-5.30pm

N.B. Owing to a hospital appointment the October Prayer Meeting is brought forward a day. It is now being held on Tuesday 7th

PRAYER Lord, make us to know you aright, that we may love, enjoy, and possess you more and more. And since, in the life here below, I cannot fully attain this blessedness, let it at least grow in me day by day, until it all is fulfilled at last in the life to come.

My thought for the week

Galatians 6: 7 'you will always harvest what you plant'

Pondering over these words in Galatians got me thinking!

Now is that time of year when harvest is a big topic in schools and in our churches. However for many like myself, our eyes have been opened to the farmers world through the Clarkson's Farm series. I have watched every episode and it has made me appreciate and not take for granted the food that I eat. Clarksons Farm was entertaining but It wasn't particularly profitable for him. He had fields of barley, rape and wheat and that's what he got. No surprise there! You tend to plant what you expect to harvest. I'm pretty sure if you planted a tomato plant you would expect to see tomatoes and you'd be very confused if it was strawberries!

So how does this apply to us as Christians? Should I be surprised if I'm not seeing certain things in my life if I'm not planting them in the first place? The verse in Galatians 6 talks about the people who sow to satisfy the things that they want as opposed to those who sow to live and please the spirit. The fruits of the spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. To produce good fruits in us can be challenging at times. We all have good & bad days.

But, the good news is it's not my job to produce the fruit of the spirit. Unlike a farmer who has months of work to prepare the ground, to sow the seeds and then to wait until it's the perfect time, (as I learnt on Clarksons Farm) to harvest, I can just allow the Holy Spirit to do his work in me. I'm like the soil where these things will grow. If I spend more time with God, in prayer, worshipping and in friendship with other Christians, then I will more likely create a rich soil that will allow the Holy Spirit to produce those fruits in me.

So the next time you want more peace, the next time you want to be filled with joy and the next time you want a little bit more patience. Lean into God a bit more. He has a never-ending supply of these fruit for us. And as we receive the fruits, we too will plant the seeds that will bear more fruit so that others too will grow. Amen

MARY CLARK (Lay Pastoral and Community Worker)

Thought For The Week

**Do not be
afraid
for
I am
with you.**

(Isaiah 43:5)

Food bank

Early last Monday week saw John and myself heading out to the Foodbank Our car was well loaded with all the wonderful food gifts that had been brought to our church for our Harvest Festival. Also we had £80 in money. When we arrived Lucy was nowhere. to be seen but as usual there were two or three ladies busily packing parcels ready for clients to come and collect. Straight away they came forward and welcomed us. 'wow' was the first word the first lady said when she saw how full our boot was and when we said it was from our church's Harvest Festival the second lady said it can't be that time of year yet can it!! But they were so impressed with the amount totalling 53.80kg which we had brought and then also the money we had to give them. That's when Lucy arrived back from collecting gifts from one of the local food store. Before she could even get in the door they both shouted out its harvest and look how much much these kind people from Congresbury Methodist have brought us. 'Wowee' was the word from Lucy's lips 'it is so welcome. understandable the way the cost of living has gone up. People are struggling to feed their own families but yet there are those kind people like yours at Congresbury Methodist who never forget us'



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