



CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

Congresbury Methodist Church News

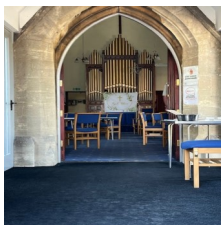
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Church Services & Events for NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 16th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Eric Small

Saturday 22nd 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Morning Worship led by Tony Stevenson

ADVENT SUNDAY 30th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Mary Clark

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



Monthly Open Outreach Day

Doors Open Wide next weekend!

Saturday 22nd November

from 10am—12noon.

There will be some music by John. There will be an opportunity to meet our minister Andrew for a chat or quiet prayer.

Also Teas, coffee, cream scones, The Church doors will be open wide and everyone is most welcome. Please come along and bring your friends and enjoy a chat.

STEWARD VACANCY If there is anyone who feels they would be willing to come forward as a steward to fill this post please speak to Kathleen, Mary or Barry

Our Minister Andrew and Mary Clark and ourselves are holding an EXTRA Prayer Meeting solely for the life and mission of our Church at 7 Nomis Park on **[DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED]** If you feel you would like to join us, please come along. John & Kathleen.

PRAYER We pray for people who feel lost, defeated and lonely; for those who look back to 'might have beens' and to 'if onlys' and for those afraid of what the future may bring; for those who have filled their lives with this world's material possessions but who arrive empty handed at the door of the Kingdom of God; for those whose attitudes are always negative and whose decisions are governed by how the outcome will affect them. May Christ's law of love soften hard hearts and transform broken lives. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen

OTHER MEETINGS TO HELP WITH THE RUNNING OF THE CHURCH

The Property Committee have held a meeting to discuss and put forward a list of plans to enhance our church and then will hand it to the church council who then will be asked to further discuss these plans on **26th of November at 11.00am.**

The meeting will be held at the church.

Please can you all make note of the date and make every effort to attend the meeting

Wednesday December 3rd 11.00am

It has been proposed at our Church Council this week that we start a Bible Study in our church so if you think you would be interested please come along and join us in the church

FUTURE DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Our next church council meeting will be held on march 4th 2026 at 11.00am in our church.

My thought for the week Well, here we are in the middle of November and it's my turn to write something for our notices and it is eight weeks since I last contributed to 'My Thoughts'. I am very thankful that we now have three more contributors to the weekly column: namely Faith, Mary Clark (Pastoral Worker), and Rykie. They all are helping to ease the load which is an answer to prayer. I feel it is so very good that we share our thoughts, our faith, our prayers. We also want to thank the many readers who have made positive comments regarding this column.

Like I say, having more contributors to share the load has eased the situation - and leads to healthier church life.

Also we are conscious of the fact that numbers to our monthly prayer meetings at Mary's house has increased from three from the start to eight for the past two months and we thank the Lord for this. (Two weeks ago I put in our notices 'A PRAYING CHURCH IS A GROWING CHURCH' ('church' means people) and I truly believe this: it has happened many times over the years. It may mean the way we worship may need to change a bit. However through God's grace and mercy we must embrace what Jesus is telling us through His Holy Spirit.

High on the list of prayers for our Church at the moment is that someone will feel led to come forward to step into Kathleen's shoes as she resigns as senior steward at the end of the year. It is not easy to fulfil the office but can be very rewarding.

So we pray Lord Jesus that you hear our prayers for the future of our Methodist church in Congresbury that someone will feel led to help Mary and Barry in the smooth running of our services and that between us all your love for the congregation for each other will will continue to flourish. We pray also for the future property meetings and also another to discuss the future of 'Bringing the Bible to life' we ask this in your Name. Amen

The last two contributions I have made to our notices has focused mainly on decluttering and I was going to add this one to it. More about this next time as we have been very busy with the church celebrations. However my thoughts have been more about how sometimes we become distracted on a daily basis from the Way, Truth and life of Jesus because there is so much clutter in our lives.

So Lord Jesus we pray that in your Mercy you will hear our prayers and guide us give us strength as we attempt to declutter our lives as we seek to follow you. Amen

May God Bless you all

JOHN CHAPLIN

Church Services & Events for DECEMBER 2025

Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Janet Day

Wednesday 10th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Ken Young

Sunday 14th 4.00pm CAROL SERVICE led by Rev Andrew Bell

Sunday 21st 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb

Sunday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY Service 9. 00am led by Rev Andrew Bell

Sunday 28th COVENANT Service at 11.00am led by Rev Andrew Bell

Thought For The Week

"God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supplies." -

Hudson Taylor