



CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

Congresbury Methodist Church News

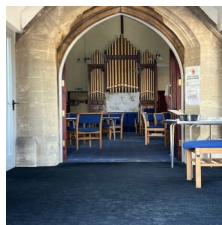
Weeks beginning 30th November 2025

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Church Services & Events for NOVEMBER 2025

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

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 (tea to follow in the Hall)

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

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



OTHER MEETINGS TO HELP WITH THE RUNNING OF THE CHURCH

It was proposed at our Church Council 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 on

Wednesday
December 3rd 11.00am

EXTRA PRAYER MEETING 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: **[THE DATE IS THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM]** If you feel you would like to join us, please come along.
John & Kathleen.

Dear friends,

The future is looking bright at Congresbury Methodist Church thanks to decisions made at last week's Church Council meeting. After much prayer and discussion those present agreed to a scheme which will make the best use of our finances and our resources. It was decided that the funds we hold will be used to develop and refurbish the hall. This will give us a multi-purpose building which can be used for worship and for lettings. To enable this to happen we will be moving the midweek groups into the church so that they can continue to meet while the work on the hall is progressing. On completion, all church activities will be held in the hall and the church building will be sold. It was a difficult decision to make, and we had to do much soul-searching, but now that it has been agreed we can begin to move forward and focus on a new and exciting future in the life of our church. Further discussions will be held to determine the details of the project, and you'll all have the opportunity to contribute to these as the work progresses. We ask for your prayers as the project takes shape, and as we share our 'good news' with the community we are here to serve.

Yours with every blessing. Rev Andrew

PRAYER Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy may the praises of our God and King still our hearts and minds and may the Holy Spirit guide us each day. We ask this through the Name of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

My thought for the week

Well here we are rushing into December and Sunday will see us marching into ADVENT the first Sunday when we first start to realise that the Baby who came 2,000 years ago is still being born in thousands of schools around our country as infants and junior children practice their nativity plays and also in many, many churches as the Advent Ring is lit for the first time this year: it made me then go on to think 'It is also a time of waiting - but what are we waiting for? We are told that this young Baby is going to grow up and lead us all, how to look out for the poor and destitute the penalised, the starving, the marginalised, the people who practice different religion to us but yet we're still waiting to see this happen. I personally feel that our country has become so divided where we have the haves and the have nots and even those in between where people are treated so differently just perhaps because they have a different coloured skin or they talk different to you and me, but yet we're all still waiting. My Advent wish for everyone is that we wake on Christmas Day and say thank you Jesus for coming and bringing all the love into this world and please, please help us all to say-

'Come in today, come in to stay, Lord Jesus. Amen .

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN (SS) (WL) (PV)

**StF 409 Let us Build
a House Where Love
can Dwell.....
Built of tears and
cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and
songs of grace,
let this house
proclaim
from floor to rafter.
All are welcome, all
are welcome,
all are welcome in
this place**

**From the words of a
hymn written by
Marty Haugen**

Come and have a Christmas tea at St Andrews Church on Wednesday 17th December from 2.00pm. There will be festive music and a happy welcome waiting for you.

Tickets £5 from Linda Fell and Ruth Wratton

STEWARD VACANCY

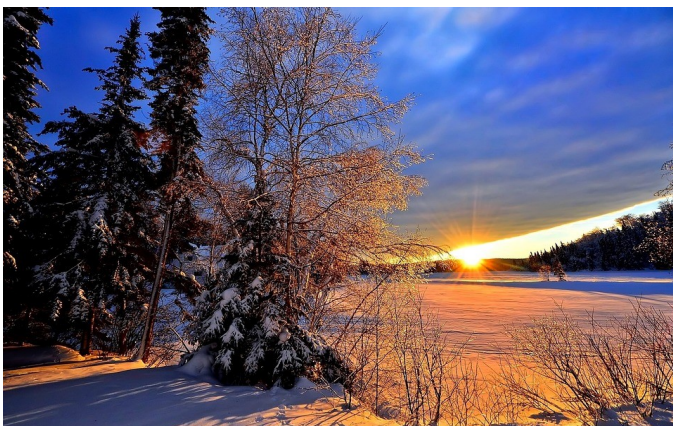
If there is anyone who feels they would be willing to come forward as a steward to fill this post please speak to Kathleen, Mary or Barry

Sunday December 14th Gifts for the Foodbank and Annual Carol Service

This year we are celebrating by bringing our special gifts.

ie. chocolate biscuits, sweets etc. to either service on Sunday 14th gifts for the Foodbank will then be taken to the warehouse in time for the gifts to be given out for Christmas. Many thanks, Kathleen.

Tea to follow Carol service



Thought For The Week

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Please note if anyone wishes to receive our notices I can let you have them-or I can email them to you -John