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Church Services & Events for DECEMBER 2025

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 the Worship Leaders

Thursday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY Service 9.00am led by Rev Andrew Bell

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



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 in the Hall after the Carol service

Dates of forthcoming Bible Study Meetings held in the Church led by Andrew will be on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 11.00am December

Wednesday 17th 11.00am

January 2026

Wednesday 7th 11.00am

Wednesday 21st 11.00am

The Theme at this time is on the Parables



Next EXTRA PRAYER MEETING,

Our Minister Andrew and Mary Clark and ourselves are holding the next EXTRA Prayer Meeting solely for the life and mission of our Church at 7 Nomis Park on: **[THE DATE IS THURSDAY 29th January 2026 AT 2.30PM]** If you feel you would like to join us, please come along.
John & Kathleen.

CHURCH COUNCIL

meeting on Thursday 15th January at 11.00am to receive and discuss plans for our church building

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

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.



Congresbury Methodist Church

Carol and Gift service

Led by Rev. Andrew Bell

SUNDAY 14th December

4.00pm

followed by tea in the Hall

Everyone is Welcome

All gifts to Weston Foodbank

Weston-super-Mare Foodbank
Together with Trustaid

CHRISTMAS MORNING SERVICE @ 9.00am
led by Rev Andrew Bell

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 Horton



Notice from churchill

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Saturday 13 December

4.30pm @Churchill Methodist BS25 5NG

A calm reflective time offering comfort & hope for every person to feel whatever you're feeling. Please come. YOU will be welcome



HANDLE WITH CARE



My thought for the week We are days away from celebrating the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem and if ever there was a need for someone to come and show the world that there is a better way to live our lives, now is the time. The current wars around the world may not be as woeful as some historical events in terms of numbers of lives lost, but given the wars we have had in the last 100 or so years and for centuries prior to that, we must wonder why and how we, the human race, have managed to survive and what we have done that is worthwhile to justify our existence. That sounds very demoralising but I do think we need to take a long look at ourselves and try and take a turn for the better. I know the current bias in news articles is always to those that generate shock and unsettle us and there are definitely a lot of good things going on that will never get reported but we must try and rebalance events so that the good has to be reported. It was wonderful to hear that good news story about the girl in London who has had blood transfusions to correct an imbalance in her blood that meant without treatment she might already have died. Stories like that give you faith in the goodness of people who are striving to make lives better. All we need now is several billion more to do the same and outflank the gangsters, gunrunners and ne'er do wells who seem to overrun our lives.

On a brighter note I went to my granddaughter's school nativity play this week and was so encouraged by it I was almost in tears. The enthusiasm and energy that all the under 7s put into their performance was brilliant. Some seemed so natural acting their role in the story and even those that may not have wanted to be there performed with a zest and assurance that was wonderful to see. Seeing such acts of joy and happiness makes it difficult to understand the current state of life in some parts of the world.

They say Rome wasn't built in a day and that for sure is true and we won't turn the tide of hostility and aggression in a moment but we must keep on trying. Showing how ordinary people with seemingly little influence can make a positive difference to the hopes and outcomes of other ordinary people. At the end of the day we are all ordinary people, we just need to get the good ones running things and making it better for everyone. It all starts with a small step and a helping hand and the more we do of that the better life will be for others and for us!! **BARRY SPARKS (S)**

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 Creator God we pray for our world, which like that of the Holy Land at the time of Jesus' birth, is facing incredible change. May all lands that suffer violence and injustice find peace and reconciliation. We pray for the peoples of the world and all who offer their services in leadership that they may uphold what is right and good. We pray particularly at this time for peace in the Middle East. Also for continued prayer for Ukraine and for the future of our world as climate change continues to make itself felt in so many unsettling ways.

Compassionate God, bring healing in mind, body and spirit to all who are troubled. In lives afflicted by pain, illness, distress or grief bring comfort, hope and the courage they need for today and every day. We pray for those having to travel to hospital for treatment or surgery and for those who love them and care for them.

For those who are mourning, lead them gently through this time of darkness into the light and peace of your enduring love. Help us to look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. We especially pray for any we know who have recently died and are now with you **Amen**



Thought For The Week

**Come thou long
expected Jesus.**

Born to set thy people free

