



CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 21st December 2025



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4th Sunday
of
Advent

Church Services & Events for DECEMBER 2025

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**

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.



CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING

The Offering received on
Christmas day will be sent to
Action for Children as a
donation



**Dates of forthcoming Bible Discovery 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 CANCELLED

Wednesday 21st 11.00am



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

Food bank

Well what can I say, what a
carol and gift service we had
and what a wonderful table
laden with gifts for the food
bank! A big 'thank you' has to go out to
Barry and Paul who so willingly help
take the gifts to the back of John's car.
It's surprising how heavy those bags
get when when you carry them from
the church to the car park And an even
bigger 'thank you' has to come to all
you wonderful friends who are so
willing to support the food bank.
Early on Monday morning found John
and myself arrive at the food
bank. Sadly Lucy who normally greets
us was unavailable with family matters
so we met her capable assistant Sally
who with another very capable
assistant weighed our gifts which
totalled a massive 58kgs. 'What a lot'
Sally said and told us all of this would
be given out by next week and then
New year would see regular
collections of food being collected by
desperate people just struggling to
feed their families. My prayer for 2026
is that food banks could and would
become a thing of the past. Christmas
and New Years blessings to you all
love Kathleen and John Xx



We wish you all a very



Happy Christmas



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



My thought for the week

We are nearly at the end of advent, Christmas day is fast approaching but it does seem ages since everything appeared in the shops. I think it gets earlier and earlier each year. Everything is so advertised to us. How we can buy so much for one day of the year confuses me. The day does not need to be all about eating and drinking but thinking of others and spending quality time with family and friends. Many people will not celebrate the day. They face it with dread, they have no friends or family to spend time with, many have no homes, some live in war torn countries worryingly that they could be injured any minute.

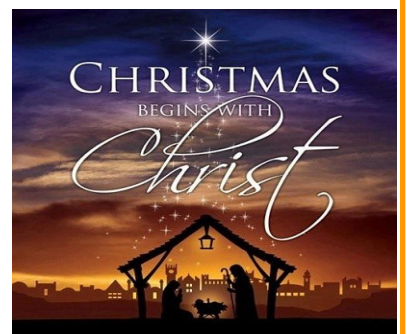
We just had our carol service and tea, it was lovely we are so lucky that we can enjoy such occasions with others. Let's not forget that when Jesus was born the world was very much the same as it is now, all we can do is to pray that the true meaning of Christmas is not forgotten and we think of other people who are not as fortunate as we are.

Happy Christmas and a joyous 2026 to everyone.

MARY KRAWCZENKO (S) (WL)



PRAYER Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us, you are one with us, Mary's Son;...now and every day teach us how to pray, Son of God. You have commanded us to do this, in remembrance of you...and so we pray as we are reminded this Christmas of your birth that you will fill us again with your Spirit of Hope, Faith, Joy and Peace. Come, Lord Jesus. AMEN

**Thought For The Week**

**JOY TO THE WORLD:
THE LORD HAS COME**

