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Congresbury Methodist Church News

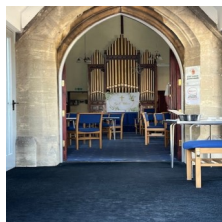
Weeks beginning 7th December 2025

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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 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 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

2nd Sunday
of
Advent

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.



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

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

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.

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 Trussard

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

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

PRAYER Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day, We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
AMEN



My thought for the week

THE POWER OF PRAYER.

Prayer is the heartbeat of Congresbury Methodist Church, a sacred dialogue with God that brings clarity, strength, and peace in times of decision making. Scripture reminds us that prayer is not simply words spoken into the air, but a powerful act of faith that aligns our hearts with God's will. Philippians 4:6-7 (NIV) encourages us: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* When facing big decisions, prayer moves us from anxiety to assurance, anchoring us in God's wisdom.

James 1:5 (NIV) declares, *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you."* This promise assures us that God delights in guiding His people when they seek Him. Prayer is not passive—it is active trust, opening the door for the Spirit to lead. As a Church, when we pray together, we invite God's presence into our deliberations, uniting us in His purpose. Through prayer, we find courage, discernment, and the confidence to walk faithfully into the future He has prepared. What an Incredible and joyous blessing!

Rykie Skone

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

Dear friends,

Notice from churchill

In recognition that Christmas can be a very difficult time for people for all kinds of reasons. Rev Andrew and Ken Young are offering a 'Blue Christmas' service that provides a space for painful emotions to be held and acknowledged rather than dismissed or hidden amidst all the jollity. It offers a space in which people can feel what they feel. It is a space to welcome all our community, people of any faith or none

Jacqueline Seel
Community
Development Worker.
Churchill Methodist

**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

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Thought For The Week

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