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METHODIST CHURCH

Congresbury Methodist Church News

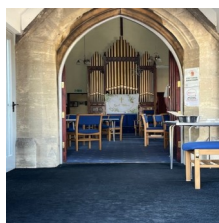
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Church Services & Events for JANUARY 2026

Sunday 11th 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small

Wednesday 14th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Thursday 15th CHURCH COUNCIL meet in the Church receiving and discussing plans for our church building and ALSO discussing new steward replacement

Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Ian Bowley

Wednesday 21st 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew. Everyone is Welcome

Saturday 24th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 25th 11.00am Morning worship led by the Worship Leaders

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.



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 and discussing a new steward replacement

PRAYER Lord, there are no words that can express the joy with which you fill our hearts and lives. There are no hymns or songs that have the words that will do justice to your glory. There are no words that will truly reflect your majesty, truth and righteousness. There are no words that can truly declare your mercy, peace and love. There are no words except your word in Jesus. He alone is the Word that enables us to see you, to know you and honour you. Lord, we praise you for your closeness to us and for your being with us in Christ. Amen

Monthly Open Outreach Day Doors Open Wide next weekend! Saturday 24th January

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.

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	January Wednesday 21st 11.00am February Wednesday 4th 11.00am Wednesday 18th 11.00am The Theme at this time is on the Parables
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My thought for the week Happy and peaceful New Year to all. 2026 heralds in the next milestone for us as a church community in Congresbury. We are to enter a new season of change. The proposal that had been submitted to the District Committee to decommission and sell our Chapel might become a reality. All future worship after that will be held in the refurbished Hall. Our Chapel celebrated 150 years of worship last September. Although I have worshiped in the Chapel only for the last 4 years, the nostalgia I feel is nonetheless poignant. However, the chapel building is only of bricks and mortar. Jesus Christ is the true cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20-22) of wherever God leads us to worship.

It would not be unreasonable though, for many of us to have reservations and disquiet thoughts on the wisdom of this change of venue for worship, albeit a seemingly sensible and advantageous move. There are numerous issues to address, not least the logistics of the project and whether if our perseverance will last the duration of transition. The ultimate vision of this change is to enable us to broaden our Christian Discipleship. Hopefully, this change of venue will enhance and extend the atmosphere of us being the warm and welcoming Christians that we already are. Our outreach can be even more impactful.

However, this vision and hope will not be fulfilled without God leading the way. If this project is God led, He will make smooth our path, as in Proverbs 3:16 - 'Remember the Lord in everything you do, and He will show you the right way'. Jesus Christ, Immanuel (God with us) came down to earth so that we can understand the inspired scripture in Hebrews 13:5, 'Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.' This knowledge that God will always be with us gives us assurance especially in this time of uncertainty. Going forward, let us prayerfully ask God to lead and inspire the Property Stewards and Project Committee. We pray earnestly that God will grant them clarity and the discernment of His will. 'Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths' Proverbs 3:5-6.

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Church Services & Events for FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday 1st 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small

Wednesday 4th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.

Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Wednesday 11th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning worship led by Rev. Colin Moore

Wednesday 18th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.

Everyone is Welcome

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Morning worship led by Lois Emm

Saturday 28th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Thought for the week

**Be strong
and let your
heart take
courage, all
you who
wait for the
Lord!**

Psalm 31 v 24