

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 1st February 2026



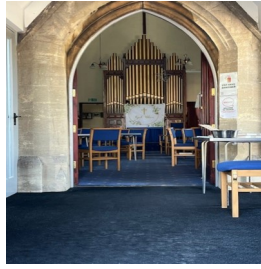
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The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live it's discipleship in worship and mission

Church Services & Events for 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

Our Bible Discovery Meetings held in our church led by Andrew in February are on

Wednesday 4th 11.00am and Wednesday 18th 11.00am

The Theme at this time is on the Parables

A NOTICE FROM REV ANDREW PROUT (Superintendent Minister)

This is a reminder of the next Circuit Prayer Meeting (Zoom), which will take place on Saturday 7th February between 9.15am-9.45am. Please feel able to join this Monthly Prayer Meeting and together let us place all our endeavours before the Lord. The link for this meeting is below.

Saturday 7th February 9.15am-9.45am

[https://zoom.us/j/98391166143?](https://zoom.us/j/98391166143?pwd=ZNxR5ahQc5MxuQhcAiQ2b8ABbyVrYb.1)

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Meeting ID: 983 9116 6143 / Passcode: 657582



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.



PRAYER. Father God, we thank you for the world in which you have placed us and for the people with whom we share our daily experiences of life. For those who provide for our needs and comfort us in our despair. For those who lift us when we are down and accept us as we are and forgive us even when we are wrong. For those whose words and deeds make the love of yourself real for us. For those whose lifestyle is so shaped by your presence that they are beacons of hope in a dark, dark world. For those who have borne witness to the one who lived, died and was raised to make us whole. For those who told us the stories of Jesus and for those who brought us to Christ.

So Father, we thank you for all these blessings together with the beauty of your creation you have given us to enjoy. Lord, we thank you for your graciousness as we celebrate with joy the goodness of your love to us. We thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Thought for the week When I was a child an old aunt of my father's lived with us. She would spend a long time telling me Bible stories, my favourite was Jonah and the whale, which I am sure was many a favourite of children. Recently I reread the story, basically it was about Jonah not accepting what god wanted him to do. He tried to run away to Spain instead of going Nineveh to deliver Gods judgment to the people living there-as he had been asked. It made me think, do we ignore what god wants us to do if it makes us uncomfortable? Would we go and work with people on the streets if we felt it was what God wanted us to do or would we make all the excuses and reasons why really we couldn't do it?

Jonah realised that we cannot hide from God so after being shipwrecked, spending several days in the whale's belly he asks for forgiveness and God spews him onto the beach. He then goes to Nineveh and carries out what God had asked him. We cannot run away from God.

The whole story I believe is about asking for forgiveness if we do not carry out what we are asked by God to do, that is difficult to recognise but with prayer and opening our minds to our Lord Jesus we know we can ask to be forgiven and as our God is a loving forgiving God we are truly loved and forgiven, without question. In the same way we need to live our lives thinking of others, forgiving others who hurt us and trying very hard to make a difference in this world. With the Lords help I feel we can.

MARY KRAWCZENKO



Thought for the week

**What you are is God's
gift to you. What you
become is your gift to God**