



CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 4th January 2026

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Church Services & Events for JANUARY 2026

Sunday 4th 11.00am Morning worship led by Tony Stevenson

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

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

Dates of forthcoming	January 2026
Bible Discovery	Wednesday 7th CANCELLED
Meetings held in the	Wednesday 21st 11.00am
Church led by	Wednesday 4th 11.00am
Andrew will be on the	Wednesday 18th 11.00am
first and third	
Wednesdays of the	The Theme at this time
month at 11.00am	is on the Parables

We like to say 'Thank You' to all who contributed to the CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING which totalled £135 for Action for Children



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.

Moira McDougall

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Moira after a short illness. Moira worshipped with us for many years and was well known in the Circuit. Our prayers for Moira goes to her son Martin who now lives up north.

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

My thought for the week 'As we step into 2026, we do so carrying many things with us—hopes, worries, memories, and unanswered questions. A new year often feels like a fresh page, yet we know that life does not magically reset at midnight. What *does* remain constant, however, is God's faithfulness.

The Bible reminds us that God is present not only in beginnings, but in every step along the way. As we look ahead, we may not know what this year will hold, but we trust the One who holds it. Christian hope is not based on perfect plans or guaranteed outcomes, but on God's steady presence through both joy and challenge.

A new year invites reflection. Where have we seen God at work in the past year? Where have we struggled, grown, or been changed? These moments—both the easy and the difficult—can become places of gratitude, teaching us that God meets us exactly where we are.

Entering 2026 is also an invitation to live intentionally. Not necessarily with big resolutions, but with small, faithful steps: choosing kindness, seeking forgiveness, making time for prayer, caring for others, and trusting God day by day. Faith often grows quietly, through ordinary acts of love and obedience.

As we begin this year, we remember that God goes before us. We are not walking into the future alone. With Christ as our guide, 2026 becomes not just another year, but another opportunity to grow in faith, hope, and love.

May this new year be shaped not by fear of the unknown, but by trust in the God who makes all things new.' Amen

MARY CLARK (Lay Pastoral and Community Worker)



**Happy
New Year!**