



CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

Congresbury Methodist Church News

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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 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

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.



Church Services & Events for MARCH 2026

Sunday 1st 11.00am Morning worship led by Tony Stevenson

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

Sunday 8th 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small

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 Ken Young

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

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Morning worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell

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

Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning worship led by Mary Clark

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 4TH MARCH AT 11.00AM

If you are able, please make every effort to come



PRAYER Lord, we praise you for your coming to us in Jesus Christ, your son, our Lord, that we see in him something of your glory, your power, your sovereignty, your authority and your love. We praise you for his life, death and resurrection which have opened our eyes to your grace and transformed our lives by your spirit. We praise you for coming and for sharing our suffering and pain. We praise you for wanting to enrich our lives with your presence and to fill our joy with your glory. Lord we cannot praise you enough for all that you are and all that you have done for us. To you we give the glory, honour, and praise. Amen

Thought for the week 1 John 4:7 – ‘Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.’

Valentine’s Day holds a historical tradition in the Roman Catholic Church that is based on the celebration of the martyrdom of two people in the third century. These days we tend to think of it as a day to celebrate romantic love with roses and chocolates, cards and dinners out.

And while all that consumer-driven celebrating may be nice and enjoyable, love is actually a verb. It’s a ‘doing’ word.

Loving well is a series of behaviors and actions, that are consistently, intentionally and generously grounded in the well being of the other.

These behaviors and actions can be observed, measured, received and appreciated.

As St. Ignatius said, ‘Love ought to show itself in deeds more than words’.

St. Ignatius’ sense of “love as a verb” helps us to orient ourselves deeper to the needs and longings of others. While this concept of loving well can be much more challenging in day-to-day living than perhaps “thinking” about or “intending” to love well may be, I have come to observe and believe that we are wired in our bodies, our hearts and our minds for just such considered action.

As we ponder this season of Valentine’s celebrations, let us gift ourselves and one another by re-remembering from whom we come: the loving imagination and creation of our God who has loved us into being. Let us remember all those who helped us to thrive in this world by listening, attending and acting in love and service to our needs and longings. Let us think about those dear ones in our lives today who need us to show up to love them, in both actions and speech over and over again. Let us give gratitude for loving as a verb and for the power that loving has in drawing us closer in the spirit of giving and receiving continuously in these busy, messy, wonderful lives of ours.

The poet Mary Oliver shares a line in her poem *The Messenger*. She says, “My work is in loving the world.”

I wonder, how are we called to action our love for the world today?

What small acts of love and kindness do we spread through what we say as well as what we do?

I pray that God’s love may bless us and sustain us today and in the days ahead. And may we all know that we are well loved by the Almighty God!

Amen

Blessings Mary Clark (*Lay Pastoral and Community Worker*)

Thought For The Week

“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”



11: Thessalonians.5: 11

Food bank

Last Wednesday week we delivered 22.10gm of produce to the Weston Food Bank. Not so much as we normally do but as the man that received the goods said ‘ We don’t have so much just after Christmas-even though it is still so desperately needed,



So thank you all again who provide for this most worthy cause which seems to have no ending.

John and Kathleen