



CONGRESBURY  
METHODIST CHURCH

## Congresbury Methodist Church News

**Weeks beginning 8th 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 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**

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

**If you are able, please make every effort to come**

#### 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.*



### Food bank

**On Wednesday this 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**



**PRAYER.** Father God we pray for peace in our land: that we do not worry about anything and as we pray with thanksgiving for your mercies and grace for the past we ask that you will continue to be with us always and knowing your peace which surpasses our understanding and that you will guard our hearts and minds through your Holy Spirit and through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN

**Thought for the week** I am putting a title to 'my thoughts' this week and it's a question—DO WE HAVE A HEAVY HEART OR DO WE SAY 'WHAT WILL BE, WILL BE ?

I woke up one morning this week following a disturbed nights sleep and it's not the only one over the past few weeks. In the almost 50 years I have been a member in our church at Congresbury we have never experienced so many difficulties with the smooth running of our church; a place built as a place of worship, where we can serve our Lord; a place where we gather together to share our faith and sometimes our problems. Never have we been so short of stewards or having a secretary. Even in our Circuit there is a real shortage of ministers, local preachers etc . So at times I guess we all can have a Heavy Heart. However, how can we say 'What will be, will be' because we know God has a Plan for us. Jeremiah 29: 11. For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

The first verse of lovely hymn in Mission Praise starts like this:

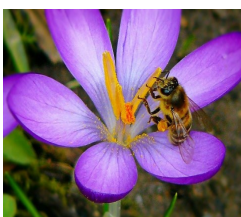
'I do not know what lies ahead, the way I cannot see; yet One stands near to be my guide, He will show the way to me: ' encouraging words of faith and hope (maybe we will sing it next Wednesday before our time of prayer)

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 3 Paul says this .... Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Jeremiah 33:3 is a Bible verse where God invites people to pray, promising, "Call to me, and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you do not know" (NIV/ESV). It's an invitation to seek God personally for guidance, revealing deep truths, divine plans, and future events beyond human comprehension, encouraging a deep, trusting relationship with Him, And so we pray:

Lord God you know our concerns for the future and ask your forgiveness for the things that have ruled my heart. I pray that you would lead us forward in continuing hope for the future. I ask this through your Holy Spirit and through the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

**JOHN CHAPLIN**



*Thought for the week*

**Father, lead me day by day,  
Ever in Thine own good way;  
Teach me to be pure and true,  
Show me what I ought to do**

*Source: African Methodist Episcopal Church Hymnal*

*Please note if anyone wishes to receive our notices I can let you have them-or I can email them to you -John*