

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 15th March 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 disciple-ship in worship and mission

Church Services & Events for MARCH 2026

Sunday (MOTHERS DAY) 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

Tuesday 31st March 11.00am Church Council Meeting in the church.

If you are able, please make every effort to come

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.



Future Dates for EXTRA PRAYER MEETINGS

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 o

[THE DATES ARE ON :

THURSDAY 2nd April

THURSDAY 7th May

THURSDAY 4th June

All at 2.30pm

If you feel you would like to join us, please come along. *John & Kathleen.*

**Monthly Open Outreach Day
Doors Open Wide next weekend!
Saturday 28th March
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, cakes. The Church doors will be open wide and everyone is most welcome. Please come along and bring your friends and enjoy a chat.

NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 31st MARCH AT 11.00AM



PRAYER. God our Father, in your unfailing love and goodness, hear us as we bring to you our prayers for the world and for all people . In this period of Lent we come to you aware of our unreadiness for the enormity of the Easter message, that Christ suffered and died for us and was yet raised in glorious victory. Grant us healing in our souls Lord, and in the souls of all

who search for meaning in their lives. Also, Lord, we give you thanks for all mothers everywhere for the love and guidance of their children of all ages as well as in some cases, looking after their elderly relatives. Special prayers for those who have extra burdens put upon them during difficult times. We ask these things the Name of Jesus. AMEN



My thoughts for this week -Mother's Day

Mother's Day invites us to pause and honour the deep, tender bond between a mother and her child. Scripture often uses this relationship to reveal something of God's own heart toward us. Isaiah speaks of a mother's compassion, reminding us that even if a mother could forget her child, God will not forget us; our names are engraved on his hands. He carries us from birth to old age, sustaining and rescuing us within unwavering faithfulness.

In Deuteronomy, God is pictured like an eagle hovering over its young - protecting, guiding, and teaching them to fly. The Psalms echo this same care, describing God as the One who shelters us under His wings and forms us with intention and love, seeing every moment of our lives before one of them came to be.

Isaiah also paints the image of God comforting His people as a mother comforts her child, gently and closely, with reassurance that quiets fear. Like a shepherd gathers lambs in His arms, God holds us with strength and tenderness.

This Mother's Day, as we give thanks for the women who have nurtured, protected, and shaped us, may we also rest in the truth that God's love is even more constant, more patient, and more complete. *Rykie Skone*

MIDDLE EAST Gracious God, we come to

You as the Prince of Peace-as the God of justice, mercy and hope for the world. We remember Your radical call on the church to love all people-neighbours, strangers and enemies. We remember Your call to be peacemakers and to work for reconciliation. We grieve all forms of violence that mar the image of Your goodness that is present in all humanity. God we pray for an immediate end to violence, for a lasting and just peace in the region: the most vulnerable- the sick, for the wounded, children, women and elderly. For all those living with deep trauma, anxiety and fear. We pray for healthcare workers, primary care givers and agencies and all those serving those in need. We pray for peace and comfort for all those who are suffering knowing that all the people of this earth are made in Your image and loved beyond measure. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Thought For The Week**GOD IS LOVE****Church Services & Events for APRIL 2026**

Wednesday 1st 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew. Everyone is welcome

Good Friday 3rd 10.00am Morning Service/Walk of Witness led by Rev. Matt Thomson

Easter Sunday 5th 6.00am Sunrise Service on the Millennium Green followed by Hot Cross buns in the Methodist Hall. Worship follows at 11.00am led by Janet Day

Wednesday 8th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway)

Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 12th 11.00am Morning worship led by Rev. Michael Pullan

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

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning worship led by the Worship Leaders

Saturday 25th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell