

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 1st 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 discipleship in worship and mission



Church Services & Events for MARCH 2026

Sunday 1st 11.00am
Morning worship led by
Tony Stevenson

Wednesday 4th March 11.00am Church Council Meeting in the church. If you are able, please make every effort to come

Thursday 5th 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

Please note that our next Bible Discovery meeting will be on Thursday 5th March at 11.00am Because our Church Council is on Wednesday 4th

This is a reminder that Rev Andrew Prout will be holding his Monthly Circuit Zoom Prayer Meeting on Saturday 7th March between 9.15am-9.45am.

If anyone would like the link for this please let me know. John

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.



Monthly Open Outreach Day Doors Open Wide THIS weekend! Saturday 28th February

from 10am—12noon.

The Church doors will be open wide as usual and will be some music by John. There will also be teas, coffee, cakes and biscuits on offer. We pray and ask that God's hand will be upon us as we witness and share his love to the people of Congresbury everyone is most welcome. Please come along and bring your friends or a neighbour and enjoy a chat.

We have been encouraged by those who already join us and who feel very much at home.

Rykie, Paul and helpers

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

If you are able, please make every effort to come

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 5th March 2026 AT 2.30PM] If you feel you would like to join us, please come along.
John & Kathleen.

My thoughts for the week

It seems a long time since I wrote my last thoughts for the week, but I'm glad to say it's because we have several new writers, Mary Clark our new pastoral assistant, Faith Ooi, one of our newer church members and lastly Rykie Skone another of our church attendees all who have written excellent thoughts; I just hope I can follow them. At the end of the year I decided for health reasons partly that being a senior steward was just taking its toll on me too much that I felt I should stand down.

So 2026 saw me free of any committee, but suddenly a decision had to be made after our church surveyor came and looked at our church with views of what was causing so much rising damp in the vestry and church kitchen walls. The property committee decided to look at what the cost would be regarding all repairs and to our horror even with the help of the wonderful legacy we had been left it seemed we would not be able to afford to keep our beautiful church, so the property committee looked at what it would cost to make good our school rooms and thanks to Paul and Rykie who spent days and hours in the school room with window and door consultants, roof, painters and decorators it was agreed to put plans forward to the Circuit with a view to turning our hall into our church. I thought it only fair to put you all in the picture as to how we came to that decision. A verse in the Bible comes quickly to my mind is:

For my thoughts are not your thoughts neither are your ways my ways declares the Lord. Isaiah 55: 8.

so my hopes and dreams are that God will honour us as we move forward as a praying, believing church and that all will be well when our final decision is made. For God so loved the world that who so ever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. Amen

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN WL PV

PRAYER Father God, we pray for the church that it may be filled with a greater awareness of what it means to be open to God; for congregations everywhere, that they will be seeking earnestly the gifts and the fruit of the spirit's presence; for a greater urgency and desire to be filled with the love of God. We pray for our churches, O Lord, that we may be more and more eager to receive all that You have to give and to be more aware of our responsibility and sharing your love with our neighbours. May the grace of Christ challenge us through His Spirit, and we thank you Lord that you hear our prayers. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen

Churchill Methodist Church
240th Anniversary of
Rev. John Wesley's visit
on 11th March 1786

Come along and sing Wesley's hymns with Paul Beechey at the organ at 4pm on Saturday March 7th. Buffet Tea to follow in Hall. It's free but donations are welcome. On Sunday 8th at 11.00am there is Celebration Worship

Thought For The Week

TO GOD BE THE GLORY, GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE—AND IS DOING!