

# Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 22nd March 2026



CONGRESBURY  
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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Lent

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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 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**

## 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 15th 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**

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 next weekend! Saturday 28th March from 10am—12noon.

The Church doors will be open wide as usual and there will be some music by John. Also tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes 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.

## A prayer for the world today

Father God, amidst the the terrible wars at this present time, we pray for our world today. We pray for peace and hope to abound. Many also are affected by natural disasters: floods, droughts and forest fires. Many are struggling with conflict, poverty and the global food crisis. O Lord, we pray for your provision, peace and protection. In Jesus' name, Amen



**My thoughts for this week**

We have just celebrated Mothers Day last weekend and we are about to celebrate Palm Sunday in just over a weeks time, but for now we are in Lent, a period of fasting and denial, when we think about the trials and tribulations suffered by Jesus leading up to his judgement day and subsequent execution on the Cross. For him at that time it must have been a very strange experience, knowing his future and the outcome, but not able to share it with any of his disciples.

For many people today they are going through trials and tribulations and they do not know what the outcome will be. We think of those in Ukraine, in Gaza, in Iran and Lebanon and the Middle East who are facing huge uncertainty and danger every day and there are many, many more who are facing an uncertain and painful future. We can only hope that they have a faith that comforts them and gives them hope for the future.

For ourselves in the UK we are concerned about the rising cost of energy supplies and the effect this will have on the economy and our standard of living and for some this will be a big worry but for the majority it will likely be a bit of a bump in the road and we can be thankful that we are not directly involved with the fighting and bombing that is taking place elsewhere.

It is a time when we should pray for those who are directly affected and hope that a solution can be found that can generate a lasting peace and enable countries to reconcile their differences and live a life of tolerance and goodwill.

*Barry Sparks (S)*

**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.*

**FOOD BANK** Monday last saw

John and I taking our gifts of food etc to the food bank, this time both Sally and Lucy came to greet us. Sorry I said it's not so much as last time. Don't ever say sorry said Lucy we are just so glad of whatever is brought through our doors ours weighed in at 29 kgs which was a lot heavier than John or myself expected. So thank you, thank you, to each and every one of you for what you donate each week. Love always. John and Kathleen .



**Thought For The Week**

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5**



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