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Congresbury Methodist Church News Weeks beginning 29th March 2026

 CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

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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

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



Monthly Open Outreach Day
Doors Open Wide THIS 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.
We have been encouraged by those who already join us and who feel very much at home.
Rykie, Paul and helpers

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 10.30am Morning Service/Walk of Witness led by Rev. Matt Thomson and helpers
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



Good Friday service and walk of witness service.
Our annual service will begin at 10.30am and will be led by Rev Matt Thompson and helpers. Immediately afterwards we will walk with the crosses to the paddock at St Andrews for them to be erected and have a short service of witness.

My thoughts for this week This weekend has very mixed emotions for Christians. Holy Week starts off with Jesus's triumphant entrance to Jerusalem on Palm Sunday riding on a colt with palm leaves laid on the ground, and everyone praising him. They all thought this was going to be the King coming to release them from the Roman occupation; how soon that crowd changed shouting for him to be crucified after he was arrested; tried, beaten and sentenced to death. The disciples desert him and Peter even denied knowing him. I wonder how the others felt, lost let down? I really don't know I can only imagine. Then on Good Friday we remember him carrying the Cross through Jerusalem to Calvary where he was nailed to the Cross to die along with two thieves but still managed to ask God to forgive them (the Jewish authority) for they do not know what they do. We cannot imagine how painful that was to be put to death in such a cruel way. At the end of that day his body was taken down and quickly put in a tomb before the Sabbath. Easter Saturday I find is a day to reflect on the events of the week; a quiet day, (this has always and still is the sabbath in the Jewish religion) but then we have the elation of Easter Sunday when Jesus rose again defeating death for us all. All these events were for us all to have eternal life believing in Christ in his heavenly kingdom. We just need to remember He is always with us in any situation we find ourselves. We need to spread the good news of Easter whenever and wherever we can. Happy Easter.

Mary Krawczenko (SS)(WL)

Easter Sunday Morning. It has been a practice of our church to decorate our empty Cross with small bunches of flowers to celebrate Jesus rising from the tomb, so if you have any small flowers they would be much appreciated, and would you please bring them on Sunday morning next week.

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 [**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.*

Easter morning Sunrise Service

As usual we shall meet on the millennium green at 6.00am for a short service (who knows perhaps we will see the sun rise this year!) and then afterwards go to the Methodist hall where hot cross buns and tea and coffee will be waiting for us all. It would be good to see you. Why not come and join us?



PRAYER Lord we praise you for your glory which we have seen in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We join in the praises of those who greeted him as he rode into Jerusalem. We praise you for his coming on the back of a donkey-and the sign that he comes as a Prince of peace. We praise you that in his coming you have demonstrated your commitment to us but your total rejection of all that is evil; for the utter determination of your love to touch our hearts, to change our lives and to gently but firmly call us to follow your Son. We praise you that even when the world and our neighbour have, like the crowds of Palm Sunday, stopped praising him, he is still Lord; that even when those around us, like the mob who cried 'crucify!' turn their backs on you and reject your Son and your purpose of grace for a lost world, still you cannot be defeated. we praise you that whether, like the crowds who wave their palm branches, we are passing through times of peace and rejoicing or whether it feels as if we are standing at the foot of a cross, you give us the assurance that your grace is sufficient no matter the cost. We praise you for the victory of your love that triumphed over sin and death. We praise you that now and always he is our living Lord. We come to praise you now in and for him as we will praise you for all eternity. Amen

Thought For The Week

**A new day will
dawn on us
from above because
our God is loving and
merciful.**