

# Congresbury Methodist Church News

Weeks beginning 8th 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 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**

**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.*



**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**

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

**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**

**PRAYER** "Gracious and Merciful God, as we enter the third week of Lent, we humbly ask for Your grace to turn away from distractions and focus our hearts on You. Cleanse our hearts, strengthen us to resist temptation, and draw us closer through prayer, fasting, and charity. May this season transform us for Your glory. Amen".

## 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**

**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**

**My thoughts for the week** In Ecclesiastes 3:22 (NIV) it states: "So I saw that there is nothing better for a person than to enjoy their work, because that is their lot. For who can bring them to see what will happen after them?"

This was written around 900BC (when horse -drawn carts were made) and advises us of finding joy in present labour because the future is unknown. So here we are nearly 3000 years later with modern travel by land, sea and air: we have mobile phones, internet, WiFi and almost everything to make life easier. Much is taken for granted and is not appreciated. and the world as a whole doesn't know what this means! People often don't find the joy as they work which is sad.

Of course there are some jobs we are not happy in doing and as we become older we need to make some changes. Also as I mentioned in previous newsletters I need to declutter. I must confess I am not doing well with this! The problem is I want to hang on to certain items, especially if there are some memories of the past attached to them.

I was reminded of them this week when we held our church council meeting: am I happy worshiping in our church building at Congresbury? Yes, I am. Will I be happy when the Hall is modernised for future worship? Yes ( after much prayer) I know I will be. As Solomon said in Ecclesiastes 'for who can bring them to see what will happen after them? Therefore if it is God's will I believe He can bring us to see what will happen as we enjoy continuing to serve our Lord who is the same Yesterday, today and forever. We the people are the church and without us a building wouldn't be necessary. I pray that God will lead us forward and united in love with each other and for those outside will see Gods love in us and will feel drawn to the Outreach mornings and experience the love of God for themselves.

**JOHN CHAPLIN {S}**

**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** Psalm 133 KJV

**1** [[A Song of degrees of David.]] Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is* for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**2** *It is* like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, *even* Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments;

**3** As the dew of Hermon, *and as the dew* that descended upon the mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, *even* life for evermore.