

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Weeks beginning 19th April 2026

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 CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH

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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



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


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.



Church Services & Events for MAY 2026

Sunday 3rd 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small

Wednesday 6th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.

Sunday 10th 11.00am Morning worship led by the Worship Leaders

Wednesday 13th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning worship led by Barry Speddings

Wednesday 20th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.

Saturday 23rd 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 4th 11.00am Morning worship led by Rev. Collin Moore

Sunday 31st 11.00am Morning and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Monthly Open Outreach Day
Doors Open Wide next weekend!
Saturday 25th APRIL
from 10am—12noon.

There will be some music by John. There will be an opportunity to meet our Worship Leaders/Stewards 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.

PRAYERS Lord Jesus, We pray for those who set out into life with high hopes; for those who have studied hard and worked with determination and for those who have shown

real commitment and faithfulness to the task given to them; for those who are now filled with deep despair and the sense of disillusionment as their hopes are dashed and their dreams have come to nothing in the harsh reality of life in a fallen world.

May the living Christ give them new hope *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer*

We also pray for those whose lives are dependent on others and for those who fight to care for themselves; for those in the twilight years of their journey, who are dreading the thought of losing their home; for those who are needing greater support than they ever imagined and for those whose provide the care they need; for those who take advantage of the goodwill of others for those who reject any offer for help.

May the living Christ give them openness to his care. *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer*

And we pray for ourselves: let us bring our own hearts and hopes, our fears and our concerns, our defeats and our victories to God. Let us bring our family and friends, our fellow church members and ourselves to the foot of the Cross. We pray for all we must face in the coming days of this week, and our need of God's faithful presence and his life-transforming grace.

May the living Christ give us his blessing. *Lord in your mercy hear our prayer*

Father God, we offer these prayers in the Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen

My thoughts for this week . My Thoughts for the Week – Psalm 139:1–6

Psalm 139 is David’s breathtaking song, a confession that God knows all about him. In verses 1–6 he stands in awe that the Lord who created galaxies also searches the human heart. Today the world’s population is racing past eight billion, yet the God of heaven knows us—not as numbers, not as faces in the crowd, but as individuals. The substitute gods of this world cannot see, cannot hear, and cannot answer, but the living God knows every detail of our lives.

In verse 2, David says, “You know when I sit and when I rise.” God knows our actions and movements. Nothing is hidden. We may deceive others, and sometimes ourselves, but we cannot deceive God. His knowledge is perfect, complete, and personal.

In verse 3, David reflects that God discerns where he goes and what he thinks. God knows our path, our motives, our intentions, and the direction of our hearts. He sees the journey we take long before we take it.

In verse 4, David marvels that God knows every word before it is spoken. He understands us better than we understand ourselves. We cannot hide anything from Him—our fears, our doubts, our hopes, or our failures.

In verse 5, David recognises God’s protective presence: “You hem me in behind and before.” We need Him every hour. His watchful care surrounds us. Even from a distance, God sees us as an open book—our thoughts, our steps, our words, our comings and goings. David is clear and confident that God knows him and is with him always.

And in verse 6, David wonders at the sheer wonder of being known by God. It is an unbelievable privilege. God loves me. God loves you.

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me... I give them eternal life, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.” (NIV)

RYKIE SKONE



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 7th May
THURSDAY 4th June

All at 2.30pm

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

Thought For The Week

FAITH DOESN'T ALWAYS MEAN THAT GOD CHANGES YOUR SITUATION. - SOMETIMES IT MEANS HE CHANGES YOU.