

**Congresbury Methodist Church News**  
**Weeks beginning 17th May 2026**

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**Church Services & Events for MAY 2026**

**Sunday 17th 11.00am Morning worship led by Rev. Peter Davis**

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

**Sunday 24th 11.00am Morning worship led by Rev. Collin Moore**

**Saturday 30th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church**

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

**Church Services & Events for JUNE 2026**

**Wednesday 3rd 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.**

**Sunday 7th 11.00am Morning worship led by Tony Stevenson**

**Wednesday 10th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.**

**Sunday 14th 11.00am Morning worship led by Janet Day**

**Wednesday 17th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.**

**Sunday 21st 11.00am Morning worship led by Lois Emm**

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

**Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Channon**



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.*



**Monthly Open Outreach Day**

**Doors Open Wide on SATURDAY 30th MAY 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.

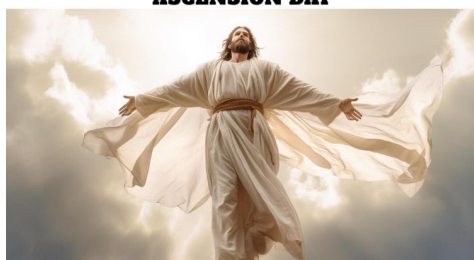
**Future Dates - EXTRA PRAYER MEETINGS**

Our Minister Andrew and Mary Clark and ourselves are holding the EXTRA Prayer Meetings solely for the life and mission of our Church at 7 Nomis Park

**[ THE NEXT DATE IS THURSDAY 4th JUNE at 2.30pm]**

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

ASCENSION DAY



**PRAYER** Lord, we praise you the one, true living God, who fills the whole universe with life, love and meaning. We praise you for your tremendous love which flows to us and into our lives in Christ. Lord, it is your love that makes the people we are and makes it possible for us to be transformed into the people we are meant to be. We praise you for your love which sets us free from everything that holds us, from everything that squeezes real life out of us, and brings us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Father's presence. We praise you for reaching out for us and welcoming us home and for making us your sons and daughters; for the rest, refreshment and hope with which you promise to fill our lives; for the assurance that we will share in the joyful celebration of your creative love and fill the universe with your glory. We praise you here; we praise you now; we will praise you everywhere we go, as long as we live. We will praise you eternally in ever increasing joy and worship with Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**My thoughts for this week** We are now in the middle of May and we shall again experience the vastness and speed in the growth and provision in Gods creation. I don't know about you, but I am continually filled with awe! I have worked the land through farming and gardening all my life and I can honestly say I never cease to wonder at Gods creation. There is always something new every morning....! We read in Psalm 145:3 - Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

**THE LYRICS TO "HOW GREAT THOU ART" WERE WRITTEN AFTER A PREACHER WAS CAUGHT IN A VIOLENT MIDDAY THUNDERSTORM.** A British minister, Stuart K. Hine, contributed heavily to the version of "How Great Thou Art" that we are

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.  
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

familiar with today and for many of us this is a favourite hymn. There isn't room for the whole hymn on this page but in verse one we are asked to consider all that God has made and for those who have eyes we give him the praise and glory. Sadly though, many cannot see because of distractions and the busy lives they lead.

As last Thursday May 14th marks Ascension Day in the Christian Calendar it reminds us of Jesus

promising to leave His Holy Spirit with us until he returns and we thank him for this as we journey on. Thank you Jesus for your love shown to us through your creation and help us to love one another through your Holy Spirit. Thank you for the hope, joy and peace that you give us. Amen

Isaiah 45:18 - For this is what the Lord says- he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it; he did not create it to be empty, but formed it to be inhabited - he says: "I am the Lord, and there is no other.

**JOHN CHAPLIN [S][WL]**



**Thought For The Week**

**Jesus is Lord! Creation's voice proclaims it, for by His power each tree and flower was planned and made. Jesus is Lord! The university declares it, sun, moon and stars in heaven cry: Jesus is Lord!**