

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Weeks beginning 3rd May 2026

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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.

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

EXTRA PRAYER MEETINGS

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

[THE DATES ARE ON :THURSDAY 7th May 2.30pm IN THE CHURCH & THURSDAY 4th June 2.30pm at 7 Nomis Park

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



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.



PRAYER Lord, I thank You that You will answer my prayers in Your perfect timing. Reveal what is in my heart, and make me ready to handle the answer in the right way when it comes. Help me to pray by faith consistently and long-term, to believe, wait, and then move forward in Your timing. Help me to be patient in prayer, not give up, and trust You even during moments when I feel negative emotions. I don't want to live by feelings but by faith. Help me not to take matters in my own hands and to be faithful in prayer, Deepen my understanding, and give me a greater knowledge of what You are doing in my life. Stretch my faith in the midst of the wait, just as You did with Your disciples when encountering a storm at sea. I thank You that You have all wisdom and will answer my prayers in the perfect way. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

My thoughts for this week

My thoughts this week are torn between trying to understand some of the antisemitic actions that are carried out in the UK today and how the Jews must have felt c2000 years ago when Jesus was crucified and then rose from the dead. I grew up in a society in Leeds that was very influenced by the Jewish followers, so much so that the Jews had a separate assembly before school lessons started. They also had days off that the other students didn't because of their faith/beliefs. For a while I toyed with the idea of changing religion just to get extra days off. It was a fantasy based on an immature view of society and the world, but it was harmless, a bit like the taunting we did with our friends, the "Yids" and the "Yocs" making fun of each other with virtually no malice, just kids playing and being kids.

I would like to believe that the same sort of immature teasing could happen today but I fear it would be all too serious and misguided and might lead to conflict between children who should wait until they are old enough to make an informed choice about their fellow citizens and learn how to treat them with respect despite their different points of view.

Looking back in time it must have been very difficult for many Jews to accept that Jesus was a good person who should be respected for his approach despite the fact that it conflicted with the beliefs and traditions of thousands of others in their society, hence his crucifixion. Then what did they think about his resurrection?? For many they just got on with life as they had always done and ignored those that were claiming Jesus to be the Son of God. For them it was a hiccup along the way and a group that would soon become irrelevant.

In many ways little has changed over the years and in other ways everything has changed. I firmly believe the human race has a great capacity for tolerance and acceptance of people with a different point of view. It just seems that a small minority think they have to challenge anyone who does not think like them and take whatever action they want to try and get them to change their mind. I just hope the tolerant majority can contain and restrict the small-minded minority.

BARRY SPARKS

Thoughts For The Week

**PEOPLE WAIT
ALL WEEK FOR
FRIDAY, ALL
YEAR
FOR SUMMER,
ALL LIFE
FOR HAPPINESS**

FOOD BANK

Last Thursday week we delivered 33.80gm of produce to the Weston Food Bank. This week it was Wendy [a lady who we hadn't met before] who greeted us and accepted our gifts. Before we left she said 'Thank you so much' three times! **We pass it on-** Thank you all again who provide for this most worthy cause which seems to have no ending.

John and Kathleen

