

Congresbury Methodist Church News

Week beginning 14th June 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



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 JUNE 2026

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 27th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 28th 11.00am Morning Worship

and Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Channon

Church Services & Events for JULY 2026

Wednesday 1st 11.00am Bible

Discovery meeting in our church

Sunday 5th 11.00am Morning worship led by Barry Spedding

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 Claire Laudicina

Wednesday 15th 11.00am Bible

Discovery meeting in our church led by Andrew.

Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning worship led by the Peter Drew

Saturday 25th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 26th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Future Dates -

EXTRA PRAYER MEETINGS

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

[THE NEXT DATE IS THURSDAY 2nd JULY at 2.30pm]

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

John & Kathleen.

Monthly Open Outreach Day

Doors Open Wide on SATURDAY 27th JUNE 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 Father God, we pray for the church that it may be filled with a greater awareness of what it means to be open to God; for congregations everywhere, that they will be seeking earnestly the gifts and the fruit of the spirit's presence; for a greater urgency and desire to be filled with the love of God. We pray for our churches, O Lord, that we may be more and more eager to receive all that You have to give and to be more aware of our responsibility and sharing your love with our neighbours. May the grace of Christ challenge us through His Spirit, and we thank you Lord that you hear our prayers. We ask this in Jesus name. Amen



My thoughts for this week from our Minister, Rev. Andrew Bell

What do we know about the Kingdom of God? The only thing we know for sure is that we don't know much about it at all. We don't know where it is. We don't know how many people live there. We don't even know what language they speak. But we do know what it's like. It's 'like treasure buried in a field' (Mat 13:44). It's 'like a wedding banquet' (Mat 22:2). It's 'like a man going on a trip' (Mat 25:14). And it's 'like the owner of an estate who goes out early one morning to hire workers' (Mat 20:1). The stories are familiar to many of us, but what do they tell us about the Kingdom? What does Jesus expect us to discern from their telling?

The story of the estate owner begins by describing a familiar scene. People are gathering to find work. It's reminiscent of those outside the Job Centres of old. They're just ordinary people united in their desire to find work, and that's all the story requires. When some of them are offered a job at the normal daily rate they're pleased to accept, and off they go to the landowner's vineyard. Later in the day the landowner hires more workers with the promise that he'll 'pay them what's right'. Later still he hires more, though their working day is inevitably shorter. Yet he pays them all the same, much to the consternation of those who were hired first.

But what does this tell us about God's Kingdom? What are we meant to discern from its telling? We're given a clue at the end of the passage. 'Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first' Jesus tells us. In the Kingdom earthly status is turned on its head. Those who've had the longest wait, the poor, the destitute, the homeless and the refugee will be first into the Kingdom. Those who've jumped the queue, the rich, the powerful, the selfish and the uncaring will have to wait.

In the Kingdom it's equality that matters to God. There's no room for superiority at all.

Every Blessing. Andrew



[Thought For The Week](#)

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint