



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 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**

**FOOD BANK** Food Bank delivery on Monday saw John and myself make our visit to the warehouse with all our wonderful gifts that you have so kindly left in the church porch.



We were greeted very excitedly by a small group of ladies all just collecting their coats and bags (it was just before eleven o'clock) and usually they are all rushing around filling up boxes etc but not today "Where are you all off to, somewhere nice says I?" "Oh no" came the chorus "no food to sort so we're being sent home" "Well our church has donated a lot for you to sort" I say. "Don't tell them that" shouts Lucy "I'm keeping yours for the Wednesday volunteers to sort" "Is it really that serious?" I ask. "I'm afraid to say it is" says Lucy "and no one has cash at the moment either: it really is getting serious because families are really struggling at the moment and with summer holidays coming up I don't know what's going to happen". Well Lucy I promise we will go back to our givers and will put a plea in our church notices and see if we can get more people to donate something for you" Just imagine if everybody just gave one thing every Sunday for a month - how amazing would

**Monthly Open Outreach Day**  
**Doors Open Wide NEXT WEEKEND**  
**on SATURDAY 27th JUNE from 10am—12noon.**  
There will be some music by John and 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 PRAYER** Father God, We pray for a world in turmoil —for men and women facing persecution and crushed by oppression, for those whose lives are ruined by ethnic cleansing, for those broken by violence or filled with despair through the lack of any sign of compassion; for those who abuse others and turn their backs on a broken, hungry and hurting world. May the miracle of Christ's companions be the beacon of hope and forgiveness.  
Lord in your mercy we ask that you will hear our prayer. Amen

**My thoughts for this week** As you read this you may also be aware that it is Fathers Day on Sunday, and for many that may not be much more than a catching up process to give fathers and mothers “equality” in this modern age of not deliberately upsetting people. In researching Fathers Day, only introduced in the UK in the early 20th century I found that here in the UK we are just catching up with the Americans who started it off around 1910. Does it matter that we copied the Americans and what does it mean anyway? Was it just another opportunity for retail organisations to sell us something we felt we had to buy to keep up with the Jones’s? Does any of it matter?

At the end of the day, I believe that what matters is how you treat people of any or no connection to you as an individual. It’s about respect for others. Yes, of course, those closest to you will get the most indulgence but that doesn’t mean you just shun the rest of the world as if they didn’t matter, what sort of life would we live if that were the case?

When God sent Jesus to earth, he did it to show us how to live with each other, how to respect other people’s points of view even if we didn’t agree with them, how to find a way to accept our differences and to think about them and whether or not there might be some benefit in changing our ways. Sadly, we don’t appear to have learnt much over the years. But don’t get down-hearted and think there is no hope for humanity. We just need to do the best we can for those around us that we can impact upon, set our standards and try to achieve them every day. It may not resolve all the ills of this world, but it is a starting point. Simple really!!

**BARRY SPARKS (S)**

**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.*



**Thought For The Week**

**“To love and to be loved  
is a human need.”** Erich Fromm