

Congresbury Methodist Church News
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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 JULY 2026

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

Church Services & Events for AUGUST 2026

Sunday 2nd 11.00am Morning worship led by Tony Stevenson

Wednesday 5th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew

Sunday 9th 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small CHANGE OF PLAN

Wednesday 12th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 16th 11.00am Morning worship led by the Worship Leaders

Wednesday 19th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew.

Saturday 22nd 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 23rd 11.00am Morning worship led by Jacqueline Cobb CHANGE OF PLAN

Sunday 30th 11.00am Morning Worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Monthly Open Outreach Day
Doors Open Wide on SATURDAY
25th JULY from 10am—12noon.

There will be some music by John. There will be an opportunity to meet our minister, Andrew / Worship Leaders or 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.

Advance notice. Edward Chaplin has once again invited us as a church to go and enjoy his beautiful garden, this will take place on Saturday afternoon on the 15th of August at 2 30pm. Followed by a cream tea. Please try and keep the date free.

PRAYER We pray for those with authority over children and young people; for those who care deeply for those in their charge and for those who abuse the trust that has been placed in them; for those who have suffered at the hands of those was authority over them and who are still seeking God's healing and hope; for those who have been richly blessed by the compassion and wisdom of those who stood with them; for those with good memories and those whose memories are painful. May the authority of Christ's holy love restore and heal and bless and keep all in his care.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer AMEN



My Thoughts

Well, six weeks has passed but no change with the weather; I can remember my childhood, being day's like the ones we have been experiencing recently and being so, so ready for the school to break up and straight away we'd all make plans; we would all meet at Sheppy's Mill corner already with our empty bottles; we'd cross over the main road and go to the first field on Smallway corner and there we would find a fresh spring of water so clear and cold; Oh, it tasted divine! So we then fill our bottles up and continue on to Cadbury Hill where with our water and jam sandwiches we would play at making forts and build dens all day long. Then suddenly someone hears the church clock chime four o'clock; we'd tidy up with the promise that we'd do it all again tomorrow. Once down from Cadbury Hill we would make our way back to the field where the spring was and refill our bottles to give us energy to walk the rest of the way home. Many of us spent a happy childhood playing with friends. But then we must remember there were dark days as well. Suddenly polio reared it's ugly head and one of our friends caught it and spent months in hospital and because it was such a new illness everyone panicked and we were stopped from swimming in the river. (which by the way it is where we all learnt to swim) Memories, memories!

I'm sure you could all join me in sharing memories. Isn't life funny, how it at times lets us remember the special days in our lives and then just as quickly it let's us recall the sad days! Ever changing thoughts, ever changing memories, but there is One in our lives that never changes and that is our Lord Jesus Christ who is the same yesterday, today, and forever; He makes all things new and forgives us our sins and leads us in the paths of righteousness. It sounds wonderful in words, but think how much more wonderful it would be if we could have Jesus in our lives. And that is so easy; we just have to ask him come into our lives and help us to live an honest and true life. Perhaps a good start would be to begin reading a little each day from that Book in the corner of the bookcase; the one that's a little dusty!! Also one can be purchased at any good book shop—then look up Psalm 119 v 105 which says 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Love always.

KATHLEEN CHAPLIN [WL][PV]

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I would have lost heart unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait on the Lord, be of good courage and he shall strengthen your heart. Wait, I say, on the Lord.

[Psalm 27:13-14](#)