

## 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

**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 Rev. Andrew.**

**Sunday 19th 11.00am Morning worship led by 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**



### Church Services & Events for AUGUST 2026

**Sunday 2nd 11.00am Morning worship led by ?**

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

**Thursday 6th 2.30 Prayer meeting for our church at Nomis Park**

**Sunday 9th 11.00am Morning worship led by Jacqueline Cobb**

**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 the Eric Small**

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

**PRAYER** We pray and thank you for those whose minds are full of joy; for those who thoughts are good and right and true; for those who fill their minds with the word of God and for those who daily seek his presence and his blessing; for those whose first thoughts are always for the good of their neighbour and for those whose example of love brings hope to others; for those whose words and deeds lead others closer to God and for those whose whole life is a prayer of thanks and praise. May the mind of Christ bless others through them. May this be our prayer and we ask it in Jesus' name. **AMEN.**



**My thoughts for this Week** It is Thursday evening and I have come into the garden and sat in the open gazebo and was wondering what to write about. It took two minutes to decide! "How blessed am I?"

Well for a start 'my journey in life is unique' as everyone can say. In a way it always has been. I can look back over many years to my childhood days and say that I wouldn't want to change anything. Life at times was hard but I have been blessed in many ways-not least being brought up in a loving Christian environment, though at the time I would not appreciate this.

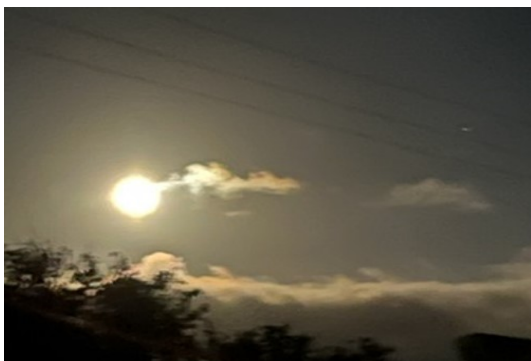
So here I am in the garden thinking 'How blest am I now?' I can hear and see the birds around me, smell the new mown hay in the field adjacent to my garden. There are also the many, flowers and vegetables in the garden and there are the many shades of green from the trees and plants

As the title of this article in the notices each week implies, it is my thoughts only and we all come from vastly different, difficult and unique backgrounds but one cannot help but notice through the pace of life and modern technology how life is changing and people don't seem so happy and relaxed as they used to be and haven't the time to count their blessings. This reminds me of the Welsh poet, William Henry Davies who published a poem titled Leasure in 1911. What is this life if, full of care. We have no time to stand and stare. No time to stand beneath the boughs and stare as long as sheep or cows. No time to see, when woods we pass. Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.....A poor life this if, full of care, We have no time to stand and stare.

Wouldn't it be good for us all if life slowed down a bit! Covid gave us a glimpse of this but it brought much suffering at the time and this leads me to finish by saying It is good to pause not to just count our blessings but to think of the suffering world. There are the wars in Ukraine and the Middle East, the earthquakes in Venezuela and the lonely and homeless just to name three. May we pray for Gods grace and mercy and for the helpers and those who seek peace. Ephesians 1: vv 3-4a Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he has chosen us.....

Amen

**JOHN CHAPLIN (S)(WL)**



*Thought For The Week*

**"You cannot pray for someone and hate them at the same time."**

Billy Graham