

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 12th July 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 JULY 2026

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 Eric Small

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

RETIREMENT COLLECTION

We will be making a collection at the end of this week's service for the terrible devastation and sadness after the horrendous earthquake that happened in Venezuela; a tragic loss of life and yet amazing miracles have happened when grown-ups and children have been discovered days later. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayers. Amen

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.

PRAYER 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

Thought for the Week – Romans 8:1–11

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” (Romans 8:1)

These words come to us like a quiet invitation to rest in the love of God. In a world that often reminds us of our failures and shortcomings, the gospel speaks a different word. In Christ, we are not condemned but welcomed. We are not cast aside but embraced by the God whose mercy is new every morning.

This is not because we have earned His favour, but because of His abundant grace. Through Jesus Christ, the burden of guilt is lifted, and we are invited to walk in the freedom of knowing that we are deeply loved and completely forgiven.

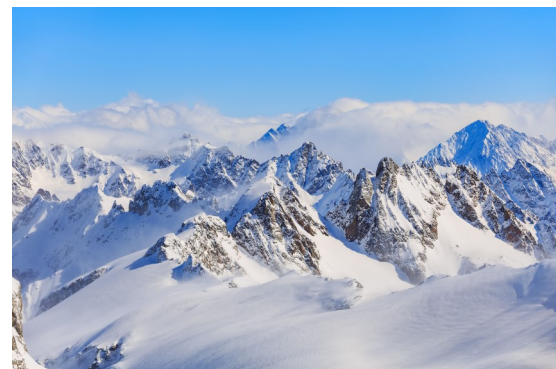
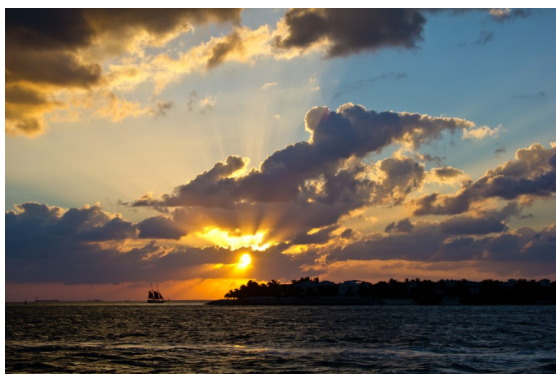
Paul goes on to remind us that God has given us His Holy Spirit to dwell within us. We are never left to make the journey of faith alone. Day by day, the Spirit gently encourages us, gives us strength for what lies ahead, and quietly shapes our hearts to become more like Christ. Even the smallest step taken in faith is held within God’s loving care. Whatever this week may bring, let us remember that the God who calls us is also the God who walks beside us. When we are weary, He gives strength. When we are uncertain, He grants peace. When we stumble, He lifts us up again with grace and compassion.

May we, then, begin this new week with hearts at rest in God’s love, trusting not in our own efforts, but in His faithful presence. And may the Holy Spirit fill us afresh with the peace, hope, and quiet confidence that come from knowing we belong to Christ.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all in the days ahead.

In the name of Christ

Mary Clark (*Lay Pastoral and Community Worker*)



Thought For The Week

**THE LORD IS MY
STRENGTH AND MY
SHIELD; IN HIM MY
HEART TRUSTS, AND I AM
HELPED; MY HEART
EXULTS, AND WITH MY
SONG I GIVE THANKS TO
HIM** **Psalm 28 v 7 [ESV]**