

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 19th July 2026

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**CONGRESBURY
METHODIST CHURCH**



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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 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 Tony Stevenson

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

**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 The turn of this century brought on new awareness that traditional form of worship had lost its appeal. Researches and conferences were held to explore the reasons and explanation for the 'lost generations'. The Anglican Church introduced the 'mission-shaped church', with guidelines for modern day church planting. The research that the Methodist Church conducted found that the style of worship, theological outlook and fellowship ranked higher than being a Methodist. Christian mission needed to 'modernise'. A charismatic way of worship with new hymns and diverse expressions of church brought on revival.

It is undisputed that to initiate a church revival, we will need to change and keep pace with modernity. The wish for that revival was what prompted the vote for our 'Building Project' to move to the Methodist Hall. Yet we should also be guided by our Bible, the Word of God. "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens." (Ecclesiastes 3:1). We need to reconsider our building project whether this is the time for Congresbury Methodist Church to make changes and move. We held monthly mission prayer meetings asking God for clarity and provision for this project. But the reality of our status remains that we lack the skill sets and the wherewithal to carry the building project through.

I refer to the Bible again, to when Moses had his calling from God to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land. By then God had already provided Moses with Joshua to be his aide and had assured him: "I will go with you and I will give you victory." (Exodus 33:14 GNT). But Moses was still insistent on being given more assurance: "...if you do not go with us, do not make us leave this place." (v15). While we wait for the building project to progress, our church building continues to deteriorate and remains in need of urgent repairs! The Bible assures us that God will provide if it's His Will. May God equip us and grant us the courage of our convictions to do His will. "....God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Jesus Christ." (Philippians 4:19 NIV)

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Thought For The Week

**MAY I NEVER FORGET
ON MY BEST DAY
THAT I NEED GOD AS
DESPERATELY AS
MY WORST,**