

**Congresbury Methodist Church News**  
**Week beginning 23rd August 2026**

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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 AUGUST 2026**

**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**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**

Our next Church Council meeting will  
be held in the church on Tuesday 8th  
September at 2.00pm. Please put this  
date in your diary and come if you can  
as these meetings as always are very  
important

**Monthly Open Outreach Day**  
**Doors Open Wide again this**  
**SATURDAY - 22nd AUGUST 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.

CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH

*A special occasion*

CELEBRATING  
**70 YEARS**  
OF PREACHING

Honouring Tony Stevenson  
and presenting him with his  
Long Service Certificate

5.00PM  
BRING AND SHARE TEA

6.30PM  
CIRCUIT SERVICE

SUNDAY  
**23<sup>RD</sup>**  
AUGUST

We hope you'll all be able to join us on this special occasion as we rejoice  
in Tony's remarkable achievement and celebrate his long and  
extraordinary 70 years of preaching ministry.

The Methodist Church

Cheddar Met hodist Church are to host a  
Circuit Service thisSunday August 23rd to  
recognise and celebrate Tony Stevenson's  
70 years of preaching and to present him  
with his Long Service Certificate.  
The evening will begin with a 'Bring and  
Share' tea at 5.00, followed by the Circuit  
Service at 6.30.

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special occasion as we rejoice in Tony's  
remarkable achievement and celebrate his  
long and extraordinary 70 years of  
preaching ministry.

**A simple prayer  
to start the week**

**"Lord, thank  
you for this  
new week.  
Guide my  
steps, fill me  
with your  
peace, and  
help me to  
reflect your  
love in all I do.  
Amen."**



**My Thoughts** It's Thursday and I am wondering who's turn it to contribute to 'My Thoughts' this week . I looked at the Rota to check - and it's ME!  
I really cannot believe where the time has gone since I last wrote. There has been so much going on with appointments and meetings some days and my feet hardly touch the ground. I say that but guess I am getting slower!  
It's good to be busy though. It keeps us physically and mentally active. It also gives us a purpose in life whether we are working together or for ourselves .  
Sometimes our faith in God requires each of us to be on our own, as praying alone gives one a quiet, honest space to talk to God without any outside pressure. Jesus set this example by leaving the crowds to find quiet places to pray. Solitary prayer helps build a deep, personal bond and lets one share their true feelings in secret to God. Many of the Psalms was written by David and involved the words 'me' and 'I'. He was speaking to God alone.

Then we have psalm 46: 10 Written temple worship leaders and musicians. "Be still, and know that I am God" This means to stop fighting, let go of one's frantic attempts to control life, and surrender our worries, easing our stress and acknowledging God's supreme power, sovereignty, and presence as a safe refuge God also calls us to be united with one another and to live in harmony, love, and peace, reflecting God's presence on Earth.

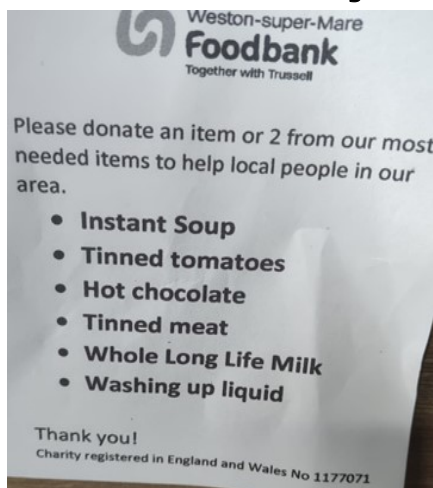
*So we pray as individuals that we are united with one another in our churches through our meetings, in our outreach, in our commitments, in our worship and showing Gods love in the community and those we meet. We pray for peace and we ask this through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.*

**John Chaplin (WL)(S)**

### ADVANCE NOTICE

Its this time of year again! We are holding our Harvest Festival Service on Sunday September 20th at 11.00am. As recent years all produce given will be taken to the Weston Food Bank. As you will see from the insert please note the items that are most needed at this time.

**Kathleen and John**



**AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY**  
**MONDAY (extended time**  
**this year)1st August**  
**10.00am—2.00pm**

**at Churchill Methodist church.**

**Raising money for several charities.**  
**FREE ENTRY**

**Please see Poster on the board outside our methodist Hall**



### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**Jesus said:**

**AND WHATEVER**  
**YOU ASK IN**  
**PRAYER,**  
**BELIEVING, YOU**  
**SHALL RECEIVE**



*Please note if anyone wishes to receive our notices I can let you have them-or I can email them to you -John*