

**Congresbury Methodist Church News**  
**Week beginning 2nd August 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 its 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**

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

**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.**

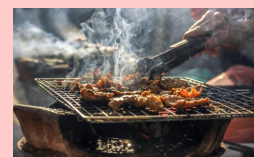
**Saturday 22nd 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church**

**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**

Advance notice. Edward Chaplin has once again invited us as a church to come and enjoy his beautiful garden. This will take place on Saturday 15th August at Yew Tree Farm, Duck Lane, Langford from midday onwards when there will be a Barbecue and delicious puds for us to enjoy.

Please try and keep the date free



**PRAYER**

***The presence of Christ changes things***

Father we thank you for your patience with us; for understanding our fears and our frustrations. We praise you that your presence enriches our joy and your love gives us hope. We thank you for the assurance that your grace is sufficient for our every need; for the story of Christ's first miracle, the first sign of his power and his authority. We thank you that he shared in the joy of that celebration, and that his presence brought an end to disappointment from the beginning of a discovery. We are filled with gratitude every time we remember that Christ's coming transforms the waters of existence into the sparkling joy of life filled with the spirit. We thank you that there is no situation, no experience, no frustration that is beyond his power and presence. Amen

**FOOD BANK** Wednesday morning saw John and I take your gifts to the Food Bank; all was very quiet as there was only Lucy and one other worker at the warehouse, but oh what a welcome we were given. An amazing 37.70kg was registered on the scales. "How are things going" I asked? Her reply was "At This moment marginally better but don't forget school holidays have literally just started so it's going to be a case of wait and see". "Well we promise to bring whatever donations we have for you" "Oh I know I can rely on you and all the friends at congresbury Methodist and thank you from the bottom of my heart says Lucy". And then a massive hug- and we were on our way home again. Kathleen and John xx.



**My Thoughts** *Mark 7: 36-37 'Jesus told the crowd not to tell anyone, but the more he told them not to, the more they spread the news for they were completely amazed. Again and again they said "Everything he does is wonderful."*

But the wonderful things Jesus does weren't limited to first century Palestine. Miracles still happen today, and especially so as the church exercises its healing ministry in and through the power of the name of Jesus.

For several years I was a visiting minister at Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre in East Sussex. The centre held twice-weekly healing services for both residents and visitors alike and those attending regularly benefitted from the peace and prayerfulness they found there. Those in need of healing were offered prayer ministry and the laying on of hands and many found wholeness and renewal as Jesus worked his healing in and through the prayers of the team, and those who'd come to support them. And those who witnessed lives changed and faith restored continued to be amazed. 'Everything Jesus does is wonderful' they said, and how right they were.

Whenever sick people are healed it's thanks to the wonderful things Jesus does. Whenever sad people find love and acceptance it's because of the wonderful things Jesus does, and whenever lonely people find friendship and hope, even that is a consequence of the wonderful things that Jesus does and continues to do, right up to, and including, this very day.

***Every Blessing. Andrew (minister)***

**Monthly Open Outreach Day**

**Doors Open Wide on 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.



**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

**HEBREWS 13: 8**

***JESUS IS THE SAME  
YESTERDAY AND FOREVER***