

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 30th 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



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

Church Services & Events for September 2026

**Wednesday 2nd 11.00am Bible
Discovery meeting in our church led by
Rev. Andrew**

**Sunday 6th 11.00am Morning worship led by
Rev. Andrew Bell**

**Tuesday 8th 2.00pm Church Council
Meeting in the Church**

**Wednesday 9th 10.30am The regular
Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's
house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments
will be on offer afterwards as usual.**

**Sunday 13th 11.00am Morning worship led
by Ken Young**

**Wednesday 16th 11.00am Bible Discovery
meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew.**

**Sunday 20th 11.00am HARVEST SERVICE
led by Lois Emm**

**Saturday 26th 10.00—12noon CHURCH
OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church**

**Sunday 27th 11.00am Morning Worship and
led by Jacqueline Cobb**

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



at Churchill Methodist church.

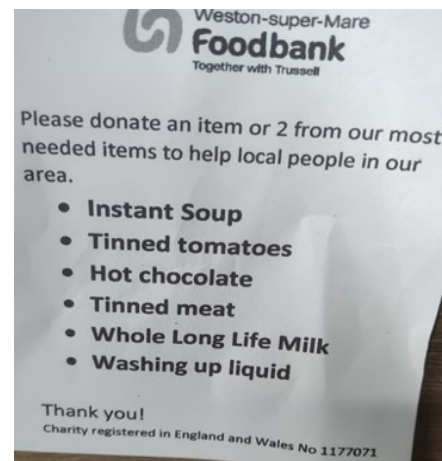
**Raising money for several charities.
FREE ENTRY**

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

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**



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

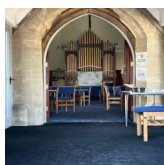
**Our next Church Council meeting
will be held in the church on
Tuesday 8th September at 2.00pm.
Please put this date in your diary
and come if you can as these
meetings as always are very
important**

MONTHLY OUTREACH MEETINGS - 3 months

September 26th

October 31st

November 28th



Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Lord Jesus we thank you for those
whose words and deeds make the
love of God real for us; for those
whose lifestyle is so shaped by the
presence of the father that they are
beacons of hope in a dark, dark
world.**

**We thank you Lord and we celebrate
with joy Amen**

My Thoughts **A Thought for the Week: Endings and New Beginnings**

It's been a very hot summer but thankfully cooler somewhat now.

As the season of summer begins to fade and autumn awaits us, we are reminded that seasons in our lives also change. We come to the end of one chapter and find ourselves standing at the beginning of another. Endings always bring mixed emotions. There is often sadness at what we are leaving behind, and gratitude for what has been, and perhaps a little uncertainty about what lies ahead.

As I prepare to leave my role here at Congresbury Methodist Church, I have been reflecting on the many moments, people and experiences for which I am truly thankful. You have made me feel so welcome and I leave heavy hearted but thankful for all for your love and for the relationships that I have been privileged to have made with you all. Ministry is never simply about a place or a role; it is about the people we meet, the stories we share, the prayers we offer and the ways in which God allows us to walk alongside one another for a season.

Sometimes we would prefer things to remain as they are. Yet Scripture reminds us that God is present not only in what is familiar, but also in what is new.

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

— *Ecclesiastes 3:1*

An ending does not necessarily mean that something has been wasted or lost. Rather, it can be an opportunity to look back with gratitude and forward with hope. The relationships we have formed, the kindnesses we have received and given, and the memories we have made remain part of our journey.

The prophet Isaiah gives us another beautiful reminder:

“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth.”

— *Isaiah 43:18–19*

I find great encouragement in those words. God is always at work, even when we cannot yet see what is emerging. A new beginning may look very different from what came before, but that does not mean that God is absent. Faith is trusting God with the next step.

So, as one chapter comes to an end for me, I want to say **thank you**. Thank you for the welcome, the conversations, the laughter, the prayers, the acts of kindness and the grace that you have shown me.

I leave with hope rather than regret, hope for the future — both for myself and for this congregation.

May God bless Congresbury Methodist Church in all that lies ahead. May He guide you through every ending, give you courage for every new beginning, and remind you that wherever the journey takes us, we never journey alone.

“I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

— *Matthew 28:20*

With every ending comes a new beginning. And in both God is with us always. **Amen**

With love and blessings

Mary Clark (*Lay Pastoral and Community Worker*)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK Paul says to the Philippians chap. 4: 19

**But my God shall supply all your need
according to his riches in
glory by Christ Jesus**