

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 9th 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



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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 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**

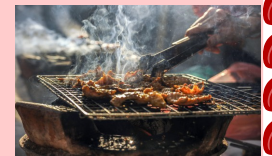
**Cheddar Methodist Church
are to host a Circuit
Service on Sunday August
23rd to recognise and
celebrate Tony Stevenson's
70 years of preaching and to
present him with his Long
Service Certificate.**

**The evening will begin with a
'Bring and Share' tea at 5.00,
followed by the Circuit
Service at 6.30.**

**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.**

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



**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.**

PRAYER Lord in all I do today remind me
that there's just one way to do the things that I
do best, to put my mind and heart at rest.

And that's to put in Your great hands, my life,
That You alone have planned

My Thoughts Reading some of the “thoughts for the notices” from recent weeks makes me realise what little knowledge we have about what is happening around us and how much less influence we have on the events that occur. Not surprising really in a world populated by over 8 billion people. Yes 8 billion. Here in the UK we have more than 68 million people living on this island. So how do we have any impact on what is going on in the UK or the world? For me the only way to have an impact is to be kind and considerate to those around me all the time, to those I meet in a once in a lifetime occurrence and to extend my help where I can to those I will never meet. I am not the saint I wish to be, far, far from it, but I have a starting point, a goal to aim for and though I very often fall short I will try again to do better next time.

I often think how much better this world would be if we all just showed goodwill to each other. Life is hard enough without picking a fight with your fellow earth dwellers, but we are goaded into disputes by people we have “elected” to lead us because we think they can do a better job than us! How often do we regret that?

I have over the years realised that my impact on the history of this world is going to be so small I might as well have never existed. Then I think about some of the small gestures I have made to others in this life, some I have known forever, others I have met for moments but I think I have treated them all with respect and consideration and I feel my life has had a positive impact. I can also remember occasions when my behaviour has been atrocious and I regret them hugely. Best not to dwell on them but to consign them to history and try desperately to never repeat them.

We are none of us perfect, but I do think if we try and treat our fellow humans as we would want to be treated we can make a huge beneficial impact on the world and in particular those around us. Shall we give it a try?

Barry Sparks (S)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**FATHER, I
PLACE INTO
YOUR
HANDS THE
THINGS
THAT I
CAN'T DO**

FOOD BANK A week last Wednesday 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.***

