



Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 4th October 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 it's discipleship in worship and mission

Church Services & Events for October 2026

Sunday 4th 11.00am Morning Worship led by the Worship Leaders

Wednesday 7th 11.00am Bible

Discovery meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew

Sunday 11th 11.00am Morning worship and Holy Communion led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Wednesday 14th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 18th 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small

Wednesday 21st 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew.

Sunday 25th 11.00am TO BE ARRANGED

Saturday 31st 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

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.



Harvest—Food Bank



Well you never let the food bank down! Our Harvest service saw our church decorated with tins and packets which totalled 52.3kg and a basket containing £35 of money and all gifts that you brought for the Food Bank. As John and I arrived on Monday morning we were met by Lucy who said you just missed your friends from Churchill who also were celebrating their Harvest. Lucy went on to say a very "big thank you for all this wonderful food and money you brought us". It felt almost like we were giving a friend a gift they've always wanted. 'Well done Lucy for the wonderful work you do and a big thank you to all your super volunteers' We then left having received the biggest hug I've had for a long time.

Kathleen and John

NEXT MONTHLY OUTREACH MEETINGS

October 31st

November 28th



PRAYER Lord, we pray for world peace asks God for the ending of conflict and suffering, for leaders to be guided by wisdom, and for hearts to be filled with compassion and unity.

O Lord, our God and Source of all peace, we pray for an end to war and bloodshed in our world. Bring hope to those in despair, unity to those who are divided.

And Lord, we pray especially that the hatred being experienced in our country by different cultures ceases and that all can learn to live happily together and to share experiences, which will help us to accept that we are all different, but in God's eyes we are all equal. We ask for God's mercy and that he hears our prayers, in Jesus' name AMEN

My Thoughts for the week Summer is gone, harvest is gone and winter is on its way, what is there to look forward to?? It is amazing how the weather plays such a big part in how we view the future. Short days, regular rainfall and the need for warm clothing and proximity to some sort of heating all tell us winter is on its way and we are getting ready to batten down the hatches and hope it won't be too long before spring starts to brighten our eyes and raise our hopes for a few months of warmer times and happier days.

I met earlier with John and Laura Batt and Laura was telling me her hedgehogs were acting in a manner that would prepare them for winter and the change in the weather that comes with the change in the season. Who told them winter was on its way?? They are obviously smarter than we give them credit for as are many animals around the world who know or anticipate changes in the climate and act accordingly. It is amazing that when God put all these animals, birds and humans on the earth he gave them the knowledge to adjust to the environment as it evolved each year, to learn from experience and adjust their habits according to the needs of each season. Wow, amazing.

We may think we are quite smart and up together with modern day living but that is only because we have spent a number of years trying to do the wrong things at the wrong time and eventually, we have realised we need to act and behave differently. There is a rhythm to life and the years and if we follow the seasons as they occur, we can enjoy all that God has put in this world has to offer, be it sunshine or rain, daylight or darkness, heat or coldness. We may not relish all of it but we can deal with most of it and with the ever-evolving changes we should celebrate the life we have and enjoy every minute.

For most of us reading this article we have seen many, many years of change and we will remember all the good times and maybe some of the bad ones, but we have learnt how to deal with the variety of circumstances we find ourselves in and we should be grateful for the opportunities we have had and hopefully made the most of them. All of this is due to being put on this earth by our maker who has given us this huge opportunity to enjoy a life of many ups and hopefully not too many downs and to pass on our knowledge to those coming after us, so they can reap a greater benefit still. If all else fails just reflect and consider, are you happier as you are or would you rather be a hedgehog!!

Barry Sparks (S)

