

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 1st November 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

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

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Sunday 1st 11.00am Morning worship led by Rev. Michael Pullan

Wednesday 4th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew.

Remembrance Sunday 8th 10.30am Service at St. Andrews Church

OUR CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED

11th 10.30am The regular Prayer and Fellowship meeting at Mary's house (21 Pauls Causeway) Refreshments will be on offer afterwards as usual.

Sunday 15th 11.00am Morning worship and Holy Communion led by Rev Andrew Bell

Wednesday 18th 11.00am Bible Discovery meeting in our church led by Rev. Andrew.

Sunday 22nd 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb

Saturday NOVEMBER 28th 10.00—12noon CHURCH OUTREACH/OPEN day in our church

Sunday 29th 11.00am Morning worship led by Eric Small

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.



NEXT MONTHLY OUTREACH MEETING

November 28th



Monthly Open Outreach Day

Doors Open Wide this SATURDAY -- 31st October from 10am—12noon.

There will be some music by John and also 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 you are almighty, all powerful and all loving; we praise you our creator God for you have given us eyes to see the signs of your handiwork all around us; we recognise your fingerprints in the grandeur of hills and mountains; we see the beauty in the colours of the sky and also the mighty oceans and rivers. We see the strength of the waves in high winds. Lord you are almighty and you care for the intricate beauty of a flower also; in the healing caring touch of a friend; in the innocent smile of a child and in the courage of those who struggle in the difficulties they have.

We thank you and praise you for Jesus your son and the knowledge of your presence within us and that through the proof shown in your creation you live among us as our Saviour. We thank you for the hope, peace and joy that you give. Amen

MY THOUGHTS FOR REMEMBRANCE

William Digby Bowler was a Methodist local preacher, a teetotaller, and a pacifist. He was born towards the end of the first world war and called up to fight in the second. At the age of fourteen he left school and took a job delivering groceries for the Cooperative Society. He remained with the coop until his sixty fifth birthday by which time he'd been promoted to grocery shop manager.

William turned to Christ in his late teens when a close neighbour was murdered by a local gang who terrorised the North side of Sheffield. He was appalled by such unwarranted aggression and countered it by becoming a pacifist. By the time the second world began he'd been accredited as a Methodist local preacher.

William received his conscription papers but refused to join up on the grounds of his pacifism. He was imprisoned in Sheffield town hall but held firmly to his faith. Eventually he was released to become a fire warden in Sheffield city centre.

"God blesses those who work for peace," said Jesus

William Digby Bowler was my much loved and highly respected Grandfather.

Sir Cecil Spring Rice, on the other hand, was a British diplomat in the early 20th century. Initially posted to Stokholm, he was later appointed Ambassador to the United States. During his time in America, he was able to influence the administration of Woodrow Wilson who agreed to abandon neutrality and join Britain in the war against Germany.

After the States had entered the war, he was recalled to Britain, but not before he'd re-written the poem he'd composed some ten years earlier. The composer Gustav Holst adapted part of his Planet Suite to fit the words, and the poem became a hymn.

'I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love.
The love that asks no questions, the love that stands the test
That lays upon the alter the dearest and the best.
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.'

EVERY BLESSING. ANDREW (MINISTER)

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A praying church is a growing church

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