

Congresbury Methodist Church News
Week beginning 22nd 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 November 2026

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.



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

Sunday 6th 11.00am Morning worship led by the worship Leaders

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 Rev Andrew Bell

6.30pm Christmas Tea & Carol Service led by Rev. Andrew and the Congresbury Brass Band

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

Sunday 20th 11.00am Morning Worship led by Jacqueline Cobb

Friday 25th Christmas Day service at 9.00am led by Rev. Andrew Bell

Sunday 27th THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE ON THIS DAY

NEXT MONTHLY OUTREACH MEETINGS

November 28th
January 23rd, 2027,



Monthly Open Outreach Day

Doors Open Wide NEXT SATURDAY 28th November 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.

CHRISTMAS TEA AND CAROL SERVICE SUNDAY DECEMBER 13TH

Tea is in Church at 4.30pm followed by our Carol Service at 6.30pm led by Rev Andrew Bell and the Congresbury Brass Band



PRAYER Father we thank you for the gift of life every time we look at a beautiful scene, hear an exciting sound and have a thrilling experience. We want to worship you every time we see a tiny baby we are moved to give you thanks and praise. Lord, everything that is good and true and worthwhile comes from you there is no other God like you; there is no other God besides you. You alone give life and hope joy and love to the whole world. We praise you in Jesus Name. Amen

MY THOUGHTS **Here we are near to the end of November, and it will be Advent Sunday next weekend. As it will be the New Year when I next share my thoughts with you, I will centre my thinking about Christmas now; after all, the people who run the supermarkets and garden centres and most shops since September prepare for Christmas for a different reason of course! They are preparing and trying in every way they can to get the buyer to part with their money on many things that are so unnecessary and unneeded**

In the Bible, preparation regarding Christ's birth spans centuries of prophecy, Prophets foretold a coming Messiah, His virgin birth, and his role as ruler and Redeemer In Isaiah we read 'Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign: behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Emmanuel' Much later in the New Testament in the first chapter of St Lukes gospel again Jesus' birth was foretold. In the same chapter there was a miraculous Sign: the foretelling of the birth of John to Zechariah and Elizabeth signalled that God was fulfilling His promises after a long period of prophetic silence.

So, we come to the Advent Season: Christian's often use the four-week Advent season to focus on Hope, peace, Joy and Love while looking back at the promise leading up to Christ's first coming and to his returnin the future

As we approach ADVENT:

1. **We think of Hope. Those without it would become despairing and unmotivated**
2. **We think of Peace. Those without it would become constantly mentally restless and weighed down by stress**
3. **We think of Joy. Those without it would become depressed**
4. **We think of Love. Those without it would become lonely.**

We can look, listen or read the news every day and we can see this to be true So as we live each day and from our different backgrounds try to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Jesus was sent from God the Father that through knowing Him as our Saviour. By His grace we can have the Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, so I pray for those we know at this time who are finding life very difficult and in many different ways. For the lonely, the hungry and the homeless. May they know love and compassion. May they find Peace and Hope and Joy by knowing Jesus. Amen.

JOHN CHAPLIN (WL)



Thought for the week

JESUS STATES: I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME

John 14: 6.

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

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