

Congresbury Methodist Church News

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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

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



CONNIE WOOKEY

We are sad to announce the death of Connie Wookey. Her funeral service will take place on Tuesday 10th November at 11.30am in our Methodist church here in Congresbury and then afterwards a burial at St Andrews church,

Trussell Ending hunger together — WSM Food Bank

Last Thursday we delivered 30.9kg to the Food Bank and as usual Lucy welcomed us with open arms. The warehouse didn't seem that full, so it was very much welcomed. As Christmas is not so far away, we asked Lucy what the best food would be to bring in the festive season. First, she said the least needed was pasta as they have plenty of this now and the normal Christmassy food one has at this time of year as it wouldn't be nutritious enough for those in real need. Some items that are needed are: Honey/Jam, Tinned Tomatoes, Juice, drinks like Shleor (but not alcoholic) Hot Chocolate, Tinned Meat, Custard and Rice Pudding. For those of you who contribute so much to this most worthy need that is not far from our doorsteps sometimes we join with Lucy in saying a very big 'Thank you' once again

John and Kathleen

PRAYER Lord Jesus, this week we pause to remember the men and women who gave their lives in times of war — ordinary people who showed extraordinary courage so that others could live in freedom. Their sacrifice reminds us of your words: "Greater love has no one than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."
So as we remember their bravery, Lord, help us to look forward with hope.

We thank You for the courage and sacrifice of those who have served and given their lives for others. May their example inspire us to live with gratitude, compassion, and faith. Bring comfort to all who mourn, healing to those scarred by war, and peace to every place of conflict in our world today. Help us, Lord, to be instruments of Your peace —to speak with kindness, act with justice, and love as You have loved us. We ask this in your name Amen



MY THOUGHTS FOR REMEMBRANCE

Today we mark Remembrance Day in the church community in Congresbury, and for all who read this you will all have a different take on the meaning of today and the significance of it. For most of us we were not involved in the "World Wars" it stems from but that should not be an excuse to ignore the significance of this day and how the events that have followed on from those wars have impacted all our lives. We have lived through a long period of widespread peace, although we should not ignore the various conflicts that have taken place over the last 80 years or those that are still, regrettably, active.

For most of us, the period since those wars has been largely peaceful in the communities we have lived in, and we should be eternally grateful for that. Nevertheless, there have been many communities in this world that have suffered terribly from wars since 1945, and we should pray for those affected, both in the past and in the present.

It is difficult to see how mankind will live in total peace and that is a terrible admission to make, but we must try and make a start or what is the point of being here. Life is not just about us, it involves all those around us, and small acts of kindness can easily outweigh acts that cause hurt and bring sadness.

We must try and encourage all those we interact with to be considerate to others, to recognize those who are challenged by life and their environment and do what we can to help them and that may be just letting them get on with life the best way they can without us putting barriers in the way. It is not always obvious how to help people and some welcome help while others resist it. If we think about what may help and who it would help that could be a good starting point and then try and widen the spread of that help and if it doesn't work don't push it, find another way. Look at how others offer help and see how that works and don't be afraid to copy it, it is the best form of flattery.

We must remember those that have gone before us and given their lives for our benefit and in recognition of that sacrifice we should try and make sure we promote actions that are helpful and considerate and cannot cause anger and distress

BARRY SPARKS (S)



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them



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