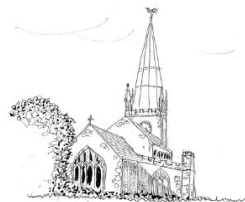




St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

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Prepare, Cook, Eat – Summer Holiday Fun!

This summer, Congresbury Scout Hut was once again filled with the wonderful sounds (and smells!) of *Prepare, Cook & Eat* – our much-loved annual holiday tradition. For **four weeks over the school summer holidays**, families gathered to cook, eat, and enjoy spending time together.

Each session, the group prepared and cooked a **two-course meal**. On the menu were hearty classics like corned beef hash, sweet treats including trifle and fruit salad, and even a party food spread! It was such a joy to see children and adults chopping, stirring, laughing, and then sitting down together to share the results.

Around 10 families joined us this year; some came every week, others dropped in when they could – and everyone was warmly welcomed. The sessions were **free to attend, though donations were kindly given**. In fact, the whole programme was made possible thanks to the generosity of our church family, whose donations covered the cost of ingredients.

A **very big thank you** also goes to our amazing volunteers – Ruth W, Lynda, Michelle and Jamie – who gave their time so generously, and to our wonderful youth worker Caz, who organised everything and kept the kitchen (and the timetable!) running smoothly.

Prepare, Cook & Eat has become a highlight of the summer, and it was lovely once again to see families cooking, learning, and eating together.

We're already looking forward to next year's sessions – and to discovering what delicious dishes will be on the menu!



Big Bristol Abseil

On Saturday 6th September, Angela Bass bravely abseiled down St Michael's Hospital to raise vital funds for Bristol & Weston Hospitals Charity. Part of a team of 95, together they've already raised an incredible £32,000!

Angela, we're so proud of your courage and the kindness you've shown in supporting the hospital. If anyone would like to cheer Angela on even further, donations are still open—it's not too late to give!

Support her here:

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angela-bass



Have Your Say

Over the coming months, we'll be updating the New Creation website and need your input. The 5–8 minute survey will help shape a site that serves our church and welcomes newcomers. Scan the QR code to take part or visit:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eBnXPszHBI>



The Izzy Doll – Update

A huge well done to Romany, who has already handmade **50 beautiful Izzy Dolls**, halfway to her goal of 100! These special dolls will be sent to Canada with the support of the **Order of the Eastern Star** and the **Canadian Military Engineers Association**, where they'll be distributed by Canadian troops to children all around the world.

Romany, your dedication and kindness are making such a difference, bringing comfort and smiles to those who need it most. We're all so proud of you—keep going, you're doing something truly wonderful!



An Evening of Songs from the Shows

On **Saturday 11th October at 7pm**, St Andrew's Church, Congresbury will be filled with music and joy as **Alyx and Jamie Carter** bring you a sparkling evening of musical theatre favourites. Enjoy timeless classics from *The Wizard of Oz*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, and many more!

The event is **free to attend**—with donations on the night supporting **St Andrew's Church** and **DreamShed Inclusive Theatre**.

Come along for a heartwarming night of music, community, and celebration.

Everyone is welcome—bring your friends and family!



Christmas in Narnia

Help us create a Narnia Christmas! We need volunteers to make/find decorations and help decorate. To join the team, see the **church office** or **contact Caz**:

caz.carter@newcreationchurches.org.uk

Help Restore Our Beautiful Churches

St Andrew's Congresbury is raising funds to **redecorate the Chancel**, and St Andrew's Banwell needs support to **repair its historic stained-glass windows**.

Every gift, large or small, will help preserve these special places for generations to come.

To donate, please get in touch today—your support truly makes a difference.

admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk

Join the Tech Team!

We're building a **Tech Team** in each church to help with sound, screens, and livestreams. **No experience needed** — training will be provided in person, and Jamie Carter has created clear leaflets with diagrams to guide you.

It's a great way to serve, learn new skills, and support our worship together. If you'd like to get involved, please speak to the church office, or email

jamie.carter@newcreationchurches.org.uk

All Souls Services

You are warmly invited to join us as we remember and give thanks for the lives of our loved ones.

Banwell – Sunday 26th October, 4pm

Congresbury – Sunday 2nd November, 4pm

Names of loved ones may be submitted via the church office, and during the service there will be an opportunity to light a candle in their memory. All are welcome.

Celebrating Harvest Together

There's still time to book your ticket for our village Harvest Suppers!

Congresbury Harvest Supper

📍 Congresbury Memorial Hall

📅 Saturday 20 Sept, 7:00pm

Tickets £12 from the Church Office.

Banwell Harvest Supper

📍 Banwell Village Hall

📅 Saturday 4 Oct, 7:00pm

Tickets £12 adults / £7 children (under 14) from Sonia Mitchell

sonia.mitchell771@outlook.com /820460).

The Chosen Returns!

Our online Zoom meetings are back—join us Monday evenings at 7:30pm from the **comfort of your own home** as we **watch and discuss** series 5 of *The Chosen* TV programme together. Stay connected and be inspired!

If you'd like to join in, please email:
[**admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk**](mailto:admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk).

Upcoming Funerals

- Thursday 18th September – Joan Rendell, 11:30am, Banwell
- Friday 19th September – Celebration of life for Elaine Hamilton, 11am, Congresbury

Got Something to Share?

Email it to:

[**admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk**](mailto:admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk) for a future edition of Pew News

UPCOMING SERVICES

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 14 th September	Banwell	9am	Muddy Boot Church
		10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 16 th September	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 17 th September	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 21 st September	Congresbury	10:30am	Harvest Festival
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 23 rd September	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 24 th September	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 28 th September	Banwell	10:30am	Harvest Festival
		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 30 th September	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 1 st October	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 5 th October	Congresbury	9am	Muddy Boot Church
		10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	BCP Communion
		5:30pm	Café Church
Tuesday 7 th October	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 8 th October	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 12 th October	Banwell	9am	Muddy Boot Church
		10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship

Please note: there will be no Evensong service on Sunday 14th September

Dates for your diary

- **Monday Evenings** - Living Faith - The Chosen, where we join together to watch and discuss the Chosen on zoom, at 7:30pm, all welcome to join
- **Wednesday mornings** - Coffee and Chat, at Banwell Scout Hut, 10am-12noon. All welcome, donations gratefully received, please come along.
- **Friday mornings** - Take 5, 8am-9am at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Monday 15th September** - Service at Leonard Elms Nursing Home, 2.15pm
- **Tuesday 16th September** - Worship Group music practice, 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church,
- **Wednesday 17th September** - Lay Pastoral Assistant Course, at 1pm
- **Saturday 20th September** - Congresbury Harvest Supper, 7pm at Congresbury War Memorial Hall
- **Sunday 21st September** - Harvest Festival, 10.30am at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Sunday 21st September** - Harvest Festival, 4pm at Holy Saviour's, Puxton
- **Sunday 28th September** - Harvest Festival, 10.30am at St Andrew's Church, Banwell
- **Tuesday 30th September** - Worship Group music practice, 6.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Saturday 4th October** - Banwell Harvest Supper, 7pm at Banwell Village Hall
- **Monday 6th October** - Soul Gym, 1pm at The Vicarage, Congresbury
- **Saturday 11th October** - Songs from Shows, 7pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Saturday 18th October** - Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at Banwell Village Hall
- **Saturday 25th October** - Adrian and Bridget Plass: An Evening of Laughter and Reflection, 7pm at St Andrew's Church, Banwell. Tickets from the church office or tinyurl.com/AdrianPlassBanwell
- **Sunday 26th October** - All Souls Service, 4pm at St Andrew's Church, Banwell
- **Sunday 2nd November** - All Souls Service, 4pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury

Office Opening Hours: Monday and Friday 9:30am-2:30pm
Wednesday 12-2:30pm

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