

St Andrew's Churches Banwell and Congresbury

Pew News



21st November 2025

New! Carols in the Precinct

We're excited to add a new festive event to our Christmas schedule! Join us for Carols in the Precinct at the shopping precinct on Brinsea Road, Congresbury, on Wednesday 10th December at 5.30pm. Come along with family and friends to sing your favourite Christmas carols and share some festive cheer with the local community. Everyone is welcome!



Collection Plates Returning

From 1st December, collection plates will be available again at the end of services at both churches. This practice helps cover church expenses and support our outreach work. We understand that giving isn't possible for everyone right now, and your prayers and presence remain just as valuable.

Your Guide to Christmas at New Creation Churches

Celebrate the season with us! Details of all our services are now available on our website, as well as on Facebook and *A Church Near You*. We also have leaflets in church; please take some and share with friends and family who might enjoy joining us for this special time of year. Scan the QR

code to explore our Christmas page and see everything we have planned to make this festive season joyful and meaningful.



WHAT TYPE OF LIGHTS DID NOAH HAVE ON THE ARK?



FLOODLIGHTS



Give Hope to Street Children

Our church proudly supports Toybox, a charity transforming the lives of children living and working on the streets through education, healthcare, and family support. We currently sponsor two children, but to continue this commitment we need more donations of £12. Every gift helps provide a safer, brighter future. Please speak to Rosemary (our Congresbury Church Treasurer) or contact the Church Office to contribute. Together, we can keep hope alive for these young lives.



<u>Ageing without Children –</u> new group for North Somerset

Voluntary Action North Somerset (VANS) is facilitating a new group for anyone living in North Somerset who is Ageing without Children (AWOC). The first meeting will be on Thursday 4th December, 10.30am—12noon at the Quaker Meeting House (small meeting room), High Street, Weston-super-Mare, BS23 1JF. Free tea, coffee, and mince pies will be provided.

This is a chance to meet others who are AWOC, whether because you do not have children or no longer have contact with your children, and to

share ideas on what you would like from the group, and how, where, and when it should run.

To find out more, contact Nicky at VANS on 07395 073817 or email nicky.pybus@vansmail.org.uk. For more information about AWOC UK, visit: https://awoc.org.uk/.

<u>Eight Years of Inspiration:</u> Thank You, Sue

As Sue Dury steps down from her role as leader of our church flower arranging group in Congresbury, we would like to thank her for 8 years of guiding and inspiring beautiful arrangements at St Andrew's. Congresbury. Her creativity, kindness, encouragement, dedication behind the scenes have been a real blessing to the whole team. We are delighted that Sue will continue to be part of the flower arranging group, sharing her talent and support. Thank you, Sue, from the flower arranging team and the wider church family.



Have something to share?

Contact the Church Office to have it included in the next edition of Pew News.

Upcoming funeral in Banwell

 Julie Morris – 1.30pm on Tuesday 25th November at St Andrew's Church, Banwell

<u>Upcoming funerals in Congresbury</u>

- Mike Rendu 11am on Friday 28th November at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- Barbara Ayers a Celebration of Life at 11am on Friday 12th December at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury

Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 23 rd	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
November		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 25 th November	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 26 th November	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 30 th	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
November	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 2 nd December	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 3 rd December	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 7 th December	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	BCP Communion
		5:30pm	Cafe Church
Tuesday 9 th December	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 10 th December	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Sunday 14 th December		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 16 th December	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion

Dates for your diary

- **Monday Evenings** The Chosen, watch and discuss the Chosen together on zoom, at 7:30pm. Contact Matt to be added to the call.
- **First Monday of the Month -** Soul Gym, at the Vicarage (by St Andrew's Church, Congresbury). Sessions run at both 1pm and 7.30pm.
- Wednesday mornings Coffee and Chat, at Banwell Scout Hut, 10am-12noon. All welcome, donations gratefully received, please come along.
- Friday mornings (term-time only) Take 5, 8am—9am at St Andrew's Congresbury
- First Friday of the Month Congresbury Coffee and Chat, 1.45pm in the Refectory
- Monday 24th November Clothing Mending Workshop, 6-8pm at Youth and Community Centre, Banwell, to book a space email: Naturebanwellparishcouncil.org.uk or call 01934 820442
- Saturday 29th November Congresbury Christmas sale and coffee morning, 10am-noon at Congresbury Methodist Hall. Entry £2 including tea or coffee and biscuits.
- Saturday 6th December Banwell Christmas Market, 11am-4pm at the Youth & Community Centre and Scout Building (event organised by Banwell Parish Council)
- Monday 8th December Light Up a Life, 7pm at St Andrew's Church. An
 evening of remembrance and carols organised and run by Weston
 Hospicecare
- **Wednesday 10th December** Carols in the Precinct, 5.30pm at the shopping precinct on Brinsea Road, Congresbury.
- Tuesday 16th December Congresbury Singers Christmas Concert, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church Congresbury. Tickets £12 (see front page)
- **Wednesday 17**th **December -** Christmas afternoon tea, 2.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury. Tickets £5 (see front page)

Please see our Christmas leaflets, in church, or website for all Christmas dates

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