



St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury



Pew News

30th January 2026

Licensing of Rev. Jacqui Keir-Bucknall

We are very pleased to announce that Rev. Jacqui Keir-Bucknall will be **joining New Creation as our new Associate Priest**.

Jacqui will be licensed by the **Archdeacon** at a **special Licensing Service** on

Thursday 12th February at 7.00pm

at St Andrew's Church, Banwell, with refreshments afterwards. This formal service marks the beginning of her ministry among us, and all are warmly invited to attend.

An Associate Priest is a member of the clergy who **shares in the leadership and pastoral ministry of the benefice**, working collaboratively within the Joint Ministry Team to support worship, pastoral care, mission, and community life across our parishes.

Jacqui comes to us after completing her **Curacy at Winscombe, Sandford, and Churchill**. She has a strong background in church leadership and education and continues to **work part-time for the Diocese as a Safeguarding Trainer**. Jacqui and her husband Paul live in Banwell, and she is greatly looking forward to getting to know our churches and communities.

Please put the date in your diary and, if you are able, **come along to welcome Jacqui** and celebrate this important moment in the life of New Creation. Please also hold Jacqui and Paul in your prayers as they begin this new chapter.



Quiz Nights at the Old Inn

The Friends of St Andrew's (Congresbury) are organising a series of quiz nights at the Old Inn, 18 Paul's Causeway, Congresbury. The quizzes will take place on **10 February, 10 March, and 7 April**, starting at **7.30pm**.

Entry is **£2 per person**, with a **maximum of six people per team**, and there will also be a raffle on the night. All proceeds are in aid of the Friends of St Andrew's who raise money to maintain the structure of our church.

Booking is advised - please book your table early to avoid disappointment by calling 01934 832270.

QUIZ TIME

An Evening with Simon Guillebaud MBE

Locking Deanery invites you to an inspiring evening with Simon Guillebaud MBE, **evangelist, author and founder of Great Lakes Outreach**. Hear stories of faith, courage and hope from over 20 years serving in some of the world's toughest places.

**Saturday 21 February,
7.00–8.30pm**

**St Peter's Church,
Baytree Rd, Milton,
Weston-super-Mare,
BS22 8HG**



Eco church fact

Did you know that used **toothpaste tubes** can be **recycled** in our **red bags**?

Look for the HDPE label - it is the same material as in our plastic milk containers



Light the Darkness

On **January 27th** the north face of the church spire at St Andrew's Congresbury was lit up in purple as we took part in "Light the darkness" for **Holocaust Memorial Day**.



Greeting Cards

available to buy at St Andrew's Church, Banwell

Bring a Smile with a Greeting card! Looking for the perfect card for someone special? A lovely **selection of greeting cards** is now available at the **back of St Andrew's Church, Banwell**, courtesy of the **Mother's Union**. The stand is fully stocked, and you can easily pay using the card machine nearby. Pop by, have a browse, and brighten someone's day with a thoughtful card!



A Heart-Warming Community Turnout at Our First Jumble Sale

What an **amazing turnout** for our first jumble & table-top sale!

Keen for a bargain, some waited in the drizzle for the doors to open. Youngsters found plenty to buy with their pocket money whilst adults enjoyed a social morning. It was **heart-warming to meet new people** venturing into our church for the first time.

Many thanks to the **volunteers** who made this event such a success.



Half Marathon Update – Support Matt and Local Young People

Our vicar, Matt Thomson, is now just three weeks away from running the **Alicante Half Marathon** on Sunday **22 February 2026**, in aid of **The Stewart Dower Fund**.

Matt has been training hard for the 13.1-mile challenge, which he has playfully dubbed “Run Fatboy Run” as he returns to long-distance running.

The Stewart Dower Fund **supports young**

people in Congresbury, Hewish and Puxton with small grants for trips, camps, training and other activities that help them flourish. If you would like to sponsor Matt, donations can be made online via **JustGiving** ([justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stewart-dower-fund](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stewart-dower-fund)), via paper forms and the donation box at the Church Office, or directly to Matt (cash in a small envelope). Please keep Matt in your prayers, and thank you for your support.

Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 1 st February	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	Holy Communion
		5:30pm	Cafe Church
Tuesday 3 rd February	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 4 th February	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 8 th February	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 10 th February	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 11 th February	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 15 th February	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
Tuesday 17 th February	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 18 th February	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 22 nd February	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong

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. Contact Matt to be added to the call. Every week except for the first Monday of each month (when Soul Gym runs instead).
- Soul Gym - 7.30pm at the Vicarage in Congresbury on the first Monday of each month.

- **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

- **Sundays (term-time only)** - Dreamshed Inclusive Theatre Group, 5.30-7pm at the Refectory in Congresbury. The next session will be on 11th January

- **Monday 2nd February** - Banwell Health Walk, 11am meeting at Banwell Youth & Community Centre

- **Tuesday 3rd February** - Forget Me Not Cafe, 2-3.30pm at Banwell Youth & Community Centre. For those with a dementia diagnosis, those supporting someone with dementia and those worried about their memory

- **Monday 9th February** - Service at the Leonard Elms Care Home, meet in Congresbury church car park at 2pm

- **Tuesday 10th February** - Quiz Night at the Old Inn, Congresbury (see front page for details)

- **Thursday 12th February** - Rev. Jacqui Keir-Bucknall's Licensing Service, 7pm at St Andrew's Banwell

- **Tuesday 17th February** - Pancake Day celebrations, 10am at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury. Everyone welcome. Under 16s to be accompanied by an adult.

- **Saturday 21st February** - Men's Breakfast, Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at Banwell Village Hall

- **Saturday 21st February** - An Evening with Simon Guillebaud MBE, 7.00-8.30pm St Peter's Church, Baytree Rd, Milton, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 8HG (see details inside)

- **Sunday 22nd February** - Rev Matt's running (and walking) the Alicante Half Marathon! Please see sponsorship details inside.

- **Tuesday 10th March** - Quiz Night at the Old Inn, Congresbury (see front page for details)

- **Tuesday 7th April** - Quiz Night at the Old Inn, Congresbury (see front page for details)

Office Opening Hours: Wednesday to Friday 9.30am-2.30pm

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