St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

Pew News

13th March 2026

Palm Sunday: A Passion Play by St Anne's Church Academy

At our **Palm Sunday service** in **Congresbury**, we are looking forward to **welcoming children from St Anne's Church Academy**, who will be **performing a Passion Play** they have **devised themselves** with the help and support of our youth worker, **Caz**. Through their performance, the children will **tell the story of Easter in a creative and engaging way**, helping us reflect on the events at the heart of our faith.

We would love to see as many people as possible at this special service to support the children and share in the beginning of Holy Week together.

Please note that, unlike most of our Sunday services, **this service will not be livestreamed due to safeguarding considerations.**

Turin Shroud Update Evening

Join us at **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury** on **Wednesday 25th March** at **7pm** for a Turin Shroud Update Evening.

Rev. Matt Thomson will share the **latest research** on the Shroud of Turin, the famous cloth believed by many to have covered Jesus after his crucifixion.

Easter Holiday Craft Sessions with Caz

Our Youth Worker, Caz, will be running **two free holiday club sessions over the Easter weekend**, packed with fun **craft activities** for children. Many local children will already know Caz from her assemblies at St Andrew's Primary School (Congresbury), St Anne's Church Academy (Hewish), and Banwell Primary School.

These sessions are primarily aimed at primary school–aged children, but any child is very welcome to come along.

Good Friday – 3rd April
9.30–11.30am
The Refectory, by St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury**

Easter Saturday – 4th April
10.00am–12 noon
St Andrew's Church, Banwell

To help us plan numbers, **please register your child in advance** by contacting the church office (01934 833126 or admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk).

If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with primary school–aged children, please do **help us spread the word**!

New Creation
Building Better Community

What is the Church Electoral Roll?

The Electoral Roll is your parish church's register of electors. **Being on the Roll does not make you a "member"** of the Church; simply **regarding St Andrew's Church** (either Banwell or Congresbury) **as your spiritual home does that**. You can, of course, be a full and active member of the church without joining the Roll.

However, **joining the Roll is required** if you wish to i) **stand for election to the PCC** or ii) **attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)** and **participate in votes**. Please do not hesitate to ask a member of the church team if you would like further information. Application forms to join the Roll can be found at the back of the church.

Contributions Needed for Our Monthly Prayer Diary

Our monthly prayer diary is a valued part of our church life, **helping us to pray for one another, our community, and the wider world.** To keep it going, **we would love to receive more contributions from across the congregation.**

If you have a prayer you would like to share, please do send it in. **All prayers are gratefully received at any time**, there is no deadline. If a submission arrives after one edition has been prepared, it will simply be included in a future one.

Please don't worry about making your prayer perfectly worded or polished. A simple, heartfelt prayer is more than enough, and we're very happy to tidy up the wording if needed before publication.

If you feel moved to contribute, even just occasionally, it would be greatly appreciated and would help ensure the prayer diary continues to reflect the voices and concerns of our whole church family.

If you have a prayer to contribute, or if you would like to be added to the email distribution list for the prayer diary, please contact the church office by phone (01923 833126) or email (admin@NewCreationChurches.org.uk).

Holy Week & Easter Highlights

We're pleased to share some **new** and **additional events** alongside our previously announced Holy Week schedule:

- **Palm Sunday Service** – Sunday **29th March, 10:30 am** at St Andrew's Church, **Banwell**. Celebrate the start of Holy Week with us.
- **Maundy Thursday Passover Meal** – Thursday **2nd April**, **6:30 pm** at St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury**. A bring-and-share meal; **attendance is by registration only**. Please contact a church warden or the church office to reserve your place.
- **Easter Sunday Café Church** – Sunday **5th April**, **5:30 pm** at St Andrew's Church, **Banwell**. Join us for a relaxed gathering of fellowship, reflection, and celebration on Easter Sunday.

We look forward to welcoming you to these meaningful moments as we journey through Holy Week together.

Details of all of our Easter services and events can be found on our website.

Join Us for an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

Come together in reflection and prayer at an Ecumenical Stations of the Cross service on **Monday, 30th March** at **7:00 pm**. We'll gather at **Our Lady Queen of Apostles, Tweentown, Cheddar, BS27 3HU**, to journey through the final moments of Christ's life in a spirit of unity across Christian traditions. All are welcome; bring friends and family to share in this meaningful evening.

Stations of the Cross During Holy Week

During Holy Week, our churches in **Banwell and Congresbury** are hosting **Stations of the Cross**, with photographs displayed around the churches depicting each station. This devotion offers a meaningful way for parishioners to pray, reflect, and **journey with Christ through His Passion**. Everyone is warmly welcome to visit and spend time in prayerful reflection.

Prayer Trees

Our churches now feature Prayer Trees, accompanied by baskets of blank hearts. Everyone is invited to write prayers on the hearts and hang them on the tree, creating a growing display of hope, faith, and community. Come add your prayer and be part of this new tradition!

Explore Our Easter Specials Online!

There's too much to fit here! Check out all our Easter events and services on our website:
NewCreationChurches.org.uk/Easter

Or simply scan the QR code to go straight there; don't miss a thing!

Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 15th March	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 17th March	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 18th March	Congresbury	9.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 22nd March	Congresbury	10.30am	Morning Worship
	Banwell	10.30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 24th March	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 25th March	Congresbury	9.30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 29th March **Palm Sunday**	Congresbury	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service with a Passion Play performed by children from St Anne's Church Academy ***Please note: This service will not be livestreamed due to safeguarding considerations***
	Banwell	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 31st March	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 1st April	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion
Friday 3rd April **Good Friday**	Congresbury Methodist Church	10am	Service *Followed by hot cross buns in the Refectory*
	Banwell Methodist Church	12pm	Service *Followed by Soup Lunch*
	Banwell	2pm	Service

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
- **Saturday 21st March** - Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at Banwell Village Hall
- **Saturday 21st March**- Congresbury Singers Present "Multi Mass", 7.30pm at St. Andrew's Church (see details inside - this is a ticketed event)
- **Monday 23rd March** - Easter Service at the Leonard Elms Care Home, meet in Congresbury church car park at 2pm
- **Monday 30th March** - Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, 7pm at
- **Tuesday 7th April** - Quiz Night at the Old Inn, Congresbury
- **Saturday 11th April** - Banwell Village Market, 9.30am-12.30pm, Banwell Youth and Comminity Centre
- **Saturday 18th April** - Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at Banwell Village Hall
- **Saturday 25th April** - Plant and Cake Sale in support of Leavers' Bibles for our local primary schools, 10am-12noon at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Wednesday 29th April** - Congresbury APCM, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Thursday 7th May** - Banwell APCM, 7.30pm at St Andrew's Church, Banwell
- **Saturday 16th May** - Banwell Spring Clean, 10am-12noon, meet at Banwell Youth and Community Centre
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