



St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

Pew News

27th March 2026



Celebrate Easter with Us at New Creation

Join us for a series of special services this Holy Week. There's something for everyone, from reflective midweek communions to joyful Easter celebrations.

Palm Sunday – Sunday 29th March

- **10.30am - St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**
Palm Sunday Service led by Rev Matt Thomson
Includes a Passion Play performed by children from St Anne's Church Academy
- **10.30am - St Andrew's Church, Banwell**
Palm Sunday Service led by Rev Jacqui Keir-Bucknall and Steve Walters
- **4pm - St Andrew's Church, Banwell**
Evensong

Midweek Communions

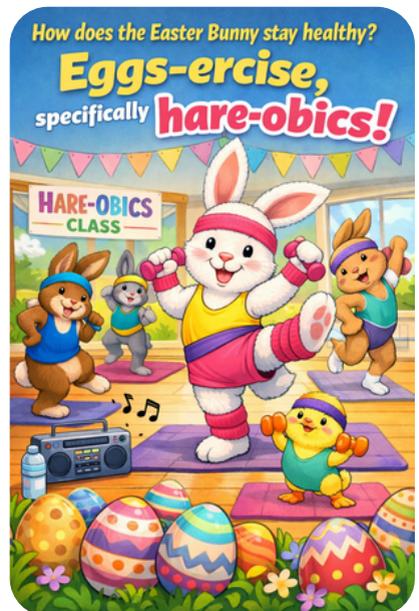
- **Tuesday 31st March – 9am**
Midweek Communion at St Andrew's Church, **Banwell**
- **Wednesday 1st April – 10am**
Midweek Communion at St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury**

Good Friday – Friday 3rd April

- **10am – Congresbury Methodist Church**
Service followed by hot cross buns in the Refectory
- **12noon – Banwell Methodist Church**
Service followed by soup lunch
- **2pm – St Andrew's Church, Banwell**
Service

Easter Day – Sunday 5th April

- **6.30am – Millennium Green, Congresbury**
Dawn Service followed by hot cross buns at the Methodist Hall
This is an outdoor service, please dress for the weather
- **9am – St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**
Easter Day Service
- **11am – St Andrew's Church, Banwell**
Easter Day Service
- **3pm – Holy Saviour's Church, Puxton**
Easter Day Service
- **5.30pm – St Andrew's Church, Banwell**
Café Church



Advance Warning - Office Closure in April

Please note that the Church Office, in Congresbury, will be **closed from midday on Wednesday 22nd April**, to allow our administrators to attend a training session. The office will be open as usual from the following day, Thursday 23rd April.

You're Invited: Café Church Twice a Month

Café Church is **now happening twice a month!** Join us for a relaxed, informal gathering with music, conversation, and space to explore faith together. We meet from **5.30-7.00pm** on the **first Sunday of the month** at St Andrew's Church, **Banwell**, and the **third Sunday of the month** at St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury**. Everyone is very welcome - come as you are and stay for refreshments and fellowship.



Spring Cleans - Congresbury & Banwell

Congresbury: Sat **9th May, 9am-12.30pm**, Youth Club, Riverside Car Park. Litter picking, clearing footpaths & verges. Sacks & pickers provided; bring your own tools/high-vis if you can. Refreshments available.

Banwell: Sat **16th May, 10am-12noon**, Youth & Community Centre. Litter picking, painting, weeding. Tea & cake provided.

All welcome - just turn up!

Love Your Churchyard - New April Date

The next Love Your Churchyard session will take place on **Saturday 18 April, 10am-12 noon**, in **Congresbury**, with a focus on caring for the prayer garden. Volunteers will help tidy and maintain this peaceful space within the church grounds. **Hot drinks will be provided.**

Please **bring protective gloves and any loppers, choppers, or green bags** if you have them. All are welcome to come along and help.

Eco-Church - Seed Swap Trial

As part of our Eco-Church initiative, we are **trailing a Seed Swap** in our **Congresbury** church. Seed packets can be expensive and often contain more than we need, so why not share? Please **leave any surplus seeds in a clearly labelled packet on the table in church**. Feel free to **take a few seeds or swap with others**; take what you need, but please leave some for everyone to enjoy.



Plant Sale - Margarine Tub Collection

We are collecting **clean margarine/spread tubs** to be cut up and reused as plant labels for our upcoming **plant sale** in Congresbury on **25th April**, raising funds to **buy Bibles for local primary school leavers**. Please **leave any clean tubs in church** for collection. Thank you for your support.

Thank You & Volunteers Needed - Foodbank Deliveries From Congresbury.

Our **sincere thanks to Ian Stocker**, who for many years has **faithfully delivered foodbank donations** from our **Congresbury** church to the foodbank centre in Yatton each Thursday. As he prepares to step down from this role, we are **seeking one or more volunteers to continue this important work**. If you are able to collect donations from church and deliver them to Yatton on Thursday mornings, **please speak to a member of the warden team or call into the office.**



Earth Friendly Flower Arranging

Learn sustainable techniques using eco-friendly materials.

Friday 17th April at St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury**

10:30am – Coffee & cake

11:00am–1:00pm – Workshop & demo

£10 per person

Limited spaces – book via

QR code or church office.

Everyone welcome



Upcoming funeral in Banwell

A funeral service will be held for **Sonia Mitchell** at St Andrew's Church, **Banwell**, on **Monday 13th April** at **11am**.



Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 29 th March Palm Sunday	Congresbury	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service with a Passion Play performed by children from St Anne's Church Academy <i>Please note: This service will not be livestreamed due to safeguarding considerations</i>
	Banwell	10.30am	Palm Sunday Service
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 31 st March	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 1 st April	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion
Friday 3 rd April Good Friday	Congresbury Methodist Church	10am	Service <i>Followed by hot cross buns in the Refectory</i>
	Banwell Methodist Church	12pm	Service <i>Followed by Soup Lunch</i>
	Banwell	2pm	Service
Sunday 5 th April Easter Sunday	Millennium Green, Congresbury	6.30am	Dawn Service <i>This is an outdoor service, please dress appropriately for the weather</i>
	St Andrew's Church, Congresbury	9am	Easter Day Service
	Banwell	11am	Easter Day Service
	Puxton	3pm	Easter Day Service
	Banwell	5.30pm	Café Church

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 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 Community Centre
- **Friday 17th April** - Earth Friendly Flower Arranging, 10.30am-1pm at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury (see details inside - entrance fee applies)
- **Saturday 18th April** - Men's Breakfast, 8.30am at Banwell Village Hall
- **Saturday 18th April** - Love Your Churchyard, 10am-12noon at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury (see details inside)
- **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 9th May** - Congresbury Spring Clean, 9am-12.30pm (see details inside)
- **Saturday 16th May** - Banwell Spring Clean, 10am-12noon (see details inside)
- **Saturday 16th May** - Banwell Village Market, 9.30am-12.30pm, Banwell Youth and Community Centre

Office Opening Hours: Wednesday to Friday 9:30am-2:30pm

Our administrators work from Banwell church on Tuesdays

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