



St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

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Annual Parochial Church Meetings – St Andrew's Churches

We warmly **invite all members of our church communities** to attend the upcoming **Annual Parochial Church Meetings (APCMs)** for our two St Andrew's churches. These meetings are an important opportunity to **reflect on the past year, celebrate all that has been achieved, and look ahead with hope and purpose to the year to come.**

The APCM for **St Andrew's, Congresbury** will take place on **Wednesday 29th April at 7:30pm** at the church. This will be followed by the APCM for **St Andrew's, Banwell** on **Thursday 7th May at 7:30pm**, also held at the church.

At each meeting, we will **review reports on church life, worship, ministry, and finances, as well as elect churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council.** These gatherings are a valuable chance for everyone to have a voice in the life and direction of our churches.

The Electoral Roll is now open, and we warmly encourage new members to join. **Being on the Electoral Roll allows you to take part fully in the APCM**, including voting and standing for election.

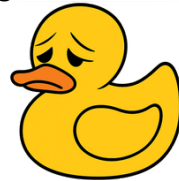
Whether you are a long-standing member or newer to the congregation, your presence and participation are greatly appreciated. We encourage you to come along, stay informed, and help shape the future of our shared ministry.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Duck Race Cancellation Notice

We regret to inform you that this year's Duck Race, due to be held at the Millennium Green in **Congresbury**, has unfortunately been **cancelled.**

This decision has been made due to the **closure of the Millennium Bridge**, which prevents safe access and running of the event. We are **disappointed not to be able to hold this much-loved community occasion** and **appreciate your understanding.**



Introducing Heavenly Bakes

From next week, a new venture arrives at St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury.** Heavenly Bakes, run by local baker Diane and a friend, will offer a tempting **selection of cakes from the south porch.**

Both bakers have completed a food hygiene course, and all cakes will be **clearly dated and labelled with a full list of ingredients.** Buyers are reminded to **check ingredient information before purchasing.**

On **Fridays**, the cakes will be **moved to the car park side of the church for easier access.**

Do stop by and treat yourself while supporting this local initiative!

Join the Bell Ringing Team at St Andrew's, Banwell

Have you ever thought about learning a unique and traditional skill while becoming part of a friendly and welcoming team? St Andrew's Church, **Banwell** is currently **looking for new members to join our group of bell ringers.**

Bell ringing is a rewarding and enjoyable activity that combines **teamwork, rhythm, and a bit of exercise; no prior experience is necessary**, as full training will be provided. Whether you're young or old, new to the area or a long-standing member of the community, you would be very welcome.

Our bellringers play an **important role in the life of the church and the wider village**, helping to mark services, celebrations, and special occasions throughout the year. We are **particularly keen to welcome new members who can help support bell ringing at Sunday services on a fortnightly basis.** There is **no obligation to stay for the service itself**, just your help with ringing would be greatly appreciated.

It's also a wonderful way to **meet new people and take part in a tradition** that has been part of English church life for centuries.

We **meet every Wednesday evening at 7:30pm at the church**, and **new faces are always welcome to come along and see what it's all about.**

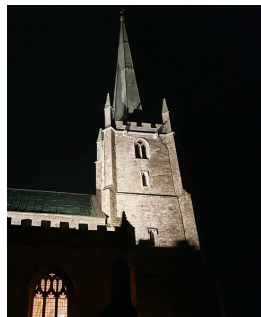
In addition to weekly practices, **the team also enjoys an annual outing together**, which is a highlight of the calendar and a **great opportunity for fellowship and fun outside of ringing.**

If you're curious to find out more or would like to give it a try, we'd love to hear from you. Come along, learn something new, and be part of keeping this special tradition alive.

If you are interested, please **contact the church office by email:** admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk. We look forward to welcoming you.

Lighting of the Tower

On the **10th April** **Congresbury** church spire was floodlit in memory of those who lost their lives in the **SwissAir disaster** 53 years ago.



Follow-up: Earth Friendly Flower Arranging

Our recent eco flower arranging session was a **wonderful success**, with **14 people in attendance.** Everyone had a great time taking part in the creative activity, and some truly **beautiful floral displays were made.**

The session was relaxed and enjoyable, with refreshments provided for all participants, which added to the friendly and welcoming atmosphere. **It was lovely to see everyone so engaged and pleased with their creations.**

A big **thank you** goes to **Helen, Joan, and Rosemary** for organising the event. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to more sessions like this in the future!



Recycling Update: Candle Wax Collection in Congresbury

We're delighted to announce that **candle wax recycling** has been **reinstated** at St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury.** Candle wax can now be deposited in the **black box** located at the **far end of the car park.**



Ascension Day Breakfast Returns

Our popular Ascension Day breakfast returns this year! We will be gathering at **Heather's Coffee Shop** in **Congresbury** at **11am**, following the Ascension Day services on **Thursday 14th May**.

To join us, **please add your name to the signup sheet** at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, or **speak to one of our church administrators**.



Plant and Cake Sale - Tomorrow!

Join us tomorrow, **Saturday 25th April, 10am–12 noon** at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, for a Plant and Cake Sale in aid of Leavers' Bibles for local schools. Refreshments available.



Upcoming funeral in Congresbury

A funeral service will be held for **Benjamin Sweet** on **Monday 27th April at 11am**.



Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 26 th April	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 28 th April	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 29 th April	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 3 rd May	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	BPC Holy Communion
		5:30pm	Cafe Church
Tuesday 5 th May	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 6 th May	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 10 th May	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 12 th May	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 13 th May	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 17 th May	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		5:30pm	Café Church
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 19 th May	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 20 th May	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion

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 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
 - **Wednesday 6th May** - Turin Shroud Update Evening (part 2), 7pm 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, Riverside Car Park
 - **Saturday 16th May** - Banwell Spring Clean, 10am-12noon, Youth & Community Centre
 - **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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