



St Andrew's Churches Banwell and Congresbury Pew News



5th June 2026

Our New Website Is Live!

We're delighted to announce that our **brand-new church website is now live**, and ready for you to explore!

The refreshed site, now available at the **same web address as before** (www.newcreationchurches.org.uk), brings a clean new look with a **strong focus on simplicity and accessibility**. It has been thoughtfully designed to make it easier for everyone to find the information they need and stay connected with church life.

We'd like to extend our **sincere thanks to all those who took part in our online website survey last year**. Your feedback played a vital role in shaping the design and content of the new site, helping us understand what matters most to our community.

We are also **deeply grateful to those who have so generously given their time, energy, and expertise to bring this project to life**. A great deal of care and effort has gone into creating something that will serve our church well into the future.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will **continue to expand the Resources page**, building on the informative and educational content that many valued on our previous website.

From now on, **Pew News will also be available to download from the Resources page on the website**. We will continue to circulate it by email and provide printed copies in both churches, so you can access

it in whichever way suits you best.

Do **take a look around** – we hope you enjoy using the new site!



The homepage of our new website



Supporting Angela's NHS Birthday Abseil Challenge

On **Saturday 5 July 2026**, Angela will be taking on an incredible challenge as she **abseils down Yeovil Hospital as part of the NHS Birthday Abseil Challenge**.

Angela is undertaking this challenge in **loving memory of Michael** and to **raise funds for Coleridge Ward at Musgrove Park Hospital**. The ward holds a special place in her heart, as the doctors and nurses there provided exceptional care, kindness, and compassion during Michael's final hours.

Through this fundraising effort, Angela hopes to give something back and help ensure that other patients and families receive the same level of support and care when they need it most.

Donations made through Love Musgrove help support patients and families across Somerset by enhancing hospital services, improving facilities, and providing vital equipment that makes a real difference to people's experiences of care.

This challenge is both a personal tribute and a wonderful opportunity to support the invaluable work carried out by NHS staff every day.

Please join us in encouraging Angela as she takes on this brave challenge and, if you are able, consider making a donation to support her fundraising efforts.

Sponsor Angela on JustGiving

Scan the QR code or visit:

<https://share.google/md2Ugl1GNpJp8VDSL>



Please **keep Angela in your thoughts and prayers** as she prepares for this challenge and remembers Michael through this special act of fundraising.

Thank you for your support.

Teddy Donations Needed for Congresbury Fete Tombola

The Friends of St Andrew's, Congresbury, are busy preparing for this year's village fete and are excited to bring back the ever-popular Teddy Tombola.

To help make it a hit, they are kindly **asking for donations of small teddy bears and soft toys**. New or gently loved (and clean!) items are all very welcome; every contribution helps create a fun and joyful experience for local children.

If you'd like **to donate, simply leave your items in the church** at your convenience.

Thank you for your generosity. Your support helps make this much-loved stall a highlight of the fete each year.

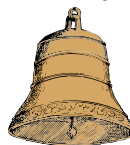
Congratulations Wally!

Everyone at St Andrew's Banwell would like to offer their **warmest congratulations to Wally Rice** on receiving an **award recognising 70 years of membership of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers**.

This remarkable milestone is a testament to Wally's dedication, commitment, and love of bell ringing over seven decades. **His faithful service has contributed greatly to the tradition of bell ringing in Banwell**, helping to mark countless celebrations, services, and community events throughout the years.

We are **proud to have Wally as one of our own bell ringers at St Andrew's**. His hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication are an inspiration to ringers both young and old.

Well done, Wally, on this outstanding achievement, and **thank you for your many years of service** to the church and the wider ringing community.



Congresbury Village Fete – A Summer Celebration

Join us for Congresbury Village Fête on **Saturday 20th June, 1.30pm–5pm at The Paddock** by St Andrew’s Church, **Congresbury**. It’s a lovely chance for the community to come together and enjoy a relaxed afternoon of village life.

The fun begins earlier with the **PTA Fun Run** - meet at **12.30pm at the Glebe** (Key Stage 1) **Playground** to take part or support.

From 1.30pm, there will be **games, a tug of war, entertainment, stalls, and refreshments**, with **something for all ages to enjoy**.

Stalls are available for £17. To book a space or find out more, please contact kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk. We hope to see you there!

Update: Streaming System Upgrade Complete

Thank you for your patience during the recent closure of **St Andrew’s Congresbury**, while we upgraded our streaming system. **The work is now complete and the church is open as usual.**

There may be a short learning curve for our tech team, but we’re confident the **improvement in sound and picture quality** will soon be clear.

Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
Sunday 7 th June	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	BCP Holy Communion
		5.30pm	Café Church
Tuesday 9 th June	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 10 th Jun	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 14 th June	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 16 th June	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 17 th June	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 21 st June	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		3pm	Pet Service
		5:30pm	Café Church
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 23 rd June	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 24 th June	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 28 th June	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 30 th June	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 1 st July	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. **Please note: the next meeting will be on Monday 8th June**

- **Tuesday Evenings (term-time only)** - Banwell Youth Group (10-18 year olds), 6:30-8:30pm at the Youth & Community Centre - entry £1

- **Wednesday mornings** - Coffee and Chat, at Banwell Scout Hut, 10am-12noon. All welcome, donations gratefully received, please come along.

- **Wednesday mornings (term-time only)** - Banwell Toddler Group, 9:30-11am at the Youth & Community Centre

- **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.

- **Saturday 6th June** - Love Your Churchyard, 10am-12noon at St Andrew's Congresbury

- **Monday 15th June** - Service at The Leonard Elms Care Home. Please meet in the Congresbury Church car park at 2pm.

- **Saturday 20th June** - Men's Breakfast, 8:30-10am at Banwell Village Hall

- **Saturday 20th June** - Congresbury Village fete (more details inside)

- **Saturday 20th June** - Banwell Primary School Summer Fair, 12-3pm at Banwell Primary School

- **Tuesday 23rd June** - Congresbury Singers present "Music to Elevate the Soul", 7.30pm at Congresbury War Memorial Hall (tickets £12 from the Post Office, Re-Store, or on the door)

- **Saturday 4th July** - Banwell Community Picnic, 12noon - 4pm. Bring a picnic and join the fun at Banwell Recreation Ground.

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

Our administrators work from Banwell church on Tuesdays

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