



St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

Pew News

26th June 2026



Back This Week

Pew News took a short break last week as we helped with some fantastic local events; **thank you for your patience** while we were away!

Banwell School Summer Fair, a delightful community day.

Saturday 20th June was a lovely day for St Andrew's Church to attend Banwell School Fete, and once again **the school did the community proud by hosting such a warm, well-organised event.** Families and friends enjoyed the sunshine, stalls and lively atmosphere throughout the afternoon.

Children especially enjoyed our games: **Tin Can Alley, the Mystery String Machine and Lucky Dip.** Prizes for our stall included teddies, fidget toys and sweets. Tin Can Alley and the Mystery String Machine proved to be the biggest hits of the day.

Alongside our activities, **Romany and Mick ran the ever-popular Hunt the Mouse on behalf of the Mother's Union** with all proceeds from this donated to Banwell School.

Many thanks to Banwell School, the volunteers and everyone who came along to make the fair such a success.



Congresbury Village Fete Brings Community Together

Congresbury Village Fete also took place on Saturday 20th June on the Paddock, next to St Andrew's Church, drawing residents and visitors for a day of community spirit and summer celebration. The annual event was **preceded by a lively fun run**, setting an energetic tone for the festivities that followed.

A **wide range of local organisations attended**, offering stalls, activities, and displays that reflected the vibrant character of the village. The fete also hosted the **Gardening Club's Summer Show**, where keen gardeners showcased their finest flowers, produce, and creative arrangements.

Entertainment continued throughout the afternoon, with **Congresbury Brass providing a musical backdrop** that added to the festive atmosphere. One of the standout moments of the day was the **tug of war**, which proved a real highlight, bringing both participants and spectators together in a spirited display of teamwork and fun.

A heartfelt **thank you goes to everyone who helped plan and run the event**, as well as to all who came along to support it. Your efforts and enthusiasm made the day such a success.

Overall, the fete offered a **wonderful opportunity for the community to connect, celebrate local talent, and enjoy a classic summer tradition.**

Summer Family Fun Raffle Launches with Fantastic Family Prizes!

Get ready for a summer of family fun! Our Summer Family Fun Raffle is now open, giving you the **chance to win some fantastic family experiences and treats while supporting our community activities.**

Tickets cost **just £1 per entry**, making it an affordable opportunity to be in with a chance of winning one of three amazing prizes.

Prize A

A Family Pass to Court Farm for 2 adults and 2 children, plus a Summer Hamper packed full of family goodies to help make your summer extra special.

Prize B

A Family Disc Golf Day Pass generously donated by Mendip Activity Centre – a great opportunity for the whole family to enjoy an active day outdoors together.

Prize C

A Gift Certificate for 4 People to visit the Upside Down House, Bristol, offering a unique and fun-filled experience with plenty of photo opportunities.

The raffle draw will take place on 15 July 2026, so don't miss your chance to enter.

How to Enter

Purchase your raffle entries online for just £1 per entry by visiting:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/summer-family-fun-affle>

Alternatively, simply scan the QR code below to purchase your entries quickly and securely.

Whether you're hoping for a family day out, some summer treats, or a memorable experience, there's a prize to suit everyone.

Every £1 ticket gives you another chance to win.



Thank you to our generous prize donors and everyone who supports the raffle. Good luck to all entrants!

Draw Date: 15 July 2026

Tickets: £1 per entry

Full T&Cs can be found on our website.

Dreamshed Inclusive Theatre Launches Community Pantomime for 2027

Following the tremendous success of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat, Dreamshed Inclusive Theatre Group is delighted to announce its next production: a Community Pantomime to be performed in **March 2027**.

This project aims to **bring together people from across our local communities in a fun, welcoming, and inclusive environment**. We are **inviting participants of all ages and abilities to get involved** and help create a fantastic production for everyone to enjoy.

Whether you love **acting, singing, dancing, helping backstage, creating costumes, working with props**, or simply want to meet new people and be part of something special, **there is a place for you in our pantomime family**.

No previous experience is necessary - just enthusiasm, commitment, and a willingness to have fun.

The first rehearsal will be on Sunday 20th September, 5.30-7pm, at The Refectory, St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, with performances in March 2027.

Dreamshed Inclusive Theatre is passionate about making theatre accessible to all and creating opportunities to **build confidence, develop skills, and form lasting friendships through the performing arts**.

If you've ever wanted to tread the boards, sing your heart out, or support a production behind the scenes, now is your chance.

To join us, **simply come along to the first rehearsal** - we'd love to welcome you. For more information, please email Caz Carter at caz.carter@newcreationchurches.org.uk. Join us as we embark on another exciting theatrical adventure. We can't wait to welcome new and familiar faces and create a magical community pantomime together.

Food Bank Donation Appeal

Can you help **support local families in need**? We are currently **collecting donations for our local Food Bank** and would be grateful for any **non-perishable food items, toiletries, or household essentials** you can spare.

Every donation, no matter how small, can make a real difference to someone facing hardship in our community.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Upcoming Funeral

A funeral service will be held for **John Davis** at **11:30am** on **Wednesday 1st July** at **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**.



Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
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
Sunday 5 th July	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
	Banwell	4pm	BCP Communion
		5:30pm	Café Church
Tuesday 7 th July	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 8 th July	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 12 th July	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		4pm	Evensong
	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
Tuesday 14 th July	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 15 th July	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
Sunday 19 th July	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
		5:30pm	Café Church
	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
Tuesday 21 st July	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
Wednesday 22 nd July	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion

Please note: There will be no evensong on Sunday 28th June.

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 4th July** - Love Your Churchyard, 10am-12noon St Andrew's Church, Congresbury.

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

- **Saturday 18th July** - Men's Breakfast, 8:30-10am at Banwell Village Hall

- **Monday 20th July** - Service at The Leonard Elms Care Home. Please meet in the Congresbury Church car park at 2pm.

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

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