



St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

Pew News

20th August 2026



Thank You for Making Our Summer Teas Such a Success

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make our two recent summer tea events such a wonderful success.

On **Thursday 13th August**, we hosted an **Afternoon Tea in aid of Breast Cancer Now** at **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**, and on **Saturday 15th August**, we held our annual **Strawberry Tea** at **Banwell Scout Hut**. It was a joy to see so many people come along to both events, enjoying good company, delicious refreshments and an afternoon together in fellowship and friendship.

We are incredibly grateful to all those who attended and supported the events. Thank you to everyone who donated so generously, whether through monetary contributions, cake donations or purchases on the day. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

A special thank you must go to the many volunteers whose hard work behind the scenes made everything possible. In Congresbury, we are particularly grateful to Lynda and Ruth for their excellent organisation of the Breast Cancer Now Afternoon Tea. In Banwell, our thanks go to Jacki, Angela, Liz, Ann, Teresa, Maggie, Hilary, Steve and Bob, whose dedication and teamwork helped make the Strawberry Tea such a successful occasion.

We would also like to express our sincere

appreciation to Alyx and Jamie Carter, who generously shared their time and talents by entertaining us with a selection of popular show tunes. Their performances, including favourites such as *For Good* from *Wicked* and *Don't Cry for Me Argentina*, were enjoyed by everyone and added a wonderful atmosphere to the afternoon.

The tombola proved to be a huge hit, selling out in record time, while the cake table was completely empty by the end of the afternoon - surely a sign of how much everyone enjoyed the delicious treats on offer!

Community events such as these are a wonderful reminder of what can be achieved when people come together. The generosity, enthusiasm and support shown at both teas helped create two memorable afternoons, and we look forward to welcoming you again at future events.



Congresbury Harvest Supper

Thank you to everyone who has supported this year's harvest suppers. **Banwell Harvest Supper has now sold out**, but there is still time to book for **Congresbury Harvest Supper**, and we'd love to welcome you.

Friday 25th September, 7.00pm
Congresbury War Memorial Hall
Tickets: £12

Enjoy an evening of good food, live entertainment and fellowship, with a licensed bar available (drinks not included) and a raffle on the night.

Tickets are available from the **Church Office, Churchwardens, or online (scan the QR code below or visit <https://www.ticketsource.com/new-creation-churches-mendip-vale/t-plmeakv>)**.

Everyone is very warmly invited to join us for what promises to be a wonderful evening together.



Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea

Tickets are still available for our Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea, taking place on **Thursday 10th September at 2.30pm in St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**.

Come and enjoy a delightful afternoon of tea, cake and good company, with a touch of Alice in Wonderland-inspired fun. Guests are encouraged to wear a hat, whether elegant, colourful, quirky or completely outrageous!

Tickets are just £5 per person, but numbers are limited, so do book yours soon to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased from churchwardens or the church office. Bring a friend, dust off your favourite hat, and join us for what promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon.

We look forward to welcoming you!



Banwell Mens Breakfast

August and September dates only: **22nd August and 26th September**.

Banwell Village Hall, 8:30-10am. Pre-book with Dennis.

Toybox Appeal

St Andrew's Church, Congresbury is seeking 36 kind supporters to give just £12 a year (equivalent to only £1 a month) to help support the two young children we sponsor through Toybox.

We're already halfway to our goal, so please consider joining us and helping make a difference. While this appeal is being coordinated by St Andrew's Congresbury, **everyone is warmly invited to contribute**.

Donations can be made by cash or cheque to a member of the Wardens' Team, or by bank transfer using the details below. Please include **"Toybox"** as the payment reference.

St Andrew's Congresbury PCC

Account: **72280484**

Sort Code: **60-23-32**

Further information about the two young people we support can be found on the notice board.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



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Improving Ageing Big Tea Celebration 2026

Everyone is invited to the Improving Ageing Big Tea on **Thursday 17th September, 10:30am to 3:00pm**, at **Milton Baptist Church**, Baytree Road, Weston-super-Mare. Enjoy a free day of entertainment, inspiration and community, including live music, guest speakers, volunteer awards, a buffet lunch and a fun quiz. The event celebrates ageing well across North Somerset and offers a great opportunity to connect with others.

Places are free but must be booked in advance.

To reserve a place or discuss dietary requirements, contact **Nicky Pybus** at nicky.pybus@vansmail.org.uk or **07395 073817**. Spaces are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Upcoming Funeral in Congresbury

A funeral service will be held for **Jan Martin** at **11.30am** on **Tuesday 1st September** at **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**.

Upcoming Funeral in Banwell

A funeral service will be held for **Hilary Guckian** at **11.30am** on **Friday 11th September** at **St Andrew's Church, Banwell**.

Upcoming Services

DATE	CHURCH	TIME
Sun 23 Aug	Banwell Morning Worship with Holy Communion	10:30am
	Congresbury Morning Worship	10:30am
	Banwell Evensong	4pm
Tue 25 Aug	Banwell Midweek Communion	9am
Wed 26 Aug	Congresbury Midweek Communion	9:30am
Sun 30 Aug	Banwell Morning Worship with Holy Communion	10:30am
	Congresbury Morning Worship	10:30am
Tue 1 Sept	Banwell Midweek Communion	9am
Wed 2 Sept	Congresbury Midweek Communion	10am

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.
- **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.
- **Friday 21st August** - Prepare, Cook and Eat - Afternoon Tea, 2-4pm at the Refectory (by St Andrew's Church, Congresbury)
- **Saturday 22nd August** - Men's Breakfast, 8:30-10am at Banwell Village Hall
- **Tuesday 8th September** - Congresbury Singers new term starts (see inside for details)
- **Thursday 10th September** - Mad Hatter's Afternoon Tea, 2.30pm at St Andrew's Church Congresbury (tickets £5 from churchwardens or church office)
- **Wednesday 16th September** - Mothers' Union, 2:30pm, Banwell Youth & Community Centre, £1 per talk | £30 annual subscription (supports charities worldwide)
- **Thursday 17th September** - Improving Ageing Big Tea Celebration (see details inside)
- **Friday 18th September** - Apple pressing, 3.15-4.30 at St Andrew's Church Congresbury. Everyone welcome.
- **Saturday 19th September** - Banwell Harvest Supper, Banwell Village Hall (ticketed event - now sold out!)
- **Monday 21st September** - Leonard Elms Care Home Service. Please meet in Congresbury Church car park at 2pm.
- **Friday 25th September** - Congresbury Harvest Supper, Congresbury War Memorial Hall (tickets £12 - purchase from churchwardens, at the church office or online at ticketsource.com/new-creation-churches-mendip-vale/congresbury-harvest-supper-2026/e-djxla1)
- **Saturday 26th September** - Men's Breakfast, 8:30-10am at Banwell Village Hall

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