



St Andrew's Churches Banwell and Congresbury Pew News



4th September 2026

Harvest Services

Harvest season is fast approaching, and everyone is warmly invited to join us as we give thanks for God's provision and celebrate together.

- **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**
Sunday 20th September, 10.30am
- **Holy Saviour's Church, Puxton**
Sunday 20th September, 3.00pm
- **St Andrew's Church, Banwell**
Sunday 27th September, 10.30am

We look forward to welcoming people of all ages to these special services.

A quick reminder that the **Banwell Harvest Supper has now sold out**. However, **tickets are still available for Congresbury Harvest Supper on Friday 25th September at 7.00pm at Congresbury War Memorial Hall**.

Tickets (£12) are available from the Church Office, Churchwardens, or online. Everyone is very welcome.



All Souls' Services 2026

Each year we gather around All Souls' to remember loved ones who have died and to commend them once again to God's loving care. These services offer a gentle opportunity to give thanks for those we miss, hear their names spoken aloud, light candles in remembrance, and renew our hope in Christ.

Everyone is welcome, whether your bereavement is recent or many years ago, and whether or not your loved one's funeral took place in one of our churches. This year's services are:

- **St Andrew's, Banwell - 4.00pm, Sunday 25th October**
- **St Andrew's, Congresbury - 4.00pm, Sunday 1st November**

If you would like someone to be remembered by name during the service, please submit their name using our online form:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/4bJpBi5XQs>
(or scan the QR code).



If you are unable to access the form, names may be submitted by email to admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk.

Please note that **by submitting a name, you are giving permission for it to be read aloud during the service**. If the service is livestreamed or recorded, names may also be included in the broadcast and any recording made available afterwards.

We encourage you to invite family members, friends, neighbours, or anyone who may find comfort in this special time of remembrance and hope.

All are warmly welcome.



Prepare, Cook & Eat! Summer Success

Our two Prepare, Cook & Eat! summer sessions have once again proved a popular holiday activity for local families.

Held in The Refectory, the sessions **welcomed more than 30 children and their families** over the summer. Together we prepared a variety of delicious **afternoon tea treats**, with plenty of opportunities to **learn new skills, make friends and enjoy time together**.

A particular highlight was seeing members of our congregation join us to sample the afternoon teas, creating a wonderful atmosphere of fellowship across the generations. It was encouraging to see families, church members and volunteers sharing conversation and enjoying the fruits of everyone's hard work.

We would like to say a **special thank you to our Youth Worker, Caz**, who organised the sessions, **and to all those who volunteered their time** to help make them such a success. We are also extremely **grateful to everyone who has donated money, ingredients and other supplies to support** this valuable community-focused ministry. Your generosity enables us to continue offering activities that bring local families together and help strengthen connections within our community.

Thank you to everyone who took part, supported, contributed and encouraged us along the way. We look forward to future opportunities to gather, cook, share food and build community together.

Community Events for Older Adults

- **24th Sept, 9.30am-12.30pm:** Coastal Community & Creative Health Network Meeting at The Campus, Weston-super-Mare. For people aged 65+, with free lunch included. Booking required: <https://www.ticketsource.com/alice-malpass/t-oeverdde>.
- **7th Oct, 1-3pm:** Ageing Well Forum on Crime & Safety with local community safety representatives. Tea and biscuits provided. No booking needed. Venue TBC.
- **8th Oct, 1.30-3pm:** Falls Prevention Event at Milton Baptist Church, with information stalls, demonstrations, refreshments, and a free goodie bag. No booking needed.

All are welcome to go along and find out more.

Apple Pressing Afternoon

A reminder that our **Apple Pressing Afternoon** takes place at **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury** on **Friday 18th September**, from **3.15pm to 4.30pm**.

Come along after school to see apples being pressed into fresh juice and enjoy a fun harvest activity for all ages.

Everyone is welcome.

Dream Shed Community Pantomime

Have you ever wanted to be part of a pantomime? Now's your chance! **Dream Shed Inclusive Theatre is looking for people of all ages and abilities to join its 2027 Community Pantomime.**

Performers, backstage helpers, costume makers, and prop creators are all welcome.

Rehearsals start 20th September, 5.30-7pm at **The Refectory in Congresbury**.

Contact

caz.carter@newcreationchurches.org.uk for details.

Toybox Appeal

St Andrew's Church, Congresbury is looking for 36 supporters to give **£12 a year** (just £1 a month) towards our sponsorship of two young children through Toybox.

We're delighted to be **over halfway to our target already**. If you'd like to help, **everyone is welcome to contribute**.

Donations can be made by **cash or cheque** via the Wardens' Team, or by **bank transfer** to:

St Andrew's Congresbury PCC

Account: 72280484

Sort Code: 60-23-32

Please use "**Toybox**" as the reference.

More information about the children we support can be found on the church notice board. Thank you for your support.



Advance Notice - October office closure

Please be advised that the Church Office, in Congresbury, will be **closed during the week commencing 26th October** (coinciding with the **school half term** holiday). The office is expected to be **open as normal from Wednesday 4th November**. A reminder will be published nearer to the time.

Upcoming Funerals in Congresbury

- **Valerie Shears** at **10:00am** on **Monday 7th September**.
- **Peter Dewfall** at **11:00am** on **Thursday 17th September**
- **Brian Gosling** at **11:30am** on **Wednesday 23rd September**

Upcoming Funeral in Banwell

- **Hilary Guckian** at **11.30am** on **Friday 11th September**

Prayer Trees

Our Prayer Trees in Banwell and Congresbury continue to bloom with prayers from across our community. Please **add your own prayer on a heart and hang it on the tree** as we pray together in faith and hope.



Upcoming Services

DATE	CHURCH	TIME
Sun 6 Sept	Congresbury	10:30am
	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	
	Banwell	4pm
	BCP Holy Communion	
Tue 8 Sept	Banwell	9am
	Midweek Communion	
Wed 9 Sept	Congresbury	9:30am
	Midweek Communion	
Sun 13 Sept	Banwell	10:30am
	Morning Worship with Holy Communion	
	Congresbury	10:30am
	Morning Worship	
	Banwell	4pm
	Evensong	
Tue 15 Sept	Banwell	9am
	Midweek Communion	
Wed 16 Sept	Congresbury	9:30am
	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.
- **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.
- **Tuesday 8th September** - Congresbury Singers new term starts, 7.30pm at Congresbury War Memorial Hall. Call 07818 811803 for more information.
- **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, 10:30am to 3:00pm, at Milton Baptist Church. Contact Nicky Pybus at nicky.pybus@vansmail.org.uk or 07395 073817 to book.
- **Friday 18th September** - Apple pressing, 3.15-4.30 at St Andrew's Church Congresbury. Everyone welcome.
- **Saturday 19th September** - Gardening Group, 10am-12noon at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Saturday 19th September** - Banwell Harvest Supper, Banwell Village Hall (ticketed event - now sold out! Tickets still available for Congresbury)
- **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-djxla)
- **Saturday 26th September** - Men's Breakfast, 8:30-10am at Banwell Village Hall

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

Our administrators work from Banwell church on Tuesdays

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