

Foodbank Donations

Banwell

Banwell Primary School, is acting as a Foodbank outpost in Banwell for any members of the Parish in need of its services. **Hours of Operation** : Monday 9am – 12noon **Contact** : Jo Arnold **Phone**: 01934 822 498 **Email** jo.arnold@banwellprimary.co.uk

Congresbury

Donations can be placed in the box in at **17 Paul's Causeway**, the porch at **St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury** or check the Love Congresbury Facebook page for collections from Congresbury roads on Sunday mornings before 7.30am please Contact Alexa Holder on 07764754310.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for your generosity.

This week Ian has taken 164kg to Weston Foodbank plus 5bags of donations to the school.

This is approximately four times a usual week's donations

Deliveries and Collections. If you cannot get out to get vital supplies in Congresbury Please contact Ruth Wratten 01934 820984 Ruth (rwratten@btinternet.com). In Banwell clerk@banwellparishcouncil.org.uk Lisa.stannard@newcreationchurches.org.uk

Funerals – can only be held at the graveside or crematorium with a small family group. A Celebration/Memorial Service can be arranged at a later date.

Weddings and Baptisms The Church of England has instructed that no weddings or Baptisms (except emergencies) will be carried out in churches in line with Government advice.

Picture of Hope – Photo Gallery:

Some of you have kindly sent in Pictures of Hope that have spoken to you as we have journeyed through this time together or photos of the Churches that have inspired you while we cannot meet there:



Above: Banwell from Sarah Simms
Left: Hope from Melanie Teixeira

If you'd like to send in any similar pictures, Kirsty is kindly trying to put a "Photo Gallery" section together on the Church website. All we need is a copy of the photo or picture – this can be emailed to Kirsty (see address inside) or WhatsApp them (free for picture messages) to 07871 513151. Add a little explanation as to what it is and why it gives you hope. We can then share these with one another. *Matt*



FLARES YOUTH GROUP

If you want any information, updates or just to talk please contact Matt. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm —via the Facebook Group to look at Christian themes in the film 'The Greatest Showman'

rev.matt.thomson@newcreationchurches.org.uk

Personal Pastoral Support:

Public Worship is no longer possible, but Matt and others are able to support you on an individual basis where needed. This will mainly be by phone but where necessary can be in person. If you have any worries or if you are concerned about someone else, **please contact Matt on 0797 0140064**



New Creation
Building Better Community

New Creation Pew News St Andrew's Churches Banwell and Congresbury

May 10th, 5th Sunday of Easter

Thought for the Week:

Friday (8th May) sees the 75th celebration of VE Day – a day which many, seventy five years ago, wondered whether it would ever happen. They held on, despite it all to their [hope](#), and on this day [their hopes were realised](#). Then followed a **time of remembrance for loved ones** and planning began as people began to believe they could [look to the future](#).

We are very much in the same boat. Some may be wondering whether we will ever be free from the Virus and the Lockdown – may we have the [spirit](#) of those seventy five years ago to hold on, [keep the faith and keep hoping](#). Some may be thoughtful and mindful today rather than celebratory as they **remember loved ones and colleagues**, and friends – whether that be from seventy five years ago, or in these more recent days. May we always remember every life, however long, is not a number but a person's story.

And together, may we [look to the future](#), to build a new **community**, a new world, with so many of the best qualities that have been so demonstrated during this time. Let us not go back after all this is over, **let us go forward in Hope** and in the confidence of the [Holy Spirit](#).

Matt



CHURCH @ HOME

JOIN US FOR CHURCH LIVE ON FACEBOOK EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM!

AND FOLLOW THE DAILY VIDEO BLOGS, PRAYERS & STORIES ON

www.facebook.com/newcreationchurches



Church@Home

WEBSITE :
www.newcreationchurches.org.uk

Facebook :
[@NewCreationChurches](https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationChurches)

Tech Team We can help support you over the phone to enable you to **use new technology to stay in touch**. This could be Facebook, websites, skype, WhatsApp etc. Contact **Kirsty Bowles** kirsty.bowles@newcreation.org.uk or phone her on 07871 513151.

A Rule of Life in Lockdown—A Virtual Home Group.

Howard has started to lead this Homegroup, looking at 1 Thesalonians, when the early Church worked out how to live in a time of lock down and persecution, on a Wednesday evening. If you would like to join in, please get in touch with Howard for joining instructions. Alternatively you can follow a weekly blog posted on the website or Church@Home Facebook group on a Thursday.

Howard Worsley— hjworsley4@gmail.com (07528 565 600)



DO YOU NEED HELP? DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

Love Banwell and Love Congresbury have been working with the Parish Councils, North Somerset Council and other agencies to target help within our communities.

For more information, please contact the Facebook pages or email

kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk



Over the forty days of Easter, the daily video blog will be looking at the key resurrection stories that started and shape our faith by using material from a book **“40 days with Jesus,” by Dave Smith.**

Christian Aid Week Starts 10th May 2020

We are unable to have a Christian Aid Week service or collection. So, Please follow the link below to donate online and to find out how else you can help Christian Aid this year. Thank you. <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>



Iona Trip (late Aug 2021): why not plan something special for the future:

Helen Jenkins (from St Andrew's in Congresbury) some time ago put forward the idea of going back to Iona for a pilgrimage week. We were fortunate to get a booking at Bishop's House (the Church of Scotland Retreat House) at the end of August 2021 (once the midges have gone).

About half the places are now taken but we need to decide whether to open it up to more than just people from our Churches. So why not take a look at the information (Kirsty is kindly putting it up on the website: www.newcreationchurches.org.uk) and maybe think about coming along. It promises to be a very special time and you'd be very welcome. Matt



Live Stream Church for Sunday: “Party in the Wilderness”

WE'RE LIVE AT 10:30 AM!

FOLLOW CHURCH @ HOME ON OUR FACEBOOK LIVE STREAM EVERY SUNDAY



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This Bank Holiday weekend is about a time celebration – and hopefully you have found some way to share in this, from the most simple to the most grand. Partying is important to God – heaven, after all, is described on more than one occasion in the Bible as a ‘wedding banquet.’

At the same time, we're in the midst of Lockdown and therefore not able to celebrate with the freedom we would have wished. But we look forward to a time when we can. This theme of now, and not yet is also a very theme for the people of God through biblical history, characterised best perhaps in the great story of the “feeding of the Five Thousand.”

So, we're going to have a ‘virtual’ “Picnic on a Hillside” this Sunday (10th May). For this you will need:



A Candle – as always - for our Easter light

Something red, white and blue – could be bunting, could be a coloured in Poster (see the New Creation website or Facebook page), could be a scarf or Union Flag

Some Flat or Unleavened Bread – could be Pitta Bread, a Cream Cracker, some Matzo, or Kirsty will kindly put up a recipe making your own Matzo Bread at home (very simple).

Some Fish (of fish substitute) – not everyone likes fish, especially at 10.30 in the morning – but try and think creatively what you might use as an alternative, veggie or otherwise.

Something to drink – Squash, Ribena, a glass of wine, or good old water.

Look forward to seeing you Sunday.

As mentioned last week, if you've not joined in before, its very simple and you DON'T need to be a Facebook user. Go on the New Creation website, click “Church@Home” and then “Worship@Home” and there you'll find a link “Click Here” that takes you as a guest to the New Creation Facebook Page – scroll down to the “videos” section.

If you would like help in maybe having a go at this for the first time, or if you have any technical difficulties, just send Kirsty an email on Kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk or phone 07871 513151.

Thanks. Matt