

A HUGE Thank You! Bibles for Year 6 young people as they leave Primary School.

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to buy Bibles for the Year 6 children at St. Andrew's, Congresbury and St. Anne's Hewish and for the first time a leaving gift to Year 6 children at Banwell Primary School, a book called 'It's Your Move', mixing advice for going into Secondary School with Bible passages and stories. The cost of the books has been completely covered and Beth informs us we have a balance of about £300 toward next year. She adds her thanks to the amazing response from everyone. The schools also extend their heartfelt gratitude to us all.

"Weekly Interview – What does your week look like?"

As part of our outworking of the life of the Holy Spirit in and through people's lives, we have added a NEW addition to our weekly posts on the "New Creation Facebook Page" and "website" – a weekly "5 minute interview" with someone from the life of the Church trying to live out daily life in and with God.

We haven't been able to post anything under this now for a couple of weeks but we hope to have some new short videos this coming week. So, look out for these.

To find these interviews: look up the "New Creation Facebook Page" from Google: <https://www.facebook.com/NewCreationChurches/> or via the New Creation website: <http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk/>

(You do NOT need to have an account with Facebook to access any of this material.)

Matt and Kirsty



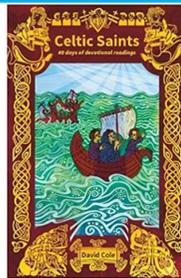
Daily Blog – "Forty Days of inspiration from the Celtic Saints" with David

Cole:

After spending "forty days with the Holy Spirit," we are now looking at '40 Days with the Celtic Saints', a book by David Cole, (himself a member of the Community of St Hilda and St Aidan). This will act as inspiration and the framework for the blog.

So, why not start on the next chapter of our journey together by following the Blog each day (each video is approximately five minutes) or by playing 'catch up' once or twice a week?

You can access the "Daily Blog" either by looking up the "New Creation Facebook Page" or via the New Creation website: Or you can purchase David Cole's book for yourself from Eden or Amazon, or via Amazon Kindle. Thank you to the Team for all their hard work. Matt.



Congratulations to Kirsty:

As some of you know, Kirsty has been training as part of the Lay Pioneer CMS Training Course Certificate in Pioneer Ministry, run by the Diocese during this last year. Last Saturday she completed her course and there was a 'virtual' celebration service. The course is to enable those interested in Pioneer Ministry to be equipped to help explore new opportunities and ways in which to express the life giving love that Jesus came to bring, and is equivalent to those who have undertaken similar training, study, and reflection in say Reader Ministry. Well done Kirsty.

Update on the RE-OPENING for Public Worship

Following meetings with both Church Councils the decision has been taken that we can safely offer physical Worship in both our Church Buildings as part of the wide range of ways we have sought to create of meeting with God during this time of Lockdown.

It may be that it does not feel the right time yet for you to engage in worship God in this way, but for those who would like to attend physical worship, you and your family would be very welcome.

There is a **NEW 10.30am Service**, which will last for approximately fifty minutes and will have the option of receiving Holy Communion as part of it, for those who would like to. **The Service will ALSO be "Livestreamed"** so bringing the physical and the online communities together as a whole family.

THIS week (19th July), the service will come from Banwell.

NEXT week (26th July), the Service will come from Congresbury.

Please continue to pray for the whole Church community at this time. Thank you.

"What would coming to physical Worship look like?"

Here are a few brief highlights:

- People need to arrive and will need to be admitted by a Warden keeping two metres apart
- A 21 Day Register of those attending is required by Track and Trace.
- Sanitising gel etc will be available, although you will need to bring your own face-mask if you wish to wear one (they are not compulsory).
- People will be directed to their seats and people are asked to seat in 'households' of one or more people, two meters apart.
- Paper Orders of Service are restricted, and so we will mainly be using the screen. However, a few large print copies of Orders of Service will be available for those who need them.
- Unfortunately, we are not permitted to share in congregational singing for the time being but there will be music in various forms as part of the service.
- Holy Communion will be a part of the Service but will be optional for those who wish to receive it. Communion will be in the form of Bread only at present.
- Children and young people are very much welcome at the service. However, the Children's Corner itself in both Churches needs to be closed at the moment. If you could bring some activity for your young person with you that would be very much appreciated.
- Although we are not able to offer refreshments, we hope to have ten minutes at the end of the service to be outside, socially distanced, in order to be able to socialise and catch up with one another each week (weather permitting).
- The service is expected to last for approximately fifty minutes, and we will be joined throughout by those Online.

With thanks to the Wardens and others who have put in so much work to make this new addition to our worship life possible.

Matt Thomson

