

St Andrew's Churches
Banwell and Congresbury

Pew News



6th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day

As Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day approach, we invite our communities in Banwell and Congresbury to join us in remembering all those who have served and sacrificed in times of conflict. Together, we will pause to give thanks, honour their memory, and pray for peace in our world today.

Remembrance Sunday Services:
St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
Sunday 8th November, 10.30am
St Andrew's Church, Banwell
Sunday 8th November, 3.00pm

We will also mark **Armistice Day** on **Wednesday 11th November** with short acts of remembrance as we observe the two-minute silence and reflect on the enduring importance of peace.

Congresbury Memorial Hall
10.45am
St Andrew's Church, Banwell
10.45am

Whether you attend regularly or are joining us for this special occasion, you will be very welcome as we gather to remember, reflect and honour those who gave so much for the freedoms we enjoy today.



Banwell Carol Singing



St Andrew's Church will be carol singing on **Wednesday 16th December**, from **6pm to 7pm**.

We hope to be joined by Banwell Singers and friends from the Methodist Church for a joyful evening of festive music.

Everyone is warmly invited to join us. We will meet at 6pm on the corner of Taylors Fields before walking up to Jubilee Gardens together.

Please wrap up warmly and bring a torch. We look forward to singing with you!

Mother's Union Marks 150th Anniversary with Community Support

As part of its ongoing 150th anniversary celebrations, the **Banwell's Mother's Union** has donated **150 garden bulbs** to St Andrew's Church, **Congresbury** for its **Remembrance Garden**.

The group has also received a **generous donation from a member of the Congresbury congregation** to help provide **fuel for the Ukraine project**. This donation, together with essential emergency supplies collected from surrounding villages, will be delivered to Stonebridge Farm on 7th November.

The Mother's Union extends its **grateful thanks to everyone** who has supported these initiatives and helped make a difference both locally and abroad.

New Creation
Building Better Community



Trip to Bristol Zoo Project

On Saturday 10th October, a group of 12 adults and 4 children from our congregations enjoyed a **wonderful day out** at Bristol Zoo Project. Despite being organised less than two weeks in advance, the trip was very well received and proved to be a great success.

During our visit, we saw a **wide variety of animals**, including giraffes, bears, a red panda, meerkats, zebras, geladas and many fascinating birds. One of the highlights of the day was a close-up encounter with some of the ring-tailed lemurs, which delighted both children and adults alike.

The children especially enjoyed the zoo's many play areas, which offered plenty of variety and opportunities for adventure. They got on famously together and had a wonderful time exploring the zoo and discovering all it had to offer.

We were also able to take advantage of the Zoo's group booking discount, saving 15% on the cost of entry for everyone attending.

A **wonderful day was had by all**, and the success of the trip has prompted **discussion of a return visit**. We know that some people were unable to attend this time, and we would be delighted to welcome both returning and new participants on a future trip.





VANS Good Neighbour Scheme Up and Running!

VANS Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) is up and running. Their first client spent a morning walking around their local community supported by a GNS volunteer. **The scheme would like to support more people** who need a small task completed and so now is a great time to get in touch and **put yourself forward to volunteer with them**. Just send an email jans@vansmail.org.uk or give them a call on 01934 416486.

Congresbury Singers Christmas Carol Concert

Tuesday **15th December**, **7.30pm** at **St Andrew's Church, Congresbury**.

Tickets £12 include seasonal refreshments from the door or usual outlets.

Coffee Concert in Congresbury

Join us on **Thursday 19th November** for a delightful Coffee Concert at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, featuring local soprano **Liz Glen**.

Refreshments will be served from **10.45am**, with the music beginning at 11.00am.

Admission is free, and **donations** towards the upkeep of the church will be very **gratefully received**.

Food Bank: Christmas Hamper Appeal

Each year, our **local food bank** provides more than **650 Christmas hamper bags** to families and individuals experiencing financial hardship. If you're able to help, donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated:

- Tinned ham
- Tinned salmon
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Christmas biscuits
- Long-life fruit juice
- Stuffing
- Chutneys

Every donation helps bring a little extra comfort and joy to local people this Christmas.

Christmas dates reminder

All of our upcoming events, including Christmas dates, can be found on the **'What's On' page of our website**. Visit: www.newcreationchurches.org.uk/whats-on/ or scan the QR code.

Upcoming Funerals at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury

- A celebration of life for **Nancy Barr** - 11am on Wednesday 25th November
- **Gordon Challenger**, 11:30am on Friday 27th November

Upcoming Services

Date	Church	Time	Service
8/11/2026	Congresbury	10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
8/11/2026	Banwell	3pm	Remembrance Sunday Service
10/11/2026	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
11/11/2026	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
11/11/2026	Banwell	10:45am	Armistice Day Service
11/11/2026	Congresbury	10:45am	Armistice Day Service at the War Memorial Hall
15/11/2026	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
15/11/2026	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
15/11/2026	Congresbury	5:30pm	Cafe Church
17/11/2026	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
18/11/2026	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
22/11/2026	Banwell	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
22/11/2026	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship
22/11/2026	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
24/11/2026	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
25/11/2026	Congresbury	9:30am	Midweek Communion
29/11/2026	Congresbury	10:30am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion
29/11/2026	Banwell	4pm	Evensong
1/12/2026	Banwell	9am	Midweek Communion
2/12/2026	Congresbury	10am	Midweek Communion

No December Cafe Church in Congresbury

Please note, due to other events taking place on **Sunday 20th December**, there will be **no cafe church in Congresbury** in December.

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.
- **Sunday 8th November** - Remembrance Sunday - St Andrew's Congresbury at 10:30am. St Andrew's Banwell at 3pm.
- **Monday 9th November** - Service at The Leonard Elms Care Home. Meet in Congresbury Church car park at 2pm.
- **Wednesday 11th November** - Armistice Day - Congresbury 10:45am at the Memorial Hall. Banwell at St Andrew's Church at 10:45am.
- **Thursday 19th November** - Coffee Concert with Liz Glen, 10:45am at St Andrew's Church, Congresbury
- **Saturday 28th November** - Friends Christmas Sale and Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon at St Andrrew's Church, Congresbury. Entry £2.
- **Saturday 5th December** - Banwell Christmas Market - Scout Hut and YCC - 11am-3pm
- **Saturday 12th December** - Cadbaury Saxophone Band - St Andrew's Church, Congresbury, 10:30am.
- **Monday 14th Decmeber** - Light up a Life - Weston Hospice Care - St Andrew's Church, Congresbury at 7pm
- **Tuesday 15th December** - Congresbury Singers Concert - St Andrew's Congresbury at 7.30pm (tickets £12, available on the door)

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