

**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](mailto:jo.arnold@banwellprimary.co.uk)  
**Congresbury**

Donations can be placed in the box in at **17 Paul's Causeway** or the porch at **St. Andrew's Church, Congresbury**. There is a **new temporary** outpost of Clevedon Foodbank at **Yatton Youth Club** on Thursday mornings 9.30-12. Donations can be placed outside and anyone in need of its services can access them at these times.

### THANK YOU

Thank you all so much!  
 This week Ian has taken 120kg to Weston Foodbank plus five boxes to St. Andrew's School.



### 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](mailto: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**

For prayer chain requests—in **Congresbury** please email SAC-Admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk

In **Banwell** please contact Dinah Harrison on 01934 822 344 or email [dinah@dinahh.plus.com](mailto:dinah@dinahh.plus.com)

### DO YOU NEED HELP? WOULD YOU LIKE 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](mailto:kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk) or for help with **Deliveries and collections** contact Ruth Wratten, 01934 820984 [rwratten@btinternet.com](mailto:rwratten@btinternet.com)



### CHURCH @ HOME

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

AND FOLLOW THE DAILY VIDEO BLOGS, PRAYERS & STORIES ON

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## New Creation Pew News

St Andrew's Churches, Banwell and Congresbury

Sunday 24th May, Sunday after Ascension

### Thought for the week:

On Thursday (21<sup>st</sup> May) we celebrated Ascension Day – and we shared a Live Stream service from on top of Cadbury Hill on the edge of Congresbury so that we could see and pray for both communities in Banwell and Congresbury, and all points in between (Hewish and Puxton). It was our first attempt at an “outside broadcast,” and we even had a ‘virtual’ coffee together afterwards. Thank you to all who joined in and to Kirsty and George for making it happen. Apologies for a few technical issues at the beginning.

So, now we are in this period of waiting; waiting for the Lockdown to begin to ease, waiting to celebrate Pentecost (Whitsun) – when we focus and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, and waiting to see what God is going to do and the sort of Church we are going to be as we look to the brave new world that will be ‘after Co-Vid 19.’

Into this mix, the Archbishops have launched this year's appeal to join them in praying the Lord's Prayer Together, for ourselves, for our communities, for the nation – it's called “Thy Kingdom Come.” Its now spread to many countries around the world as part of the wider Ecumenical Church and also the Anglican Communion. (You can find various resources on-line at [www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global) and there is also an App for your phone – simply search “Thy Kingdom Come” in your App Store). At its very heart, is the faithful praying of the Lord's Prayer – a Prayer we all know pretty much, one way or another (in the traditional form, the modern form, or perhaps even using Makaton sign language). But how easy it is just to recite it as part of a Daily Prayer, or as part of praying through the Prayer Diary? When was the last time we gave time and space to the Lord's Prayer, looking at what the words actually mean, and what it means to ‘pray’ these words through, rather than just recite them, in a relational way with God, who as Jesus encourages us to see as not just “Almighty,” or “Universal Creator,” but as “Father,” “Abba,” “Daddy?”

It's interesting, that as we look to the future, with so many unknowns and so many uncertainties, God in His wonderful provision, gives us the simple, and even the familiar and well-known things, to aid us most for the journey. The trick is to be willing to stop, be still, and humbly to be willing to value what God has given us, even if we think we know it so well, before then moving on. So, may this nine-days (between Ascension and Pentecost) or however long there is left in this time of Lockdown be for each of us, not a negative time, a wasted time, simply of waiting? May it be instead, a time of rich and deep learning, a time of renewal and refreshment, a time for valuing and preparing ourselves for the journey which is soon to come – whether we are talking about life in the spirit of those first disciples in the company of the Holy Spirit, or whether we are talking about life the other side of this virus, or both.

Have a good time with the Lord's Prayer and with “Thy Kingdom Come” and may our Risen, and now Ascended Jesus, renew and refresh your heart and mine through the words He so wonderfully gave us.

Matt.





Live Stream Church for Sunday: “Thy Kingdom Come, Thy will be done” AND, if you would like to, join us for our NEW ‘Virtual’ Coffee Afterwards.

This week we are going to be looking at the Lord’s Prayer and also praying for God’s blessing upon our homes, our communities, upon the whole of Creation.



We are engaging in this as part of the Archbishop’s initiative called, “Thy Kingdom Come.” ALL YOU WILL NEED for our Sunday “Live Stream” service, apart from yourselves, is a willingness to look again at the Lord’s Prayer and Prayer in general.

Afterwards, why not join us for a ‘virtual’ Coffee and a catch up? We shared the first of these on Ascension Day, and it was lovely to see people, in their own homes and across the communities.

So look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

Matt

(To join the zoom coffee and catch up—follow the link that will be posted on the Facebook page and website. Kirsty)

N.B. If you want to discover something of the passion that is contained in the Lord’s Prayer I have played, quite literally, hundreds of times now in my own time of prayer, the video of the little girl and the Orthodox monk singing the Lord’s Prayer in Aramaic (the language Jesus would have spoken) when Pope Francis came visiting. For me, I close my eyes and let both voices in my soul sing. I post the link here in case you want to use it yourself to aid your prayer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=locW-9S00VU>



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

Howard has started to lead this Homegroup, looking at 1 Thessalonians, 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.

## Iona Trip (late Aug 2021): UPDATE:

We are going to need to make a final decision at the end of the month about going to Iona in Aug 2021. A number of you have indicated that you want to go, and I know it’s hard to make any decisions given the current circumstances, but we do need to firm up on the booking. So, if you are interested, or you know someone who might like to come with you, please can you get in touch ASAP.

Details about the pilgrimage and trip can be found on the New Creation website - [www.newcreationchurches.org.uk](http://www.newcreationchurches.org.uk) or by contacting myself or Kirsty.

We have six places we need to fill to make the trip viable. It is a wonderful and very special place and a great opportunity to stop, be still and know who you are in the heartbeat of God.

It promises to be a very special time and everyone would be very welcome. Matt



During the daily blog, we have followed ‘40 Days with Jesus’ based on the book by Dave Smith and after Pentecost we will follow ‘40 Days with the Holy Spirit’, based on the book by Jack Levison. I have found this to be a great little book and a great introduction/refresher of the diversity and scope of the person and work of the Holy Spirit in each and every Christian and Christian community. I would warmly recommend it to you.

Even if you do not have the technology to follow the blog on Facebook or on our website, or watching a video is not your cup of tea, you can still follow along with this book. It is available from Amazon, Eden or as an e-book on Amazon Kindle.

