



New Creation Pew News

St Andrew's Churches

Banwell and Congresbury

May 3rd, 4th Sunday of Easter

ADDENDUM SHEET- PLANS AND PROPOSALS DURING THE CONTINUING COVID 19 LOCKDOWN

Update on our Church Staff Team during this time:

As the Lockdown from the virus is likely to continue for some time, the Staff Team, the PCCs and I have come to the decision to adopt a new way of working for the month of May.

In order to take advantage of the Government Employee Scheme, Andrea, Lisa and Caz will come under the Furlough Scheme for the first three weeks of May (this has to be three consecutive weeks) and then will work from home for the last week in order to prepare resources and catch up with ongoing admin. The Church Offices will therefore be closed during this time.

All other operations of Church Life and "Church@Home" will continue however, with Kirsty and myself working throughout. Kirsty will be looking after the technology side of things and also Love Congresbury and Love Banwell, and I will be trying support the "Church@Home" ministry and the general Life of the Church. This will enable as much of a reasonable saving as possible to Church finances at a time when our financial situation is looking somewhat strained, as it is for so many charities and small organisations.

So, during May:

For all phone messages to do with Church (Banwell or Congresbury) and for community based enquiries (Love Banwell, Love Congresbury or Foodbank) can you please phone the Vicarage on 01934 834945.

For emails to do with regular Church life, can you please send them to

SAC-Admin@newcreationchurches.org.uk

For Community based enquiries (Love Banwell, Love Congresbury and Foodbank) and for technology issues for Church@Home, the website or following Church Services on Live Stream, can you please send them to

kirsty.bowles@newcreationchurches.org.uk

For Pastoral Care, for Church@Home (including issues to do with our Church@Home Groups), support for Young People and families, for issues to do with funerals, and wedding and baptism enquiries please can you send them to me:

rev.matt.thomson@newcreationchurches.org.uk

Church Finances:

As you may appreciate Church finances at this time are proving somewhat tricky – we still have to pay the Parish Share to the Diocese, Staff costs (as only 80% of costs are covered by the government scheme) and to pay our regular bills, however understandably income has dropped off substantially. So, our limited reserves are taking a bit of a battering. I am very grateful to all those of you who have continued your regular giving through Standing Order from your Bank during this time. For those who give in other ways, through the envelope scheme and physical cash in the collection bag, we are working on how to be able to do this in a simple way through a 'protected' link to the website as "Cash Flow" is also important.

We will announce details just as soon as we can. In the meantime, if you would like to give on a regular basis to support the life of the Churches during this time or to contribute to the regular giving please contact:

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Thanks. Matt